

FWBOA New Member FAQ

Thanks for your interest in joining the Fort Worth Basketball Officials Association (FWBOA), a chapter of the Texas High School Basketball Officials Association (THSBOA). Our association provides basketball officials for school sanctioned games in Tarrant County and the surrounding western and southern areas. Please read for more information on what you need to become a new official.

1. How do I join?
 - a. Follow the directions shown on our [website](#). You'll need to pay state dues to THSBOA and local dues to our group, FWBOA.
2. What equipment do I need?
 - a. Fox 40 whistle and black lanyard
 - b. THSBOA shirt (black & white stripes, THSBOA logo & US flag on sleeves, no side panel)
 - c. Black, beltless pants (not sweats)
 - d. Black athletic shoes & black socks
 - e. Optional – black jacket with or without THSBOA patch on chest
3. Where can I get my equipment? (Some supply stores offer a starter pack for a discount)
 - a. Local option - <https://officialsports.net/> - 7340 Baker Blvd, Richland Hills, TX 76118
 - b. Online – [Officials Gear Outlet](#), [Purchase Officials](#)
4. How do I get assigned games?
 - a. Once you're registered, you'll have a login to the ArbiterSports website. This website is how you show when you're available & where you'll receive game assignments. A demonstration will be given at new officials training, or you can [review Arbiter training](#).
 - b. Most games are in the evenings (5:00 pm or later) or weekends. The busiest days are usually Tuesdays and Fridays. However, there are some tournaments during the season where games are played during the day. It's very important to keep your availability up to date for our assignors.
5. What about the pay?
 - a. When you arrive at a game site, you'll need to fill out any paperwork provided by the school. If it's your first time working for the school district, you need to provide a [Form W-9](#). Most schools will have one for you to fill out, but it's a good idea to bring one with you in case they don't.
 - b. Some schools use ArbiterPay, which allows for less paperwork onsite & electronic pay. Follow these [instructions](#) to sign up.
 - c. Payment will be sent within 45 days of the game.
 - d. Rates are established by UIL – [view current rates](#)
 - e. As an independent contractor, you are responsible for tracking the income you receive & reporting it as self-employment income on your tax return. Contact a tax professional

for more information.

6. Do you provide training?
 - a. YES! Included in your FWBOA membership is access to our new officials training class, which is designed to give you all the information you need to get started officiating. While there's no certification requirement in Texas, we generally want you to attend as many classes as possible so you can be in the best position to succeed. We reserve the right to deny membership to those without any training or experience that does not attend our training classes.
 - b. If you have prior experience, we also hold a weekend camp (additional fee required) to refine your skills and teach 3-person (Varsity level) mechanics.
 - c. NFHS books will be provided to all FWBOA members.

7. Are there meetings for me to attend?
 - a. Yes, FWBOA holds chapter meetings before and during each season to discuss current news, issues, and game situations. Meeting dates & location are posted on our [website](#).

8. What if I have more questions?
 - a. Contact your board representative Mike Davis (michael.davis@arlingtontx.gov) or a member of the new officials training staff – Jonathan Pastusek (jp22indians@aol.com) or Dustin Ray (ray.dustin.m@gmail.com).