

Become an FHSAA Official

Follow These Steps!

1. **Verify that you meet the requirements to become an FHSAA Official**

Be 18 years of age or older. Note that if you are either 16 or 17 years old, you can still join our Student Officials Program.

2. **Register with GMAC Officials' Association.**

You must join and maintain membership in a local official association which has been sanctioned by the FHSAA Office. The GMAC Officials' Association is sanctioned with the FHSAA! You will want to contact one of the association's officers via email or phone if you are joining. You can get a county by county listing of our sanctioned officials association by [clicking here](#).

3. **Register with the FHSAA.**

You must register with the Florida High School Athletic Association through an application. During this process, you will select which sport(s) you want to officiate, and which official's associations you are a member of. Have your existing FHSAA Official's ID if you are a returning FHSAA Official. [Click here to find the application!](#)

4. **Comply with the Jessica Lunsford Act.**

The Jessica Lunsford Act is the informal name given to a 2005 Florida law designed to punish sex offenders and reduce their ability to re-offend.

This means that your local officials association will need your finger print clearance prior to assigning you. You may contact your local county school district office for information regarding locations to complete the fingerprint process.

Officials are independent contractors and require a level 2 screening (background check). This is a check of a person's background via state and national databases to ascertain whether the individual has been convicted of a crime(s) and its/their nature. It requires you to file with the district school board a set of fingerprints taken by an authorized law enforcement agency or an employee of the school or school district who is trained to take fingerprints.

You may refer to Florida Statutes 1012.467 and 1012.468 by [clicking here](#)

5. **Register and take the mandatory Online Rules Examination**

You must take a mandatory rules exam for your sports. The exam will be 50 questions is available online. The schedules of the exams will be posted on [Arbiter](#).

6. **To Purchase Official Uniforms visit/click on our [Approved Vendors](#) page.**

Officials Registration set to open July 15, 2025

The FHSAA is set to begin accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 season starting July 15th. Registration will take place through the [FHSAA Central Hub](#) in Arbiter.

Please email questions about registration to jharrison@fhsaa.org, acorral@fhsaa.org, or ldurance@fhsaa.org.

The early registration fee for the first sport is \$65. These sports will receive a rulebook, casebook (if applicable), and subscription to NFHS Network.

Brand New Officials Registration Discount- Please email ldurance@fhsaa.org for the discount code.

Multiple Sports Registration Discount

After the initial deadline for all sports the registration fee will increase by \$5.

It is highly recommended that you use Google Chrome or Firefox as your web browser during the registration process.

FHSAA 2025-26 Registration Deadlines

Season	Sport	Early Deadline	Last day to register
FALL	FB, SW & VB	8/15	8/26
WINTER	BB, SC & WR	10/24	11/12
SPRING	BA, SB & WP FFB, LC & TR	1/9	2/3

FHSAA 2025-26 Exam Schedule

Sport	1 st Exam Window 50 questions	2 nd Exam Window 50 questions
Fall	7/28-8/26	9/10-9/17
Winter	10/7-11/12	11/18-11/25
Spring	1/6-2/3	2/5-2/12

- Rules exams have no time limit
- **No make-up exam offered.**
- Officials can save and exit the exam as many times as necessary. Once the "submit exam" button is clicked your test will be graded and your one (1) attempt is completed.
- Exams that are incomplete once the deadline passes **will not** be graded.
- Failure to receive 75% or higher will result in being eligible for Sub-Varsity assignments only.

- Individuals who complete their exam during the first window and meet all other requirements will be eligible for post season assignments.
- After the first exam window closes, all officials who did not complete the exam will become ineligible. However, an official can regain their 25-26 eligibility back by completing the exam during the second exam window. Please note the official will not be eligible for postseason games after the District Tournament.