



"Making A Difference In The Game"

Becoming a Certified Basketball Official

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the requirements to become an IAABO Board #6, certified high school basketball official in CT?

There are 4 basic requirements:

- You must pass a written basketball rules test by successfully answering 80% or 40 of the 50-questions correctly. The test is administered by the IAABO Bd. #6 certified Rules Interpreter and/or the IAABO, Inc., on-line moderator.
- You must attend floor training classes **and** officiate a pre-season, basketball scrimmage, successfully demonstrating basic officiating skills. This is called a "floor exam." You will be notified when training classes will be offered and when the "floor exam" will occur.
- You must **NOT** be on the sex offender registry.
- You must pass a background check administered by the CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) and submit the consent form with your application. Go to the link below to download the form.

<http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ConsentForm.pdf>

2. How do I register to become a certified high school basketball official?

There are two ways of becoming certified:

Option 1 – You may enroll and complete the "live" (in-person) rules classes/review sessions and take the 50-question test in person.

Option 2- You may complete the online, self-paced study of the rules modules and complete the test online through IAABO University.

Attendance for the floor exam training classes is **REQUIRED** regardless of which option you select. You must pass the floor exam to obtain certification.

All registrations and payments for new applicants will be completed online. Payment must also be completed online at the time of registration. Payment must be made **PRIOR** to attending the training classes.

3. If I do not pass the written test or the training sessions/floor exam, will I receive a refund?

No. Your application fee is non-refundable.



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4. Is there an opportunity to retake the written exam?

Yes, if you choose the "in-person" classes and incorrectly answer between 8 and 12 questions, you may retake the exam. If you have more than 12 incorrect answers, you will be required to submit a new application and registration fee in the following year or enroll in the online course.

You are allowed up to 3 opportunities to pass the exam if you choose the on-line option.

5. What happens if I do not pass or complete the training sessions/floor exam requirements? Will I receive a refund?

If you are unable to meet the training session attendance requirements and/or pass the floor exam, you will be allowed to retake the floor exam the following year under the following conditions:

- you will not receive any Bd. #6 assigned games
- you must pay membership dues for the following year
- you do not have to retake the written exam nor pay a new application fee

6. What level of basketball games will I start officiating?

You will be assigned games by the IAABO Bd. #6 Assignment Commissioner and will generally begin with middle school and high school freshman game assignments. These games are generally scheduled in the afternoon and have start times at 3:00, 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

7. How many games will I be assigned?

It will depend on your availability to officiate games in the afternoon.

8. When will I be eligible to referee varsity high school games?

Assuming you pass the written and floor exams, you will be classified as a "*provisional member*", for your first year of game assignments. At the end of your first season of game assignments, you will then be designated as an "*active member*" at the Bd. #6 Annual Meeting, which is held in March. If you do not pass, you will remain a "*provisional member*" for one additional year. As a "*provisional member*", you are not allowed to vote on Bd. #6 normal organizational issues. Once you become an "*active member*", you will then be eligible to receive sub-varsity and/or varsity games.



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9. Who assigns the games for me to officiate?

An Assignment Commissioner, who is appointed by the Bd. #6 Executive Committee, assigns board games for all members.

10. Does the Bd. #6 Assignment Commissioner assign CYO, AAU, youth or recreation league games?

No. However, there are Bd. #6 members who assign these games.

11. If I have questions about this membership process, who can I ask or direct them to?

Direct all questions to either:

New Applicant Committee Chair Jimmy Wildman at james.wildman@gmail.com. or

Secretary/Treasurer Peter Palermino at ppalermino38@comcast.net.

12. Do I have to attend Bd. #6 meetings during the officiating season?

You are required to attend the Board #6 meetings which are posted to the Bd. #6 website www.iaabo6.org. You are required to sign-in and sign-out with the New Applicant Committee Chair, Jimmy Wildman.

13. Are there fees I should be aware of?

- a) At the end of the season in March, you are required to pay a **7% assignment fee**, which is payable to Bd. #6 (this fee constitutes 7% of your total earnings from games assigned by the Bd. #6 Assignment Commissioner). This fee helps to pay the Assignment Commissioner.
- b) If you intend to officiate the following year after successfully completing your provisional membership requirements, you will also be required to pay the annual Bd. #6 **membership dues**. Fees will be reviewed and discussed by the New Applicant Chair once you successfully passed the written and floor exams.

14. Is there a uniform requirement for officiating?

Yes, you will be required to purchase all-black officiating shoes, black pants, a black/white striped IAABO referee shirt and a black Board #6 jacket. More details will be provided when you begin the floor exam classes.



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15. Is insurance coverage available?

Yes, your application fee provides liability insurance once you successfully pass the written and floor exams. In addition, an IAABO sponsored voluntary insurance option is offered for a nominal fee. Details on the benefits and limits of insurance coverage will be provided once you passed the rules exam.

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