

**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 (Regulation 1043-3.2);
- holding a meeting with the officers of an officials' association to discuss the association's petition for recognition (Regulation 1043-3.3);
- consulting with parties that have an interest in an officials' association's recognition request (Regulation 1043-3.4);
- reporting findings and recommendations on an officials' association's petition for recognition to the Board (Regulation 1043-3.5);
- working with the applicable sports committee to evaluate an officials' association during its probationary period (Regulation 1043-3.7);
- working with the applicable sports committee to make a recommendation to the Board at the end of an officials' association's probationary period (Regulation 1043-3.7);
- 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 (Regulation 1043-3.11);
- recommending to the Board the process for all DIAA sports committees to assign officials for championship contests;
- recommending to the Board a statewide rating system to select officials for championship events;
- recommending to the Board the process for stakeholders to follow when requesting changes to the fees for officiating contests and competitions;
- making recommendations to the Board on requests to change the fees for officiating contests and competitions; 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 Committee shall annually elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.

The Committee shall provide a progress report to the Board after each meeting (Regulation 1021-5.1). The Committee shall submit the report in writing to the DIAA Office or designate at least one committee member to deliver the report in writing at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting (Regulation 1021-5.2).

Recommendations to the Board from the Committee shall be submitted in writing to the DIAA Office at least one week prior to the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. The Committee shall designate at least one committee member to attend the Board's meeting and present the recommendation (Regulation 1021-5.3).

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.

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