

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Officials Committee**

The Officials Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- reviewing documentation submitted by an officials' association that desires to officiate middle and high school contests;
- holding a meeting with the officers of an officials' association to discuss the association's recognition request;
- consulting with parties that have an interest in an officials' association's recognition request;
- reporting findings and recommendations on an officials' association's recognition request to the Board;
- working with the applicable sports committee to evaluate an officials' association during its probationary period;
- working with the applicable sports committee to make a recommendation to the Board at the end of an officials' association's probationary period;
- making recommendations to the Rules and Regulations Committee for developing and amending, as necessary, regulations on standards of conduct for officials;
- conducting an annual review of each recognized officials' association to ensure that the association is meeting the goals of education-based athletics; and
- serving as a liaison for issues within the Board's scope of authority that arise between member schools and recognized officials' associations and directing any recommendations for resolving such issues to the appropriate entity, *i.e.*, the Board, DIAA's Executive Director, or the appropriate DIAA standing committee.

The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

The Committee's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, shall appoint individuals to serve on the Committee. Committee members shall be geographically representative and may include administrators, athletic directors, coaches, local school board

members, officials, and members of the public. Individuals appointed to serve on the Committee shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Committee's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove individuals from the Committee.

The Committee shall conduct itself in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Department of Education's rules and regulations.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.