



# BASKETBALL

## Men's Basketball – Welcome to *Center Court*!

Welcome to the 2025-26 season!

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully registered for the NCAA men's basketball Center Court central hub. If you are viewing this letter on [refquest.com](https://refquest.com) and have not registered yet, please click Register in the top right corner. Click [here](#) for more information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

The Center Court central hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement as we strive to improve the great game of men's college basketball. Below you will find eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2025-26 season.

Welcome packets will be going out early September and will include the 2025-26 NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Book and the 2025-26 NCAA Men's Basketball Case Book (unless you choose to "opt out" of receiving hard copies of these books). We will again provide digital versions of all three books for NCAA registered men's basketball officials through Center Court.

Please visit the Center Court central hub frequently to stay current on the latest men's basketball officiating news and information. On the central hub, you will be able to read the latest rules interpretations from the secretary-rules editor and bulletins from the national officiating coordinator, complete your requirements to be considered for a postseason assignment and review videos of recurring plays and how they are to be officiated.

I am happy you have chosen to register with the NCAA. Thank you for being a critical part of the Men's Basketball Officiating Program. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvement, please email me at [crastatter@ncaa.org](mailto:crastatter@ncaa.org).

I look forward to seeing you at the men's basketball clinics and throughout the season.

Have a great season!

Chris Rastatter  
National Coordinator, NCAA Men's Basketball



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## **Eligibility Requirements for NCAA Postseason Consideration:**

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

- **Register on RQ+ ([refquest.com](http://refquest.com))**
- **Consent to a background check**
- **Pass Rules Test**
  - 50 questions
  - 85% score required to pass
  - 2 attempts allowed
- **View required video content**
  - The deadline to view all the in-season training videos/quizzes submitted for Division I tournament eligibility is Friday, January 23.
- **Attend a clinic (In-person) (Division I only)**
  - Officials are required to attend one in-person clinic in its entirety. (The clinics will begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon local time.)
  - The dates of the in-person clinics are listed below:
    - Sunday, September 14 (Atlanta, GA)
    - Saturday, September 20 (Indianapolis, IN)
    - Sunday, September 21 (Indianapolis, IN)
    - Saturday, October 4 (Phoenix, AZ)

Note: NCAA men's basketball leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

## **Important Dates:**

- Rules test open date – Monday, September 29
- Rules test close date – Monday, October 27
- Regular season open dates:
  - Division I – Monday, November 3
  - Division II – Friday, November 14
  - Division III – Friday, November 7

## **Welcome packet:**

To reduce the cost of registration, an official may “opt out” of receiving hard copies of the rules book and case book. Digital versions of the rules book, case book, and CCA manual will be available under “Publications” on Center Court.

If you choose to receive hard copies of the rules book and case book, they will be shipped via USPS. Tracking information will be emailed to you at the email address you provide during registration. Shipping of all books will begin in early September.



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## **General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance:**

As a part of your RQ registration, insurance is included for all intercollegiate contests. The program provides insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2026. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2025, or within two weeks of their sport's registration open date to keep continuous coverage.

- General Liability: \$6,000,000 per occurrence (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess Liability per occurrence)
  - The program has total insured limits of \$34,000,000.
  - Coverage intended to protect an official against claims of damages or injury caused to a third party while officiating a contest. Coverage includes personal/advertising injury, damage to a third party's premises, abuse and molestation.
  - Coverage extends to international contests if a suit is brought in the US.
- Professional Liability: \$1,000,000
  - Professional Liability claims are generally rooted in allegations of an act, error, or omission in executing an official's professional work that causes financial loss to a third party.

*There is an option to extend GL and PL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events.*
- Accident/Medical: \$15,000
  - Pays for out-of-pocket expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.
- 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 intercollegiate 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). Note this coverage is only available to those who purchased this offering.

## **Registration Fees:**

The registration fees for 2025-26 are as follows:

Division I: \$275

Division II: \$125\*

Division III: \$125\*