

"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute messages designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl's insights on officiating.

## **Playoff Selection**

As the regular season reaches the halfway point, the MHSAA begins to look ahead to the five weeks of the football playoffs.

Crews and officials are selected a mid-season for the tournament based on a number of factors. Each official receives a rating from both schools following every game worked, and this rating average serves as the starting point for selection with the highest rated crews being considered first.

The MHSAA also considers experience of the crew, recommendations for leagues and officials associations, football rule exam score that each official completes as well as the strength of the schedule the crew has worked during the season.

All of these factors are considered when selected the very best officials to work the most important games of the season.

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