

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

Game Assignments

Games will be assigned only to individuals who meet all the membership requirements of the North Texas Chapter, Texas Association of Sports Officials.

1. Members must remain active and "in good standing" throughout the season to be eligible for assignments.

Assignment of officials shall be made with the intent of providing qualified and trained members that will meet the need and requirements of area high schools.

Part I: Regular Season Games

All regular season varsity game assignments shall be made by the Executive Secretary, who shall use a computer-assigning program. The following guidelines are evaluated when games are assigned:

1. Official's dates of availability
2. Official's primary position (R, U, HL, LJ, BJ)
3. Official's secondary position, which will be used, as necessary, to meet school requirements
4. Coaches' scratch and preferred list in accordance with UIL policy.
5. Official's scratch list
6. Ranking of games: Games ranked according to expected difficulty
7. Officials shall not be assigned back-to-back games at the same school
8. Officials shall not be assigned more than three times to the same school during the season. The Chapter will abide by School District rules in assigning officials, if these rules differ from this policy.
9. The Board of Directors will review all game assignments
10. The Board of Directors shall make recommendations for officials selected for all-star and other special games.

Part II: Playoff Assignments

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 met the grade requirements as per the TASO football operating procedures 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. In the event the committee cannot come to a unanimous decision, it would revert to a majority vote by the chapter board. 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 consulted if a crew member needs to be replaced or adding officials if a 7-man crew is allowed to be used.

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

When an official is assigned to any football game, the assignment is a Contract for that game. Withdrawal from a contract causes problems for the Chapter, the School, and the official, plus it opens the Chapter to criticism. Only emergency situations will be accepted for not fulfilling the contract. Emergency situations include: employment problems, family illness and other problems, or illness of the official.

The Executive Secretary will replace an official facing an emergency situation as soon as possible.

This policy was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors on April 18, 2022

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