



AOA BASKETBALL TOP 15 PROCEDURE

1. Purpose

This document shall define the process used to compile the Top 15 Basketball division officials list that shall be submitted to the IHSA. The submission date is specified by the IHSA.

2. Scope

The Athletic Officials Association of America (AOA) Constitution defines that the Division President is responsible for the procedure and compilation of the Top 15 officials list. This procedure shall provide a consistent rationale for the selection of Top 15 officials. The procedure along with the compiled list shall be published on the AOA website. Only dues paying members for the current season shall be eligible for consideration for the Top 15 list. The intention of the list is to recognize the top officials in the Division. These officials shall be selected based on their performance as recognized by coaches and certified officials as well as their service to the AOA Basketball Division.

3. References

- AOA Constitution
- IHSA Handbook

4. Procedure

4.1. Each year the President shall consult the IHSA handbook and determine the deadline for submission of the top 15 list to the IHSA.

4.2. The President shall communicate to the Division members the deadline for submission of applications to the President for inclusion in the Top 15 list. All applications must be received by the President prior to the established deadline without exception.

4.3. Any member that desires consideration as Top 15 AOA official shall submit an application to the Division President prior to the established date. The application shall consist of an email request indicating the intent to be included in the top 15 list. Along with the email, the applicant shall submit a print screen of their IHSA ratings page showing their ID and the percentile rating of Coaches and Officials. The purpose of this page is to utilize the rating percentile compiled by the IHSA consisting of coaches and officials ratings of the applicant as part of the overall Division ranking. All ratings will be held confidential. An example of this screen is shown in Figure 4.3.

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Ratings Summary

This is a summary of ratings you have received in recent years.
Ratings for the current season are updated about once a week during the school term, usually on Thursday morning.
If you have received a rating in an Incorrect sport, please contact IHSAA Officials Department to have the rating removed.

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School Term	Ratings by Coach	Ratings by Official	Rating Percentile	Top 15 Percentile
2005-06	21	6	52	77
2006-07	19	10	53	87
2007-08	26	13	57	91
2008-09	17	8	57	86
2009-10	19	11	99	91

Ratings Explanation

How the Ratings Percentile is Determined: All ratings in a particular sport that are received during the current school term, plus the two previous school terms, are averaged and then divided by the number of ratings. The result is that an official who works often (and is rated often) will generally receive a better ranking than an official who obtains a high average on just a handful of ratings. These numbers are sorted from top to bottom and divided into 100 groups of equal size. The officials in the highest group are assigned to the 99th percentile, the next group to the 98th, and so on down to 0.

Why Your Rating Percentile Suddenly Went Down (Probably): At the start of the new school term, the ratings from three years ago are no longer included when computing your percentile. If you had a lot of good ratings three years ago, or if you simply had a lot of ratings three years ago, your percentile is likely to go down when the new rating is computed.

Figure 4.3

4.4. The President shall respond via email acknowledging receipt of the entire application.

4.5. In addition to the rating percentile, the President shall utilize the following information to compile an overall ranking number:

- Dues Payment for current year
- Current year meeting attendance
- Officiating Level (X, R, C)
- Current year meeting presenter
- Current season officer & board member status
- Previous year playoff experience
- Historical state final experience

4.6. Any applicant that has not paid dues for the current season shall not be included in the Top 15 calculations.

4.7. Meeting Attendance. One point shall be given for each regularly schedule AOA meeting attended during the current basketball season meeting schedule (maximum 6 points).

4.8. Level. Points shall be allocated as follows:

C = 5 points
R = 3 points
X = 1 point

4.9. Meeting Presentations. Two points shall be awarded for each formal presentation made at a regularly scheduled Division meeting.

4.10. Board Members. Officers and board members shall be awarded the following points:

Board Members: 2 points
Officers: 3 points

4.11. Previous Year Playoff Experience. Points shall be awarded for the previous year's post-season experience as follows:

Regional Post-Season Assignment: +1 point
Regional Championship Assignment: +2 points
Sectional Semi-Final Assignment: +3 points
Sectional Championship Assignment: +4 points
Super Sectional Assignment: +5 points
State Final Assignment: -5 points

4.12. State Final Experience For State Final experience other than the previous season, points shall be awarded as follows:

One State Final Appointment: - 3 points
Two or more Final Appointments: - 6 points

4.13. The ratings percentile number received in Section 4.3 shall be multiplied by 0.2 and added to the points awarded in Sections 4.7 through 4.12.

4.14. In the event of identical scores, the individual with the highest coaches rating shall determine the higher ranking. The second level tiebreaker shall be Officer Status. The third level tiebreaker shall be Meeting Attendance. The fourth level tiebreaker shall be years as an official.

4.15. The President shall compile the list and submit the list to the IHSA as well as publish the list to the Division website.