

**New Haven Football Officials Association**  
**2016 WAIVER AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

*It is the purpose of this document for me to completely release the New Haven Football Officials Association (NHFOA) from liability for all damages in negligence or otherwise that I, the below signed official, may cause or may suffer, including personal injury, property damage and death.*

*This waiver is giving up my right to bring legal action against the NHFOA.*

**I agree and consent to participate as a football official in conjunction with the NHFOA and sign this document in consideration of gaining membership with the NHFOA. I understand fully there are certain risks of injury inherent in the duties of football officiating, as well as in traveling, training and other related activities. These risks include bodily injury, disability, death and other injuries or damages. I have full knowledge of the risks of officiating and I assume these risks and hold the NHFOA harmless for these risks or damages and injuries from them.**

**I hereby certify that I am a healthy person and have no physical or mental disabilities, limitations, disease or other condition that would affect or restrict my ability to properly participate in the activities required to be a football official. I have been given the opportunity prior to signing this document to ask any questions about my required physical and mental duties as a football official. Further, I have been given the opportunity prior to signing this document, if desired, to meet with my personal physician or other medical professionals to discuss or evaluate any of my health concerns or questions, including those specific to my ability to perform as a football official. I hereby certify that I am in proper physical and mental condition to act and participate as a football official and am completely capable of performing the duties required. As a physically and mentally capable football official, I also waive, release and hold harmless the NHFOA for any injury I may cause or suffer during the course of my officiating duties because of any medical condition I may have and give up any legal cause of action against the NHFOA based on these injuries or damages.**

**I hereby waive, release and hold harmless the NHFOA, its executive board, officers, commissioners, directors, evaluators, and any other members or representatives of the NHFOA for any injury I may suffer in the normal course of participation and duties as a football official and the activities incidental to officiating. This is true whether these injuries are physical, mental or pecuniary (money) in nature, or are the result of the negligence of me, the NHFOA, football players, coaches, attendees or any other cause. I also acknowledge that there may be risks and dangers not known or not reasonably foreseeable in football officiating. **I relinquish and/or release any and all liability and legal causes of action against the NHFOA for personal injury, property damage, pecuniary damage or wrongful death occurring to me arising out of my participation as a football official or activities incidental thereto, whenever or however they occur, foreseeable or not.****

I hereby acknowledge and understand that within the scope of this waiver and consent agreement is the release of liability or any cause of action, including under negligence, against the NHFOA, arising from the condition of the fields of the football games I officiate and their

related premises. I understand the NHFOA is under no duty to inspect, maintain, control or supervise the locations of the games I officiate, and cannot be held responsible or liable for failing to do so, through their negligence or otherwise.

I acknowledge that I have been provided and have read the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any other representations about this document: oral, written or otherwise. I am fully advised of the potential dangers of football officiating and understand waivers and releases are necessary to allow football officiating, the sport of football and the NHFOA to exist in its present form. Signing below acknowledges and certifies that I am properly prepared to be a football official, possessing specialized knowledge about the game of football and its rules, which is greater than the average person's football knowledge. I realize I have an ongoing duty to be informed of the rules of the game, especially those rules and regulations involving the safety of the players, others and myself.

**This waiver and consent agreement permanently waives my right to bring any claim or cause of action against the NHFOA. Such waiver commences on the date I sign the agreement and is binding upon any of my agents , successors , heirs or assignees.**

**I acknowledge that I am not employed by or under the control of the NHFOA.** In no way was I forced to sign this document, nor was either party in a position of superior bargaining power. This was not a contract of adhesion, as I was given time to review this document in full, ask questions about the document and, if desired, seek advice from an attorney prior to signing. I acknowledge I was able to comment on and request changes to this document prior to signing and changes to this document were made during the drafting and negotiation process based on comments from the general membership of the NHFOA. Finally, I acknowledge and recognize I am able to officiate football games without the benefits, services and camaraderie that the NHFOA provides to its members. The signing of this document is one step in gaining membership to the NHFOA. I understand I have other opportunities to officiate football without the NHFOA and the signing of this document is not required to be a football official. The signing of this waiver is only required to gain membership with the NHFOA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participating Football Official (I, Me, Myself above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> year on Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participating Football Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative, NHFOA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Waiver Received

