

IHSA Officials Mentoring Program

PURPOSE: To connect new officials with veteran officials in order to encourage officials to learn together and improve their officiating knowledge and skills.

ELIGIBILITY: A mentor must be a Certified official with postseason experience in the sport. A mentee must be a Registered official who has not yet been promoted to the Recognized level.

- A mentor is limited to one mentee per sport, per season for the purpose of this program.
- A mentee may participate multiple times in the mentor program until he/she is promoted to the Recognized level. The mentee must have a different mentor each time he/she participates.

REQUIREMENTS: The mentor and the mentee must complete a minimum of four out of eight mentoring criteria.

- Attend an IHSA clinic together.
- Attend two local association meetings together.
- The mentor attends two contests the new official officiates.
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- The new official and the mentor officiate two contests together.
- The new official shadows the mentor official at two contests.
- The mentor and new official officiate a scrimmage or a practice together (Meet the Team night, team scrimmage during regular practice time, etc.).
- The mentor and new official conduct a video review of a contest from the officials' perspective.

A contest is defined as an IHSA or junior high/middle school contest, a youth sports contest, or a summer contest.

In the categories above that indicate the mentor and mentee must officiate or attend two contests, at least one of those contests must be an IHSA or junior high/middle school contest.

INCENTIVE: Upon successful completion of the program, the mentor and the mentee will each receive three Power Rating points in their sport.

Certified officials interested in being a mentor must apply to the IHSA. The IHSA office will communicate with the sport's head clinician, assignors, and local association leadership to screen officials who apply to be mentors.