



Eastern Association of
Intercollegiate Football Officials

EAIFO Introduction

<https://www.eaifo.org/>

WNE CHAPTER

So... you're the new guy....

If you are successful, you will be the “new guy” several times

➤ Embrace being new

➤ Best advice ever...

“You have 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 mouth... use them proportionally.”

➤ What better way to learn when you are new than to watch listen and learn

➤ When you do say something, don't talk to be heard but talk to ask a question to find clarity and understanding

So... you're the new guy....

New officials are expected to make mistakes.

- When you are new you are expected not to know everything and that you are going to make mistakes
- Own your mistakes
- Learn from your mistakes
- Don't make them again

Things That You Control

1. Make sure to have a conversation with your HS Supervisors and let them know you are planning to apply
2. College schedule takes priority over your HS schedule
3. Be prepared for meetings, pre-games, and games
4. Handing in paperwork and pay dues on time
5. Be on time for meetings and games. Always try to be 10-15 minutes early.
6. Keep your availability up to date and your block outs to a minimum

Things That You Control

8. Always be honest with your supervisor and yourself
9. Never argue with a grader, observer, or supervisor
10. You will be judged before you even step on the field by the way you look. Stay in shape.
11. Do not tailgate at the school or go to a bar wearing any logos
12. Shave and a hair cut
13. Dress code – Jacket & Slacks
14. Golden Rule: **You have two ears and one mouth - use them proportionally**

Things That You DO NOT Control

1. Promotions. Be happy for others. This is a pyramid structure and it is very difficult to move beyond D3
2. Your scheduled games
3. The crew you are working with
4. An unfair grade or criticism

“What can I do?” –

Call one of us. Do not call the supervisor.

Scrimmages

- ✓ When you are invited to a scrimmage, respond if you can or cannot work.
- ✓ Arrive at least 1 hour prior to start of scrimmage
- ✓ Build in time for traffic and time to locate the locker room
- ✓ Uniform and shoes in good condition
- ✓ Don't name drop (You are there to work a scrimmage not tell people who you know.)
- ✓ Support your crewmates. You are a team...not competitors.
- ✓ Work your game
 - Don't do things to try and standout
 - Don't over hustle
 - Let things happen organically
- ✓ Most importantly RELAX!

A few things to take with you...

- Don't be afraid of doing something new
- Listen and watch to learn and ask questions for clarity and not to be heard.
- When you do you will make mistakes...own them and learn from them.
- It may not be what you think it is so keep an open mind
- Control what you can control
- Remember the golden rule of being a new guy

Questions



Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials (EAIFO)

8 Chapters

- Boston
- Connecticut
- Empire (Western New York)
- Metro (NY City and Northern New Jersey)
- Philadelphia
- Southern
- Western New England (Eastern New York, Western Ma)
- Western Pennsylvania



Who our officials really work for?

Football Conferences			
	West		East
LEB	 		
LC2	 		  
DII			
DIII	 	  	 

Meeting Requirements

10 meetings per year are held. Generally on Tuesday evenings.

- General meetings (6) including required meetings below
 - Berkshire area in Massachusetts (Lee/Lenox)
- Regional meetings (4)
 - Albany
 - Berkshire
 - Mid-Hudson Valley
 - Springfield

Required meetings

- Interpretation Meeting June. You can attend other chapters interpretation meetings if you have a conflict
- D-III Clinics (Late July/Early August) – you can attend other chapters clinics if you have a conflict.
- Business Meeting (Late October)

Attendance at (8) meetings are REQUIRED.

Who our officials really work for?

National Football League - NFL

Atlantic Coast Conference – ACC

American Athletic Conference – AAC

Colonial Athletic Association - CAA

Ivy & Patriot Leagues

North East 10 – NE10

NewMAC, NESCAC, ECFC

Empire 8 & Liberty League

Other Requirements

Chapter Dues

- \$50 per year are due in November for the next season
- Covers
 - EAIFO dues
 - Dinner meeting
 - Chapter dues

Physical

- An annual doctor's physical is required. The forms will be supplied and your doctor must sign.
- To be returned to the AFOA, NFOC, or ECFOA in July

Western New England

5 Chapter

Geographic areas

- Albany
 - Berkshire
 - Mid-Hudson Valley
 - Springfield
 - Burlington
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Executive Board

- President
- 1st Vice-President
- 2nd Vice-President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Directors (2)

Committees

- For example: Interpretation, Clinic, Screening, etc.

If you have questions, start with fellow officials or directors or secretary.