

2016-17 RGV CHAPTER VARSITY- CERTIFICATION PLAN

Every RGV Basketball Chapter member is a professional sports official. You represent the Chapter in uniform, conduct, speech, and your actions -- on and off the court. As professionals, we seek to improve by knowing/applying the latest rules, mechanics, and signals; always perform to the best of our ability in every game at every grade level.

The membership will demonstrate learned officiating competencies / skills in order to be assigned **varsity contests** in 2016-17. To qualify or become eligible to be assigned **varsity contests**, the member must demonstrate, perform, and / or attend:

*****ATTEND 4 chapter training meetings from the 6 dates designated “mandatory training” as listed on the chapter meeting calendar.**

*****OFFICIATE 2 or more training tournament games.** Applications will be distributed at chapter meetings and downloaded from the chapter website. ALL divisions will officiate the training tournaments this season. **The dates are October 1 and 2; October 8 and 9.** See the tournament application and meeting calendar or for details. **Do not cancel or no show: you will be charged the chapter cancellation fee.**

*****ATTEND the TASO Mandatory Regional Clinic, October 16, 2016, Knapp Conference Center, Weslaco beginning 1:00 pm, OR the TASO State Meeting, Waxahachie, Texas, OR a TASO basketball regional clinic location as listed on the TASO website, OR complete the TASO online clinic located on the TASO website at a personal cost of \$50.**

*****PASS the TASO online rules and mechanics exams with a 70 or more by the designated deadline – 92 or above to officiate the playoffs and regionals.** TASO policy mandates the scores. The UIL states that officials are accountable for and will know the rules of the game. Coaches may file charges against an official with the UIL for failure to know game rules.

*****OFFICIATE 2 full scrimmages of 3 hours each. MUST OFFICIATE ONE SATURDAY, OR the first 2 WEEKS OF YOUR VARSITY ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE SUSPENDED** The chapter will assign you to a location in the AM or PM as you prefer. Be sure to sign the UIL scrimmage form as proof of attendance. Stay the entire 3 hours. The sign-in forms will be checked. **Do not cancel or no show: you will be charged the chapter cancellation fee.**

Physical Fitness: Evaluated during game(s) officiated and the training tournaments.

Proper Uniform: Evaluated at training tournament and observed throughout the season. Look your best: We are always in the public eye. Requirements are posted on the chapter website.

Proper Mechanics and Signals: NFHS signals and mechanics in effect – not NCAA. You will be evaluated during the training tournaments and throughout the season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All chapter members in good standing (**IGS**) qualify for all sub-varsity and junior high assignment; will be listed on the finalized November chapter roster; will be issued a **ZEBRA-WARE** account. **In Good Standing (IGS)** means have completely paid state fee, local fee(s), with no other fees owed, cleared the TASO background check, registered, and approved by both TASO and the RGV Chapter. **(Only varsity-certified members qualify for varsity game assignments -- see above requirements. Junior high and sub-varsity assignments are assigned by local assigners in Zebra-Ware).** All chapter members have access to the chapter website **RGVCHAPTER.ORG**, **TASO.ORG**, and the Zebra-Ware website when in **GOOD STANDING** with the chapter. Visit these sites for current information, training, and much more.