

PLAYOFF OFFICIALS' SELECTION GUIDELINES

Purpose

These guidelines provide a simple and consistent framework for identifying officials to be recommended for postseason assignments. The goal is to select qualified officials who will represent the Lancaster/Lebanon Chapter well.

Eligibility

To be considered for a playoff assignment, an official must:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Lancaster/Lebanon Chapter of PIAA Football Officials, including payment of required Chapter and PIAA dues and fees.
2. Complete and return the current year's Rules Test as required by the Chapter Interpreter.
3. Work at least six varsity games during the current season.
4. For State Crew consideration, have attended a PIAA Convention within the previous five years.

White Hat Recommendations

The President will ask qualified White Hats to recommend officials for playoff consideration.

White Hats who have worked at least six games at the White Hat position during the current season will submit their recommendations and may indicate the level of playoff consideration they believe is appropriate:

- First/Second Round
- Third Round and Beyond
- State Crew

POINT OF EMPHASIS: White Hats should provide officials with feedback throughout the season regarding areas that may affect their postseason consideration. This gives officials an opportunity to improve before playoff selections are made. We do not want end of year surprises.

Board Selection

The seven voting members of the Executive Board will consider the White Hat recommendations and vote to select:

- **28 officials for initial playoff consideration**
- **21 officials for continued playoff consideration**
- **7 officials for final/state-level consideration**

White Hat recommendations are intended to inform the Board's decisions. Board members may also consider their own knowledge and observations when voting. Each Board member should vote fairly, responsibly, and in the best interest of the Chapter.

Voting

The President will distribute a ballot containing all eligible and available officials and the recommendations received from the White Hats.

Each voting Board member will complete and return a ballot.

The President and Secretary/Treasurer will independently tabulate the votes and reconcile the results.

If a tie affects selection, a supplemental vote will be conducted among the tied officials. The official receiving the most votes will be selected, with the remaining official or officials serving as alternates as appropriate.

Final Selections

The Chapter's selections represent its recommendations for postseason assignments.

Selection by the Chapter does not guarantee a playoff assignment. Final assignments are made by the appropriate District and/or PIAA assignors.

Playoff selections will be announced at the first in-person Chapter meeting following completion of the voting.