



Welcome to College Football Officiating (CFO)!

If you received this letter by email, you're registered for the NCAA central hub. If you're viewing it on refquest.com and haven't registered, click Register (top right corner). Click [here](#) for details on the NCAA Officiating Background Check Program.

The CFO Hub is a national platform for officials and coordinators to develop and improve together. This site includes several tools, for example, in-season weekly training videos and quizzes, to help you prepare for the season. Please visit frequently to stay current on the latest information.

Our goal is to be "One CFO." Because football is national, we must align on rule interpretations, mechanics, and standards. The CCA manual's officiating philosophies are now "Officiating Standards," incorporated in Part II of the NCAA Football Rules Book.

You will receive an email when the CFO/NCAA National Rules Test opens. The test is a key tool to sharpen rules knowledge and application. A passing grade is 85% (open book), with two attempts. We challenge you to score 90% or higher.

As you may be aware, I will be retiring on September 1 as your National Coordinator and Secretary-Rules Editor, but I will stay involved in the game. It has been the honor of a lifetime to work in NCAA Football, and the amazing relationships developed with my fellow officials is what will be most memorable. I'm truly humbled by your work ethic to improve - mistakes will be made, and I know we will all work tirelessly to correct and prevent them. We are all honorable people and I'm so very proud to have been a part of the CFO!

Welcome, and let's commit to being prepared for the 2026-27 season.

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Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to work an NCAA championship, you must complete the following criteria. Please note Football leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items:

- 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

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. 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, 2026 to July 31, 2027. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2026 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 aggregate limit per official of \$14,000,000.
 - 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 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. Officials have four options for game fee replacement insurance.

Max Weekly Benefit	Max Coverage Duration	Plan Cost
\$250	52 weeks	\$49
\$500	52 weeks	\$59
\$2,500	52 weeks	\$129
\$4,700	16 weeks	\$139

Registration Fees:

- Division I: \$300
- Division II: \$125
- Division III : \$125
- NJCAA: \$125