# Connecticut *Football* Officials Association



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## Waiver of Game Involved Injury

I, as an active member of the Connecticut Football Officials Association, recognize that should I be injured while working as an official in an assigned game, I will not hold the CFOA responsible for any injury received during contests, practices, scrimmages as well as related officials activities, such as meetings and banquets.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

JC/eg

## 2016 NHFOA Attendance Policy and Member in Good Standing Requirements

*A "Member In Good Standing" must meet the following requirements to be eligible for Varsity, Thanksgiving, State Playoff assignments:*

*To be considered a "Member in Good Standing", a NHFOA Official must agree to and comply with the following:*

- All Dues, Fees and Penalties must be paid in full by July 1 of the active season or have made arrangements with the NHFOA Treasurer.
- A Member must have earned at least 8 attendance points in the previous season.
- All yearly Waivers must be signed and on record with the NHFOA Secretary.
- A member must agree to be *available for at least 2 Sunday* assignments during the season.
- A member must complete and turn in the Pre-season Test to the NHFOA Director of Education.

Failure to comply with all of these requirements can and will influence the Better Officiating Committee and the Commissioner assignment of all games to you.

- **There are 15 points available for the season.**
  1. **10 scheduled General membership meetings**
  2. **2 General Membership Summer Clinics**
  3. **5 summer clinics (1-3 year officials training clinics) = ½ point for each – Max. of 1 pt. for ALL officials**
  4. **1 - CFOA Summer Clinic (August 17<sup>th</sup> TBD)**
  5. **1 - Preseason test study group**

If an official knows he will be absent from a General membership meeting, he can earn 1 attendance point by taking the on-line quiz of that meeting's topic. The quizzes are posted weekly, in the **Official's Learning Section on the NHFOA website.**

The online quizzes are linked to the Attendance Coordinator's email, once you fill out the quiz and hit submit, it will be delivered to the Attendance Coordinator. If you chose to download the quiz, you will have 2 weeks from the date of the meeting to take the quiz hand in your answers. All answers must be sent/given to the

**Attendance Coordinator**

Officials can take a **maximum of 3 quizzes for the season.** The quizzes are only up on the website for one week.

Officials with 3 or more years on the Board can earn ½ point by attending any of the optional July summer clinics. An official can attend as many clinics as they like, however they can only earn a total of 1 point.

Officials can also earn 1 attendance point by attending the CFOA Summer Clinic.

Officials can earn 1 attendance point by attending a pre-season test study group, up to a maximum of 1. The official hosting the study group must submit an attendance sheet.

***Playoff Game Assignments***

To be eligible for consideration by the Better Officiating Committee for a Playoff assignment, an official will need to have earned a minimum of **7 attendance points on or before the night of October 12th** and be considered **“a member in good standing”**

There are **12 possible attendance points available up to and including the October 12<sup>th</sup> date for credit.**

***Thanksgiving Assignments***

To be eligible for assignment of a Thanksgiving Day game, an official will have to have earned at least **8 attendance points prior to or on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and be considered **“a member in good standing”**

***Other Considerations***

1. If an official has a conflict that will cause him to miss all or the majority of scheduled meetings, and would like to remain in consideration for Thanksgiving and Playoff assignments, he must submit a request to be excused from all the General Membership to the President. The request must be received by the President before the first scheduled General Membership meeting/clinic (**August 28**) in order to be considered.  
The President will review the request with the Executive Board. The Executive Board will notify both the official and the Commissioner of the decision. Once approved, the official will be required to complete the weekly online quizzes to meet point requirements. Only those officials who have been approved in this manner can exceed the aforementioned 3-quiz maximum.
2. Any official who is assigned to a game on the evening of a scheduled meeting and does not attend the meeting is will earn 1 attendance point to for that evening’s meeting once his assignment and participation are verified. The Attendance Coordinator will receive the Arbiter printout of all assigned members for that date from the Commissioner.
3. To receive full credit in their yearly evaluation and official **MUST** have earned at least **8 points** on or before the night of the November 16th.

**New Candidate Requirement:**

**All new candidates (those who are in the New Candidate training program) are required to attend a minimum of 5 of the 7 summer clinics to remain eligible to be assigned to youth and sub varsity assignments.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *N/ame*

\_\_\_\_\_ *date*