

HOW TO BECOME A CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK OFFICIAL

Are you interested in being a high school and or middle school cross-country & track official?

REQUIREMENTS: 18 years old and have finished high school and have an interest in officiating track and field athletics. Prior experience in track - as an athlete or coach - is useful, but not necessary.

MEETS: Most meets (boys and girls) for Cross-Country are in September & October; for Indoor Track in December, January, and February; and for Outdoor Track in April and May. Most meets are held at or near local high schools in the afternoon after school, Monday through Friday; and some are held on Saturday's. The MIAA recommended fee is \$68/meet for the 2009-10 school year. Many schools pay a fee and 1/2 (\$102) for double dual coed meets and tri-meets.

PROCESS:

1 - Contact person listed below from the area where you live or where you would officiate and receive an application:

A - Eastern MA - Sal Salamone (781-321-0665 - salsal1959@verizon.net)

B - Central MA - Charlie Butterfield (508-886-6015 - cbutter51@hotmail.com)

C - Western MA - Mike Budd (413-747-1838 - darthbuddster@aol.com) - must apply between 1/1 - 3/31

2 - Fill out application (usually \$10 fee) and receive National Federation Track & Field and Cross Country Rule Book.

3 - Submit application and take an open book exam that must be passed.

4 - Pay annual dues (as set by local association - presently \$60) and attend at least 1 regular meeting and meet other requirements of your local association.

HOW TO BE ASSIGNED: Schools belong to Leagues who in many cases have their own assignor/commissioner. Your local association will have access to names and numbers (e-mail addresses) for you to contact.

If you have any additional questions please call me - Thanks, My Best, Dick B (MIAA Cross Country & Track Liaison)

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