

Women's Basketball - Welcome to Center Court!

Welcome to the 2025-26 season!

It's time again to register with the Center Court central hub, which means the start of the season is just around the corner! If you received this letter via email, you have successfully registered for the NCAA women's basketball Center Court 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 Central Hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement as we strive to serve the game of college women's basketball to the highest standard possible. Below you will find eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2025-26 season.

Please update your profile including uploading a professional photo of yourself. Set up or confirm that your notification settings are accurate to ensure you receive timely communication. Visit Center Court regularly for the latest women's basketball officiating news, rules materials from the Secretary-Rules Editor, memos from the National Officiating Coordinator, and other important materials. Completing your requirements by the posted deadlines is essential for postseason eligibility, and reviewing video materials will help improve your officiating skills.

Thank you for registering with the NCAA and contributing to women's basketball officiating. For suggestions or ideas, please contact pdavis@ncaa.org. We look forward to seeing you in our Women's Basketball Clinics, Q&A sessions, and other educational programs. When our officiating community is connected and informed, it benefits the entire game.

Your dedication makes a difference, thank you for being such an important part of women's basketball!

Penny Davis

National Coordinator of Women's Basketball Officiating



Eligibility Requirements for NCAA Postseason Consideration:

To be considered for NCAA postseason assignments, officials must complete the following eligibility criteria:

- Register on RQ+ (<u>refquest.com</u>)
- Consent to a background check
 - o DI officials consent to an enhanced background check
 - DII and DIII officials consent to a standard background check
 - If a basketball official registers for Division I and Division II/Division III, they will have to consent to both background checks
- View Instructional Video
- Pass Rules Test (85%)
- Attend a Clinic (Division I only)
- Take required Quizzes
- View required Training Videos

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

Important Dates:

- Clinic dates September 13 (Atlanta), September 20 (Indianapolis), September 21 (Indianapolis), October 5 (Phoenix)
- Rules test open date Monday, September 29, 2025
- Rules test close date Monday, October 27, 2025
- Eligibility deadline Monday, January 26, 2026
- Registration close date Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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. <u>Shipping</u> of all books will begin in early September.

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-pockets expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.
- Option to purchase increased game fee replacement insurance.
 - This insurance option 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 option.

Registration Fees:

The registration fees for 2025-26 are as follows:

Division I: \$275 Division II: \$125 Division III: \$125 NJCAA: \$125