

XXVI. ASSIGNMENT

A. General Policy

1. Participating schools will request and hire officials for all regular season interscholastic athletic contests. MOA pools will assign, through the participating schools, all officials for regular season interscholastic athletic contests. Schools are to go through the MOA area officials' pool(s) when hiring officials, unless the official is a non-pool affiliated official and not a member of a pool. This process will be followed for all regular season baseball, basketball, wrestling, softball, and volleyball tournaments.

2. Each pool assignor is responsible is to work with MHSA schools to place appropriate officials in each of their regular season contests. There are two approved methods of paying assignors:
 - a. Pools determine a method of compensation within their own pool. The pool determines the amount (if any) the assignor is paid. Pool dues are used as the source of funding in this method. The assignor is an independent contractor.
 - b. In the 2023-24 school year, soccer will have its own method of paying the assignor. An assignor, who is an independent contractor, will bill the schools \$5, per official, per game. The assignor will provide one invoice, per school at the end of the season. Soccer officials will not receive a \$5 per game fee increase for the 2023-24 season. This \$5 increase, per official, per game will be given to all other MOA sports. This is a one-time fee hiatus and soccer will be given future fee increases consistent with other sports.
If other sports in the MOA consider schools paying the assignor, there must be agreement from all pools in that sport, across the state, and a similar process would be implemented.