

Regulations and Standards for MHSAA Registered Assigners

High schools and junior high/middle schools which sponsor competition for member high school or junior high/middle school teams, and utilize and pay for services of a third-party, non-school assigner for high school and junior high/middle schools officiating contests, shall use only those assigners who are Registered with the MHSAA for the current year. (*MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 7(C) & Regulation IV, Section 7(B)).

Standards for Registered Assigners

It is expected that MHSAA Registered Assigners follow all published "Standards for Registered Assigners." Any violation of these standards will place the Registered Assigner at risk of losing his or her registered status after review by MHSAA staff, as outlined in the Disciplinary Procedures for MHSAA Officials and Registered Assigners on page 9 of the *MHSAA Officials Guidebook*.

1. Registered Assigners may schedule only MHSAA Registered Officials for all contests involving MHSAA member schools.
2. Registered Assigners shall conduct their assigning business in a professional manner becoming of their position, and shall not demean or ridicule officials either publically or privately.
3. Registered Assigners shall not attempt to interfere, undermine or sabotage the relationships between other assigners and officials or other assigners and schools, leagues or conference by disparaging word or action.
4. Registered Assigners may require membership by an official in a Local Approved Association for that sport in order to be assigned games under control of the assigner, but shall not require membership in any particular officials association.
5. Registered Assigners may not discourage the communication between officials and leagues, conferences or schools; or discourage or intimidate officials from accepting games directly from schools at any time, either along with or in combination with games received from an assigner; nor shall Registered Assigners discourage, intimidate or threaten officials from accepting games or assignments from other assigners at any time.
6. Registered Assigners may not withdraw school contest contracts extended to officials or reassign them to another official, except in cases of personal emergency which will not permit an official to officiate on the contest day once that sport season has begun except under the direction of the hiring school; nor withhold assignments from officials based upon gender, race, ethnicity or religion.

Standards for Registered Assigners (Continued)

7. Registered Assigners shall not require an official to pay a fee to participate in a specific camp, clinic or training activity to be trained, evaluated and/or considered for assignments under the control of the assigner; however, requirements for officials' involvement in free events, for the same reasons, are permitted.
8. Registered Assigners shall be paid by either (a) a league, conference or school, or (b) the members of an approved association who elect or hire an individual to assign for them, but shall not collect fees for service from any combination of the two. Assigners may not collect fees for assignments with MHSAA member schools from officials directly. Turnback fees paid to an assigner by an official do not violate this concept.
9. Registered Assigners may not accept funds earmarked for officials' game fees from a league, conference, school or facility and then pay officials directly for games officiated. Payment to officials for contests officiated shall come directly from the school or through the school via a third-party electronic payment service.
10. In the event a Registered Assigner, league, conference or school does not utilize the MHSAA contract (hard copy or electronic agreement) for officials, all comments, actual and implied, and all terms and conditions which appear on the published MHSAA contract, shall be acknowledged and will be applicable to any MHSAA Registered official.

Registration Requirements

1. Assigners who are not full time employees of leagues, conferences or schools, but are endorsed or appointed by a league, conference or school are required to become an MHSAA Registered Assigner in order to perform assigning services.
2. Assigners will annually apply for registration with the MHSAA as a Registered Assigner.
3. Assigners will be obligated to attend and complete the annual Assigners and Association Leadership Meeting.
4. Assigners are required to comply with all applicable state, federal and local laws and ordinances.
5. Assigners will be subject to all MHSAA applicable regulations, standards, policies and practices which apply to the conduct, contracting, training, selection and sanctions of officials.