

Why say yes to officiating?

Sports officiating is a challenging job, but there are great rewards. To be a successful official, you will need mental toughness, good people skills and thick skin. Sports officiating will inherently teach you all those skills and much more. If you love sports, you will have the best view of the game as an official. More importantly, officiating will teach you how to view the games in a whole new light – one that emphasizes fairness, integrity, decisiveness, and sound judgement. Get ready to challenge yourself and start one of the most rewarding jobs you'll ever have!

9 Reasons to officiate:

1.) Give Back

Most officials feel that they have gotten something important from their sport before becoming an official. Many officials like to pay it forward to the sport for what it has given them. Officiating is also a way to guide and enrich the lives of the athletes who are playing, by teaching the value of sportsmanship and fair play.

2.) Extra Money

There is no better part-time job or hobby for you to make extra money doing something you enjoy than through officiating. It's the perfect extra gig for anyone from a high school student to a parent to a retiree.

3.) Escape

Once you step onto the court, field, ice or pitch, everyday problems seem to fade away. Although no official would say the job is stress-free, it also provides stress relief from your daily life because after all, it is the sport you love.

4.) Challenge

Every game – no matter the venue, player abilities or teams – is a challenge. Nothing is mundane. It's a rush to be in the moment and must make the big decision.

5.) Camaraderie & Community

The fellowship and humor officials share with one another are incomparable. You'll quickly realize there is no community like officials. When it comes down to it, during a game, your only true friends are the officials you're working with. Many of them will become your closest friends – lifelong friends.

6.) Life Skills

Officiating teaches independent thinking and the ability to see the big picture – a skill that translates outside of officiating. It also requires the dedication, togetherness, and ability to work as team that is important everywhere.

7.) Fortitude

Officials learn how to have inner strength and self-confidence. With the whistle in your hand, knowing you're the last line of defense between sport and chaos forces you to step up.

8.) Opportunity

Officials are often identified and associated with the sport(s) they work and recognized for it outside of officiating. Even if people don't know you specifically, many people associate officiating with trustworthiness, impartiality, dedication, and integrity... all qualities that can open doors for you in other areas of life.

9.) Excitement

Great games, talented players and hair-raising moments will become commonplace in your life, and you'll be right in the middle of them. Officiating provides goosebumps in spades. If you like adrenaline, you can get it here.

If you are interested in officiating please go to www.tmoa.info and select how to become an official or email our association at tmoaofficials@gmail.com

We are primarily a basketball association, but we can connect you to the right person for the sport(s) you are interested in officiating: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling, Lacrosse, or Track & Field

If you are in High School, we can start you out with youth sports and move you up as you feel comfortable.

Great part time job that pays a minimum of \$25/HR up to \$35/HR as you gain experience.