

New Haven Football Officials Association

PLAYOFF SELECTION PROCESS

The following is a brief description on the process used to select officials for State Playoff games. The selection of officials is the sole responsibility of the Commissioner, Director of Officiating and the Better Officiating Committee.

The process is as follows:

1. All officials begin the year with a rating from the previous year.
2. These ratings were based on observations (either in person or by tape) and how they rated among other officials at their position. Any official that is observed had been given an oral critique at the earliest convenience of the observer. In most cases this was done following the game. However, if the observer had more than one game to observe in a given day, the critique normally took place at the next meeting or was sent via e-mail to the officials observed.
3. As the new season begins, observers are instructed to look to see if any appreciable improvement was being made in the area which was addressed. If not the critique focused on those areas. In many cases films were also given to the crew with play by play evaluations. Once again the film critique looks at strengths and areas that need improvement. All evaluations (game and film) are then compiled from all observers. The Commissioner, Director of Officiating and the Observing Staff then meet and the highest rated officials for the current season are selected for the playoffs. Their selection is subject to having met the attendance requirement (7pts by October 20) which was set by the NHFOA Board of Directors at the April 9, 2009 meeting.

Other criteria that are included in the process are:

- Physical appearance, bearing, hustle and condition
- Rules knowledge, understanding, application.
- Mechanics, position, coverage, signals.
- Poise, handling players, coaches & fellow officials.
- Judgment, common sense.
- Courage, performance under pressure.
- Value Added to the Association.

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