



Promotional Level Program – 2017-18

Officials are responsible for the following information:

- The Promotional Level Program is in effect for all sports; all Adapted Sports officials and Synchronized Swimming officials will be a Level III.
- State Tournament Officials must be a Level III
- Section semifinal or final officials must be at Level II or Level III
- **ALL** officials must attend a training clinic at least once every three years (except for Adapted Sports, Dance Team, Lacrosse and Synchronized Swimming). Those who have attended a clinic in the past three years have been given credit for that attendance. Those who have not attended a clinic will not be eligible for Section semifinals or finals or for the State Tournament.
- Officials who do not meet the three-year requirement will be dropped one level if they don't complete a clinic prior to the following (fourth) season. Officials will drop an additional level each year until the clinic requirement has been met.
- Officials must apply in order to advance to a higher level. There is not a deadline but must be done early in the season in order to advance and be eligible for section and state tournaments.
- Officials will remain at their current level as long as they complete the training clinic requirement at least once every three years, in addition to the normal eligibility requirements of registration fee, rules meeting and rules test.
- The number of coaches' ratings need for advancement are:
 - **Basketball, Hockey, Volleyball, Wrestling:** 40 ratings for Level II; 80 ratings for Level III.
 - **Baseball, Softball, Gymnastics, Soccer, Swimming & Diving:** 30 ratings needed for Level II; 60 ratings for Level III.
 - **Football and Lacrosse:** 20 ratings for Level II; 40 ratings for Level III.
 - **Dance Team:** 3+ years and 12 judging positions for Level II; 4+ years and 20 judging positions for Level III.

Promotional Level Program:

Level I

- Meet all eligibility requirements (register, pay, online rules meeting, pass test, background check)
- Complete beginners level MSHSL sport specific training and mentorship within the first three years
 - In some sports this requirement may be met through other organizations
- Eligible for regular season varsity contests and first round section events
- Can stay at this level by completing training once every three years

Level II

- Meet all eligibility requirements of Level I
- Attend MSHSL Advanced Clinic or equivalent once every three years
 - Drop back to Level I if this requirement is not met
- Minimum number of ratings from coaches, with an average score of 4.5 or above
- Eligible for regular season and all section contests

Level III

- Meet all eligibility requirements of Level II
- Complete advanced training or equivalent once every three years
 - Drop back to Level II if this requirement is not met
- Minimum number of ratings from coaches with an average score of 5.3 or above
- Eligible for all regular season, section, and state tournament contests

**An observation rating of 5.3 by a MSHSL Trained Observer will count as five ratings and raise your score by 3 tenths of one point. A rating of 6.0 or above will raise your score by 5 tenths of a point. Only one observation may be used for this purpose.