

Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials

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RECRUITMENT & TRAINING PROCEDURES FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

STEP ONE: The process of becoming an ECAC or ECFOA official begins with the potential candidate making application to the local EAIFO chapter. To be considered for membership you must have a minimum of four years of high school officiating experience and have worked a **minimum of 25 varsity games**. Copies of your schedules are required. You must also obtain letters of recommendation from two ACTIVE EAIFO officials from any Chapter.

STEP TWO: The candidate then takes part in training sessions that educate him on the NCAA rules and mechanics used at the college level. At the conclusion of these sessions, the candidate takes a written, closed-book exam, is interviewed by a panel of EAIFO officials and participates in an “on field” evaluation that takes place during spring scrimmages.

STEP THREE: Candidates are then selected based on test scores, interview, on-field evaluation and need for officials at a particular position. Once selected, you would be qualified to work at the Division 2 and 3 varsity and JV levels. There is no guarantee of game assignments for new members. Depending on availability of officials and the needs of the Commissioners, new members may **not** receive assignments their first year.

STEP FOUR: To remain an active EAIFO member, you must:

- ❖ Attend the mandatory rules interpretation meeting in June.
- ❖ Pay all required dues to the ECAC/ ECFOA and EAIFO.
- ❖ Attend the mandatory Division 2/3 Clinic in the Summer.
- ❖ Complete a set of physical agility exercises.
- ❖ Complete a 25-question closed-book exam.
- ❖ Complete a 100-question open-book exam.
- ❖ Attend a **minimum of 8** chapter meetings during the season.

STEP FIVE: To make the move to Division 1-AA (FCS), most officials work at the Div. 2/3 level for seven to ten years. They will have worked approximately 50 – 75 varsity games and a Div. 2/3-playoff game. Officials are selected to work at the Division 1-AA (FCS) level by the Conference Supervisor of Officials.

Officiating at the college level is exciting, challenging and rewarding. Officiating at this level does however require a major commitment. Extensive time and dedication are required to be selected to work at the college level and to remain an active member of the chapter.