



**Fox Valley Football Officials Association**  
An association of Illinois High School Association registered football officials  
residing primarily in the western suburbs of Chicago, Illinois.



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ARTICLE IX: TOP 15 LIST CRITERIA

Section I. The Association's Officers shall determine the Top 15 officials based on the following criteria:

1. The official must be a member, having paid FVFO dues.
2. The official must be certified.
3. The official must attend at least 3 of 4 of FVFO's pre-season meeting (75%)
4. The official must notify the association of his interest in officiating play-off games.

Other factors for consideration:

1. Prior playoff experience of the official.
2. The number of varsity games scheduled for the current season.
3. The number of State Final Games previously officiated.

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Notes:

1. In years when there are 4 pre-season meetings, an official must attend 3 of 4 meetings to achieve 75% attendance.
2. In years when there are 5 pre-season meetings, an official must attend 4 of 5 meetings to achieve at least 75% attendance. (Only attending 3 meetings only results in only 60% attendance.)
3. An official's interest in officiating play-off games is demonstrated by that official filling out and submitting to the FVFO Secretary a "Top 15 List Information Sheet".

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Proposed Bylaw for Placement on the  
Top-15 Football Officials List Submitted to  
The Illinois High School Association by  
The Fox Valley Football Officials Association

All individuals selected to the "Top-15 Football Officials List" (Top-15 List) submitted to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) by the Fox Valley Football Officials Association (FVFO) shall meet all of the following basic eligibility:

1. They shall be a current member in good standing of the FVFO and shall have been a member of the FVFO for at least the past year.
2. They shall have their FVFO dues paid for the year in which the list is prepared.
3. They must not be on probation with the IHSA for the sport of football.
4. Their names must appear on the IHSA website's most current list of IHSA licensed active football officials and are shown on that list as having achieved Certified (C) status. (In the event that there are not 15 FVFO members have achieved "C" status and who otherwise meet all other eligibility requirements, FVFO members who have achieved "R" status will be considered eligible.)
5. They shall have indicated in writing to the FVFO Secretary their interest in being placed on the Top-15 List. Such interest must be indicated on an application form prepared by or at the direction of the FVFO secretary and approved by the FVOA Board. Application form must be submitted to the FVOA secretary by the end of the second FVOA meeting of the calendar year of selection.
6. Must have attended 60% FVOA meetings in the calendar year of the selection.

Individuals meeting the above eligibility shall be selected to appear on the FVFO Top-15 List by the following method.

All level C's not on probation will select up to 15 candidates off of the eligibility list. The FVOA Executive Board will tabulate the votes. The top 15 candidates and ties receiving the most votes will be announced and presented to the FVOA Executive Board.

Members of the FVFO Executive Board shall determine the order in which those names shall appear. Their decision is final and not open to debate. For the purposes of preparing the FVFO Top-15 list, the Executive Board shall include the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and appointed Board Member at Large.

Criteria to be used by the Executive Board in their selection of the placement of 1 thru 15 on the FVOA Top 15 list shall include the following order but not limited to:

For positions 1 -15 on FVOA Top 15 list

1. Farthest Advancement in IHSA Football Playoffs (excluding State Finals)
2. Years of IHSA Football Officiating
3. Past IHSA State Football Playoff Finalist
4. Service to the FVOA, including but not limited to:
  - a) Years of service on the FVFO executive board;
  - b) Instructional presentations given at FVFO meetings;
  - c) Assistance with clinics supported wholly or in part by the FVFO; and
  - d) Participation in scrimmages designated by the FVFO Executive Board.

The FVOA Top 15 Football Officials List shall be posted within 30 days of the Board's selection on to the FVOA web site and/or an E-mail with the Top 15 list shall be sent out to all FVOA membership by the FVOA Secretary.