



Officials Information



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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Greetings and welcome to the 2025 - 26 school year! I hope your summer has been enjoyable. My name is Kurt Gibson, and I am the Director of Officiating Services for the IHSA. Please know how much our office and membership appreciates the commitment you are making to high school students in Illinois this year. Without your commitment and efforts, hundreds of thousands of students would not be able to participate in interscholastic sports.

Included in this document is a list, by sport, of important dates for officials. I would encourage you to become familiar with those in sports you are licensed.

Here are some important dates:

- **May 1 – May 31, 2025: Open Early Bird Registration- for all sports for the 2025 -26 school year**
- **May 31, 2025: last date for Early Bird Registration for 2025 – 26 school year**
- **June 1 - July 31, 2025: Renewal and licensing period regular fees for all sports.**
- **August 1, 2025: late renewal and licensing period for fall sport officials.**
- **October 1, 2025: late renewal and licensing period for winter sport officials.**
- **February 1, 2026: late renewal and licensing period for spring sport officials**
- **April 15, 2026: last day for new/first time official to license in all sports**
- **April 15-30, 2026: no official applications and/or dues will be accepted**

The IHSA Officials Center is a key location for all information for officials: notes, reminders, etc. will be posted there. Rule books will be mailed when the sport is eligible for rule books, and a list for the years when sports are eligible can be found in the **Officials Handbook**. As a result, it's important for you to take responsibility to stay current with developments by checking your personal site in the IHSA Officials Center on a regular basis.

The IHSA Officials Center is also the location to keep your personal data up to date. Please make sure your email on file with our office is correct. That is the address we will use for any communications that do go out to specific individuals or groups.

Thanks again for your service to IHSA member school. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the IHSA Office.

Sincerely,

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| | Available in Officials Center |
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| Football | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri. 9/5/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 9/9/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 9/17/2025 |
| Official Assignment Process (Approx to begin) | 09/07/2025 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 09/07/2025 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 12/5 |
| New Officials Licensing Period ends for 2024 – 25 school year | 4/15/2026 |
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| Flag Football | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Wed, 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 9/17/2025 |
| Official Assignment Process (Approx to begin) | 09/7/2025 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 09/7/2025 |
| New Officials Licensing Period ends for 2024 – 25 school year | 4/15/2026 |
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| Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Wed, 8/6/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 9/5/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 9/9/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 9/17/2025 |
| Official Assignment (Approx to begin) (Girls; Boys) | 09/7/2025; 12/7/2025 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series (Girls; Boys) | 9/7/2025; 12/7/2025 |
| Assignment History updated (Girls; Boys) | Approx. 12/5 |
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| Boys & Girls Soccer | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |



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| Online Part 1 testing begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri. 9/5/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues. 9/9/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 9/17/2025 |
| Official Assignment (Approx to begin) (Boys; Girls) | 9/7/2025, 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series (Boys; Girls) | 9/7/2025; 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated (Boys; Girls) | Approx 12/5 & 6/20 |
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| Girls & Boys Volleyball | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Wed., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 9/5/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues. 9/9/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 9/17/2025 |
| Official Assignment (Approx to begin) (Girls; Boys) | 9/7/2025; 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series (Girls; Boys) | 9/7/2025; 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated (Girls; Boys) | Approx. 12/5; 6/20 |
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| Cross Country | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Tues., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 8/6/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Tues., 9/16/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 9/17/2025 |
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| Competitive Cheerleading | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Tues., 8/12/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 9/23/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 11/21/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 11/25/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 12/2/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 10/28/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Tues., 10/28/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 12/3/2025 |
| Official Assignment Process (Approx to Begin) | 12/7/2025 |



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| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 12/7/2025 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 4/01 |
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| Girls Gymnastics | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Tues, 9/23/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues.10/21/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 11/21/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 11/25/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing ends | Tues., 12/2/2025 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Mon., 11/24/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 11/24/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 12/3/2025 |
| Official Assignment Process (Approx to Begin) | 12/7/2025 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 12/7/2025 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 4/01 |
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| Competitive Dance | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Wed., 8/12/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 9/23/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 11/21/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 11/25/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 12/2/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Tues., 10/28/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Tues., 10/28/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 12/3/2025 |
| Official Assignment Process (Approx to Begin) | 12/7/2025 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 12/7/2025 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 4/01 |
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| Girls & Boys Basketball | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Tues., 10/21/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues.,10/21/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 11/21/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 11/25/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 12/2/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Mon., 11/17/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 11/17/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 12/3/2025 |
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| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 12/7/2025 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 4/01 |



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| Wrestling | |
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| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 10/21/2025 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 11/21/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 11/25/2025 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 12/2/2025 |
| Online Part 1 testing ends | Mon., 11/24/2025 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 11/24/2025 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 12/3/2025 |
| Official Assignment Process (Approx to Begin) | 12/7/2025 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 12/7/2025 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 4/01 |
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| Track & Field | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Mon., 1/5/2026 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Mon., 1/5/2026 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 3/14/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 3/17/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 3/24/2026 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 2/2/2026 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Mon., 2/2/2026 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 3/25/2026 |
| Official Assignment Process May Begin | 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 6/20 |
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| Baseball | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 3/13/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 3/17/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 3/24/2026 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 3/16/2026 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Mon., 3/16/2026 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 3/25/2026 |
| Official Assignment Process May Begin | 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 6/20 |
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| Softball | |
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| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 3/13/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 3/17/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 3/24/2026 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 3/16/2026 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Mon., 3/16/2026 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 3/25/2026 |
| Official Assignment Process May Begin | 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 6/20 |
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| Water Polo | |
| Online Rules Meeting begins | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 3/13/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 3/17/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 3/24/2026 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 3/9/2026 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Mon., 3/9/2026 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 3/25/2026 |
| Official Assignment Process May Begin | 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 6/20 |
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| Lacrosse (Boys & Girls) | |
| Online Rules Meeting | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Part 1 testing begins | Tues., 2/17/2026 |
| Online Promotion application deadline | Fri., 3/13/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing begins | Tues., 3/17/2026 |
| Online Part 2 Testing deadline | Tues., 3/24/2026 |
| Online Rules Meeting deadline | Mon., 3/16/2026 |
| Online Part 1 Testing ends | Mon., 3/16/2026 |
| Probation/Suspension Calculated | Wed., 3/25/2026 |
| Official Assignment Process May Begin | 3/7/2026 |
| Officials Calendars Must be updated to be assigned to State Series | 3/7/2026 |
| Assignment History updated | Approx. 6/20 |