

School's Responsibilities to Officials

Member schools are charged with the following responsibilities relative to FHSAA officials when serving as host for an athletic contest to which the officials are assigned.

- (1) An authorized representative of the host school shall greet the officials upon their arrival.
- (2) The host school should provide a private, secure place for the officials to park.
- (3) The host school should provide a secure dressing facility which affords privacy [See s.1001.07 regarding dressing facilities for state series contests].
- (4) The host school should provide the officials access to private shower facilities.
- (4) The host school should provide the officials with refreshments (i.e., water and/or sports drinks) during the halftime intermission and other appropriate times.
- (5) The host school must provide pregame, halftime and postgame security for the officials. A school official or principal's designee must escort the officials to and from the playing field or court to prevent harassment.
- (6) The host school principal or game administrator must indicate to the referee or umpire-in-chief his/her seat location should a situation develop where assistance is needed during the contest.
- (7) School personnel, including coaches, shall not enter the officials' dressing facility while the officials are in attendance except when requested by the officials.
- (8) The host school for state series contests beyond the district level shall provide contest officials with a secure and adequate dressing room (one each for mixed gender crews) with properly operating bathroom facilities, including showers with warm water, at the site of the contest. If the site does not have such facilities, the host school shall obtain and provide at its expense an appropriate hotel/motel room(s) reasonably close to the site. The host school is required to complete dressing room arrangements and have the information available to the head referee at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. It is the responsibility of the head referee or umpire-in-chief to contact the school administration at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest to verify the arrangements for the contest. The referee or umpire-in-chief shall report to the FHSAA Office the failure of any host school to provide dressing facilities as required.