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Welcome to *College Football Officiating (CFO)*!

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully registered for the NCAA central hub. If you are viewing this letter on 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 CFO Hub provides a common national platform where officials and coordinators can gather for mutual growth and improvement as we strive to improve the great game of college football.

Our goal is to become "One CFO." Football is a national game, and it is imperative that we all embrace the same playing rules interpretations, officiating mechanics, and officiating standards. To that end, the previously listed officiating philosophies from the CCA manual are now called "Officiating Standards," and Part II of the 2025 Football Rules Book incorporates these standards.

The CFO/NCAA National Rules Test is scheduled to open on June 26. An email will be sent when it is open. This is a great tool for honing your rules knowledge and application. A passing grade is 85% and the test is open book, but I encourage you to meet my challenge of scoring 90% or higher (there will be 100 questions) in a self-imposed "closed book" test. You will be allowed two attempts to deliver a passing score.

Our 2025 preseason CFO Training Videos and Preseason quizzes began back in May, and we will continue these right up to the start of season. All videos and quizzes from the last four (4) years have been uploaded to our new site for your reference. This CFO site has many tools to help you prepare and be ready to deliver excellence in Week 1. These tools paired with our in-season weekly training videos and weekly quizzes will keep you up to speed throughout the season.

Please check the CFO site often for the latest officiating news and information. Officials should not hesitate to offer suggestions on how we can best use and improve this site to help you. On behalf of the CFO's Board of Managers, welcome to the organization, and let us all commit to working hard in our preparation to be ready when we start the 2025 season.

Warmest Regards,

Steve Shaw

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Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to work an NCAA championship, you must complete the following criteria:

- Register on RQ+ (refquest.com)
- Consent to a background check
- Pass Rules Test
 - 100 questions
 - 85% score required to pass
 - Two (2) attempts allowed
- Watch SportRadar Referee Education Video

Note: NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

Important Dates

Rules Test Opens on June 26

Welcome Packet

To reduce the cost of registration, an official may “opt out” of receiving hard copies of the rules book, case book, and CCA manual. Books will begin shipping as soon as they are printed, which is estimated to be mid to late June.

When available, digital versions of the rules book, case book, and CCA manual will be available under “Publications” on the Pregame central hub.

General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance

RQ+ has developed an insurance program for the benefit of officials in all sports at all collegiate levels. This insurance is intended to meet the known insurance requirements of certain governing bodies, conferences, and individual institutions.

The program provides the following limits of 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)*
 - 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 suit is brought in the US.



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- *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 cause financial loss to a third party.

There are options to extend the GL and PL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events, as well as to increase the Accident Indemnity.

- *Accident/Medical: \$15,000*

- Pays for out-of-pockets expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.

- *Weekly Accident Indemnity (Game Fee Replacement)*

- This insurance 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 contests you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate contests up to the \$500 weekly limit for up to 52 weeks.

Registration Fees

Division I: \$275

Division II: \$125

Division III: \$125