

TASO RANKING FOR BASEBALL OFFICIALS

I. DESIGNATIONS AND CRITERIA

- A. Each TASO official will be ranked each year by the TASO Office. The rankings to be used for this purpose are: Certified, Approved, and Registered.
- B. Rankings will be determined according to the following criteria:
 - 1. Score on the current TASO/NF rules examination; AND
 - 2. Completed years of experience as a high school official to date; AND
 - 3. Number of regular season contests (varsity and sub-varsity) worked in the *last varsity* season worked; AND
 - 4. Attendance at a **mandatory** TASO Rules Clinic during the *current year*. Additional proficiency units may be earned at the Annual Meeting or Regional Clinics for the *current year*; AND
 - 5. The number of proficiency units earned during the *current year*.
 - 6. ***A member's failure to complete the mandatory exam and/or attend a mandatory rules clinic makes him/her ineligible for varsity assignments and is not a member in good standing during the current season.***
 - 7. A member's failure to meet the mandatory requirements for two consecutive seasons will result in expulsion.
 - 8. When circumstances beyond the control of the official prevent him/her from meeting the mandatory requirements, an official may apply, **in writing to the TASO State Office for a "hardship exemption"** using the approve form.
 - 9. When an official retires from the field, he/she will retire in the highest division he/she attained at any point in his/her career.

II. DEFINITIONS OF AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR:

- A. **Certified:** A Certified official is that individual who has demonstrated consistent superior performance over a sustained period of time. This official is at the top of his/her peer group and has met standards of performance in excess of those required of Approved or Registered. The qualifications for a Certified official are as follows:
 - 1. The official must score a 90 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year; AND
 - 2. The official must earn 75 or more proficiency points; AND
 - 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO baseball rules clinic for that year; AND

4. The official must have a minimum of seven (7) completed years experience as a high school official, either with the TASO or another association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations; AND
 5. The official must have paid the state and local dues for the current year.
- B. **Approved:** An Approved official is that individual who has demonstrated the competence and gained the experience necessary to officiate at all levels of athletic competition in his/her sport. This official is in the upper middle range of his/her peer group and is distinguished by the TASO by means of proficiency units. The qualifications for an Approved official are as follows:
1. The official must score an 80 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year; AND
 2. The official must earn 50 or more proficiency units; AND
 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO baseball rules clinic for that year; AND
 4. The official must have a minimum of two (2) completed years experience as a high school official, either with the TASO or another state association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations; AND
 5. The official must have paid the state and local dues for the current year.
- C. **Registered:** A Registered official is that individual who, for whatever reason, does not meet the qualifications for a higher division, and all first year officials. **This official may work any level of athletic competition other than post-season play-off games.** The qualifications for a Registered official are as follows:
1. The official must score 70 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year; AND
 2. The official must attend a mandatory TASO baseball rules clinic for that year; AND
 3. The official must have paid the required application fee as well as the required state and local dues; AND
 4. First time members and reinstatements *must submit a physical examination form* signed by a physician.

III. PROFICIENCY UNITS

- A. Proficiency units are earned by an official based on the following criteria:
1. The Official's score on the TASO/NF rules examination for the current year.

2. The total of completed years of experience as a high school official registered with either the TASO or another state association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
3. Attendance at a mandatory TASO Rules Clinic.
4. Attendance at the Annual Meeting or a Regional Clinic.
5. The number of contest both varsity and sub-varsity, officiated in the last varsity season worked.