

Welcome to *Center Circle!*

Welcome to the 2024 NCAA Soccer season! We are excited about the upcoming season and look forward to opportunities to communicate important soccer information to you on the NCAA soccer Center Circle central hub on RQ+ (www.refquest.com). Center Circle will provide a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement as we strive to improve the great game of college soccer.

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully been added to the NCAA Circle Center central hub. If you are viewing this letter on refquest.com and have not registered yet, you can do so by clicking Register in the top right corner. If you are a NISOA member, you will automatically be added to Center Circle when you register with NISOA. Click [here](#) for information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

Registration with the NCAA will allow you to consent to share results of a background check with specific conferences that you plan to work for. I recommend that you identify at least one conference in each division when completing your background check consent information.

Please visit Center Circle frequently to stay current on the latest soccer officiating news and information. On the site you will be able to read the latest rules interpretations, view video clips, review the correct application on rules and mechanics and take the 2024 soccer rules test, when available.

The NCAA will host two soccer officiating seminars that will provide free educational opportunities for officials. Details and registration information for the clinics will be posted on the NCAA soccer Center Circle central hub.

Additionally, the NCAA will provide instructional support to conference coordinators and collegiate soccer officiating organizations to review rules changes, points of emphasis, and other officiating topics. All events where NCAA soccer staff will provide instructional support will be listed on the NCAA soccer Center Circle central hub.

I strongly recommend that you complete all NCAA Postseason Eligibility Requirements (listed below my signature) **before August 15, 2024**. You should understand the specific requirements of NCAA conference coordinators that need to be met to receive assignment consideration for regular season and conference postseason games. Please note you **will not** be eligible for NCAA postseason assignments unless all requirements are met, including successful completion of the test. It is my expectation that officials who wish to be considered for NCAA postseason assignments complete the eligibility requirements **before August 15, 2024**.

I am thankful that you have chosen to register with the NCAA. You are a critical part of the NCAA Soccer Officiating Program. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvement, please email me at ncaasoccerofficials@gmail.com. I look forward to working with you. Have a great season!

Sincerely,
John Collins
NCAA National Coordinator of Men's and Women's Soccer Officials

Eligibility:

Eligibility Requirements for NCAA Postseason Consideration: To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Register for NCAA Soccer Center Circle on RQ+ (www.refquest.com)
- Consent to a background check
- Pass Rules Test (open on NCAA soccer Center Circle from early June through early September)
 - 50 questions
 - 90% score required to pass
 - 2 attempts allowed
- Complete the viewing of the NCAA Sports Wagering and Match Fixing educational video on Center Circle

Note: NCAA soccer leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

Welcome Packet:

Per the NISOA/RQ+ agreement, 2024-25 NISOA-registered officials will not receive a hard copy of the NCAA soccer rules book. A digital copy of the rules book will be available on Center Circle.

If you are not a NISOA-registered official and have opted to receive a hard copy of the rules book, it will ship in early July.

Registration Fees:

Divisions I, II and III: \$100.

Please note that members in good standing of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) for 2024 will be automatically registered with the NCAA in March 2024 and do not need to separately register with the NCAA. There is no registration fee for NISOA members.

General and Professional Liability Insurance:

As a part of your RQ registration (non-NISOA members), insurance is included for all intercollegiate contests. The program provides insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2024 to August 1, 2025.

- \$6,000,000 per incident (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess)
 - Includes personal and advertising injury, bodily injury and property damage, damage to premises, abuse, and molestation (domestic and international)
- \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Professional Liability coverage
 - Includes errors and omissions, coordinators/supervisors, game graders, evaluators (domestic and international)
- \$15,000 Accident/Medical per occurrence
 - Includes accidental death and dismemberment, excess accident/medical beyond existing coverage
- Option to expand coverage GL/PL coverage for all non-intercollegiate events
 - Ability to extend coverage for officiating high school and other sanctioned contests
- Option to purchase increased game fee replacement insurance
 - This insurance offering is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident renders you totally disabled and unable to work games you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate games, up to \$500 a week (for as many as 52 weeks).

Please note that NISOA members will be covered by the NISOA general and professional liability insurance. NISOA members will not be covered by the insurance provided by NCAA registration on RQ+.