

Be The Referee

"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute podcasts 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 insights from MHSAA experts on officiating. These messages can be heard on This Week In High School Sports, which airs on over 100 radio stations and audio web outlets across Michigan.

Nov. 16, 2021 -- Today we are going to talk about how officials are selected for the MHSAA Football Playoffs.

Just as the best teams advance in the tournament week after week, the best officiating crews advance in the tournament in much the same way.

For a crew to be eligible for assignment, many requirements have to be met prior to the season.

Submission of their season schedule, making sure that the crew has completed the annual rules meeting, as well as a football rules test.

Much weight is given to ratings -- each crew is rated by schools following each game as well as observation reports where officiating experts go out and either watch crews work live or on video in making sure that the best crews advance throughout the tournament.