

# **CIF Officials Registration and Eligibility**

## **Purpose**

This following establishes the procedures and requirements for the registration, certification, and eligibility verification of all officials assigned to CIF contests. The purpose of this regulation is to ensure a consistent, statewide process that promotes student safety, maintains officiating standards, and supports the integrity of interscholastic athletics.

## **Registration Requirement**

Beginning June 1, 2026, all CIF officials shall register through the Arbiter platform. The CIF-Arbiter platform shall function as the official statewide system for verifying an official's eligibility to officiate CIF contests.

## **Components of Eligibility Verification**

The CIF-Arbiter platform shall integrate and verify the following components for each official:

### **Background Check**

A statewide, standardized background screening by PeopleTrail shall be completed to confirm an official's suitability to work CIF contests. Officials must meet all background clearance requirements prior to assignment.

### **Rules Education, Training & Certification**

All NFHS rules tests, online training modules, sport-specific annual certifications, and continuing education requirements shall be administered, tracked, and recorded through the CIF-Arbiter platform.

### **Liability Insurance Confirmation**

The platform shall confirm that every official maintains liability insurance coverage. The NFHS insurance program covers each registered official.

### **Eligibility & Compliance Verification**

The platform shall verify that all required documentation, certifications, clearances, and steps mandated by CIF policy or CA state law are complete before an official may receive an assignment.

## **Assignment Restrictions**

Only officials who have completed all components (registration, screening, testing) and are listed as "eligible" in the CIF-Arbiter platform may be assigned to CIF contests by assignors or officiating associations.