



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BECOMING A PIAA BASKETBALL REFEREE?

When is the season? While there are games all year long, the PIAA season is November-February.

What would I officiate? The Lancaster Lebanon Basketball Officials Association (LLBBO) officiates all PIAA games in Lancaster & Lebanon counties. We also cover youth leagues, adult leagues & CYO Basketball. Typically new officials' PIAA schedule will begin with a majority of Junior High games mixed with some JV games.

What do I need to do to become an official? First is to register to take the PIAA Exam, the box on the right offers two options on taking the exam. Upon passing the test you will be asked to join a chapter. The Lancaster-Lebanon Chapter offers training opportunities throughout the summer & fall to help prepare you for the season.

What time are the games? Typically PIAA games follow the following schedule:

4:00pm 9th Jr. High Varsity 5:00pm Jr. High JV, 6:00pm JV and 7:30pm Varsity

Other leagues usually begin after 6pm during the week & all day Saturday & Sunday

How much do I work? The short answer it depends on your availability. We have an online system that allows us to list our availability. If you're available you will work PIAA games!

How much does an official make? PIAA Games are \$63 for Jr High Varsity, \$54 for Jr High JV & \$68 for a JV game. Youth & Adult leagues are typically between \$25-\$35 per game.

What costs are associated? There are some initial start up costs including purchasing a uniform, completing background checks (if you don't have them) and chapter dues.

Do I have to have played basketball to be an official? While it helps it is not a necessity. As a chapter we offer a larger amount of training opportunities along with pairing you up with a mentor to guide you through your first two years.

Do you still have questions? Not a problem...visit our website at llbbo.org or email **Jay Gallagher at jaygall42@gmail.com** with your questions.

Why become a basketball referee?

There are many benefits to becoming an official for interscholastic athletics. You are making a difference in the lives of students everywhere, encouraging exercise through competition, and establishing life long fundamentals of fairness. The job is not for the faint of heart. It challenges you athletically, requires cool and decisive thinking, and means "sticking to your guns", but the rewards are great.



I am interested, now what?

The Lancaster-Lebanon Basketball Officials Association (LLBBO) will be offering the PIAA START Program for prospective officials to acquire the knowledge and skills to take the PIAA Officials Exam. START is a 2-week class where prospective officials will learn the rules and officiating philosophy from a PIAA Official. Once the class ends, attendees will take the PIAA Officials Exam at their leisure online. The cost will be FREE for any High School Senior or College student and \$30 for anyone else interested in attending.

The sessions will take place on Tuesdays, April 13th and 20th from 6:00pm-9:00pm via Zoom.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES](#)

OR

Visit the PIAA's website and register to take the PIAA exam at your convenience. The website with registration information is:

<https://www.piaa.org/officials/become/default.aspx>



Website—www.llbbo.org

Questions?—E-Mail Jay Gallagher at jaygall42@gmail.com