



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: You call this the "hardest job on campus"...why do people do it?

Most people are drawn to officiating initially because of their love of a sport. And while some people try officiating decide quickly it's just not for them, some people love to learn and be a part of their sport from this new perspective. The skills a person develops through officiating (communication, organization, problem solving) will help them in many other aspects of life.

Q: Can I play as well as officiate?

Yes! Most of our officials participate in the sports in which they officiate.

Q: Am I guaranteed a job as an Intramural Sports Official if I attend the informational meeting?

Not necessarily. After attending the General Officials Meeting, all interested individuals are welcome to attend the sport specific training sessions of their choice where we discuss officiating specific to that sport, and do a basic evaluation of each individual's rule knowledge and comfort on the field. The number of returning officials we have will determine how many new officials we are looking at for any one sport and we will make cuts to get the number down to the size staff we are looking for.

Q: Why don't you just take anyone who wants to officiate?

The benefit of keeping a small staff is that those people who are on staff get to work more and gain experience much more quickly. In a performance based job such as this, it is important that we develop our officials as quickly as possible and this only comes with experience.

Q: If I am not selected for a staff on my first try, can I try again in a different semester?

Yes! Our needs are different each year based on graduation rates, students' academic schedules, etc. so just because you don't make the staff on your first try does not mean we might not have a spot for you in the future. We hope you'll continue to learn about your sport and come out again to give it another try!

Q: How are officials schedules made and how many hours can I expect to receive?

We make our schedules on a week-to-week basis based on the availability that you give to us. The number of hours any referee receives depends on a number of factors including availability, experience/performance, number of overall officials on staff, and number of different sports you are able to officiate. Since this is a performance based job, new officials will generally only receive 1-2 shifts per week, while more experienced officials will have the ability to receive more.

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