

North Texas Chapter Texas Association of Sports Officials Board of Directors Policy

Playoff Assignment Qualification

The Board of Directors of the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Association of Sports Officials recognizes the importance of playoff assignments and will attempt to reward the most deserving officials each year. The number of actual assignments will vary each year as the opposing coaches choose the officiating chapter for each game or request the UIL to do so.

Each official desiring a playoff assignment must put forth the appropriate effort to improve his officiating performance and to contribute positively to the Chapter. Therefore, the Board of Directors establishes the playoff assignment qualification criteria set forth in this policy.

During the year of the playoff assignment, an official must meet the following requirements to be considered for a playoff assignment:

1. Meet all TASO membership requirements.
2. Be a member in good standing of North Texas Chapter of TASO (football) as defined by the chapter's bylaws and policies.
3. Have no more than 3 un-excused absences from scheduled Chapter meetings. Excused absences will include conflicts with a chapter scheduled game, work conflicts, illness, out of area travel, etc. To obtain an excused absence, a member must notify their Division Representative or the Assigning Secretary by text or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the date of the meeting, giving the reason you are unable to attend. Your request will then be presented to the Board, and they shall decide whether to grant the excused absence. If the excused absence is not granted, the member shall be notified, and the absence will be considered un-excused. A member may appeal, through his Board Representative, the un-excused absence. The appeal should include any unusual or unforeseen circumstances that may apply.
4. Have attended a state, regional, or online rules clinic.
5. Have worked a minimum of three (3) varsity games in the position assigned for the playoff game. An exception is made for the positions of Side Judge and Field Judge when a 7 man crew is used.
6. Have worked a minimum of two (2) six- man varsity games or one (1) six-man varsity game and two (2) six-man sub varsity games to be assigned a six-man playoff game.
7. Have scored a minimum of 80% on the TASO rules and mechanics exam.

If the above qualifications are met, officials who attend an on-field mechanics clinic, work scrimmages as assigned, and work sub-varsity games as assigned will further enhance their opportunities to receive playoff assignments. Eligible officials will be verified by the entire board of directors.

Per the chapter's policies, the assignments for a playoff game are handled by the playoff assignment committee. This committee consists of the President, Vice President, and Assignment Secretary of the Chapter. ONLY THIS COMMITTEE CAN ACCEPT AND/OR ASSIGN A PLAYOFF GAME. This committee will keep the best interest of the Chapter in mind as assignments are made and will send the best crew available to each playoff game. Special requests from the UIL or the coaches will be honored when possible. Officials requested by name for a particular game and approved by the committee will be assigned as long as that official is available to work that assignment. In the event a request cannot be honored the Committee will work with those making the request to appropriately fill the game assignment. A coach's request does not override By-Law and Policy requirements of the Chapter.

The Crew Chief will be contacted prior to finalizing the assignment so he will know who is on his crew.

Assignments will be made after all games come in typically on Monday. Late games will be dealt with as they come in.

This policy was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors on June 14, 2021.

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