

GREATER MIAMI ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

TBA - Miami, Florida

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July 2015

Dear Returning GMAC Official:

Welcome back to the GMAC Officials Association. Thank you for making 2014-15 a successful year. Last year was a very good year in officiating. The GMAC staff would like to thank all of the commissioners and officials for their hard work, flexibility and willingness to cover all events.

The GMAC continues to be the FHSAA's association with the most athletic events covered by one official's association. We are strong in numbers but also have more athletic events to officiate. With the Arbiter technologies available the assignment of officials has become a much easier and streamlined process. Arbiter Sports give officials access to:

- **ArbiterMobile** – allows officials to view games, accept assignments, find contact information, see game day weather forecasts and more right from your mobile phone.
- **Unlimited email addresses** – officials are now able to list home, work and other email addresses in their Arbiter account. Notifications will be sent to all email addresses.
- **Text Alerts** – **all notifications that are sent via email will also be received by text message.** Officials have taught the GMAC that you respond to text messages instead of email when a game is changed. This will be the best and most convenient feature.
- **Manage your notifications** – this will allow you, the official, to determine which alerts are sent to which email addresses and text to which cell phone numbers.

Re-finger printing of all GMAC officials who were originally finger printed in August 2010 to July 2011, will be on going this year. Your 5 year validity period has expired. Vendor Badges have the exact expiration date of your finger prints on. These officials should be notified by the M-DCPS Human Resources. Officials that need to be reprinted must do so prior to the start of your season. Contact the GMAC if you have questions. The State Statue has changed and now the Department of Education has developed a state wide vendor badge. Florida Public School Contractor Badges are mandated for the 2015-2016 year. If you do not have a badge please contact the GMAC office for processing information.

This year the GMAC will be sponsoring FHSAA Field Clinics in the sports of Basketball, Baseball and Volleyball. Please refer to the FHSAA website <http://www.fhsaa.org/officials/field-clinics> to register and find out where clinics will be offered. In order for officials to qualify for post season play-off games, you must have attended an FHSAA Field Clinic in your sport once every 4 years (3 years in Wrestling), along with the other FHSAA requirements. Congratulations to those who were chosen for the 2014-2015 FHSAA State Tournaments: Boys Volleyball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Track and Field, and Water Polo.

One last bit of housekeeping before I close. All GMAC officials need to send new W-9 annually to the GMAC. The W-9's need to be sent in with your registration in order for your GMAC registration to be processed. There is a reason you do not receive your receipts, playoff checks and 1099's. A W-9 is how all vendors' records are updated in the M-DCPS system.

As a quick reference for officials you will need to do the following to become an active official:

- Register with the FHSAA (Information on pages 2-4)
- Check finger print expirations status, reprint if needed.
- Obtain a Florida Public Schools Contractor Badge.
- Register with the GMAC Officials Association, Use forms provided (pages 5-6). Mail Registration and W-9 to the GMAC.
- As an official it is **required** that you have an established/working email address and cell phone number.
- Attend GMAC Officials meeting for your sport(s)

For additional information about your sport and schedule of meetings please contact the following:

- Football – Joe Underwood – underwoodj@dadeschools.net
- Volleyball – Lani Oestreicher – LLO717@aol.com or Linda Bexley – Lbexley@aol.com
- Basketball – Keith Agress – Keith_Agress@seaboardmarine.com
- Soccer Jeff Kurzner – jkurzner@mindshaft.com
- Wrestling – Wilbert Johnson – johnsow@bellsouth.net
- Softball – James Colzie – jamescolzie@yahoo.com or Abe Dawson - strikethreeabe@yahoo.com
- Baseball – Tom Miles – tmilesmia@aol.com or Alain Urbano – aurbano2007@yahoo.com
- Track – James Williams – mrappletreeman@aol.com or Debra Davis – Davis6351@bellsouth.net
- Water Polo – Tim Tornillo – ttornillo@dadeschools.net
- Flag Football – Joe Underwood – underwoodj@dadeschools.net

Should you have any questions or concerns you may contact the GMAC office at emails listed above or 305 995-2986 or 305 995-1250 and speak with me, Micheline Raymonvil or Anna Echevarria. Thank you for you time and dedication to high school sports officiating.

Sincerely,



Cheryl A. Golden, Instructional Supervisor
Greater Miami Athletic Conference



GREATER MIAMI ATHLETIC CONFERENCE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

General Information 2015-2016

Returning GMAC Officials

FHSAA Officials Registration

- All registration should be done online at: <https://officials.fhsaa.org/> for **Returning Officials** and <https://officials.fhsaa.org/Register.aspx> for **New Officials**, by the deadline(s) listed below.
- Registration fee(s) for the FHSAA is \$27.00 for each sport, plus a onetime processing fee of \$19.00 that is charged for the first sport. Additional sports are \$27.00, at the time of your initial registration. Online fees must be paid with VISA or MasterCard.
- Registration sent into the FHSAA via mail will require an administrative fee of \$20.00.
- Registration fee for GMAC is \$40.00 per sport. Please use attached form and W-9.
- **Finger Print Status. Please check your finger print expiration status prior to registering with the GMAC. If your finger prints have expired you will not be allowed to register. Date is on Contractor/Vendor Badge.**
- Individual association fees: individual sport associations may charge fees. These fees are to be paid directly to that association.
- GMAC registration must be paid separately from the individual sport association fee.
- Registrations and completed new W-9's may be mailed to the GMAC at the address listed on the registration form.
- FHSAA materials and rule books will only be distributed to those officials who have registered with the FHSAA, GMAC and their individual sport association.
- **GMAC late fee. A \$10.00 late fee will be charged to all members whose registration is received by the GMAC after the due dates listed below.**

SEASON	SPORTS OFFICIATED	DEADLINE TO REGISTER
FALL	Football Swimming and Diving Girls and Boys Volleyball	FHSAA Registration Deadline Wednesday, August 5, 2015 GMAC Registration Deadline Friday, August 14, 2015
WINTER	Basketball Soccer Wrestling	FHSAA Registration Deadline Wednesday, September 30, 2015 GMAC Registration Deadline Friday, October 9, 2015
SPRING	Baseball Softball Track and Field Water Polo Flag Football	FHSAA Registration Deadline Sunday, January 3, 2016 GMAC Registration Deadline Friday, January 15, 2016



FHSAA Rules Examinations

- Taking the exam for each sport is **mandatory** except if you apply and qualify for the FHSAA Test Exemption.
- FHSAA Test Exemptions: **In accordance with FHSAA Officials Guidebook Policy 103.01** (1) Each FHSAA official, with the exception of Football Clock Operators and student officials, must take the FHSAA online rules examination in the sport(s) in which he or she is registered each year. An official who attains Rank 1 status for five consecutive years in a sport, with the exception of swimming & diving (beginning in 2003-04) shall be exempted from the mandatory rules examination in that sport beginning with the sixth year and every other year thereafter as long as he/she maintains the Rank 1 status. Each official shall contact the FHSAA using the appropriate form. Therefore, testing would be required every other year thereafter to maintain the Rank 1 status. The form is located at: <http://officials.fhsaa.org/>.
- Officials who fail to post a minimum grade of 75 may take the online make-up exam [see s.103.02(1)].
- At the end of the examination cycle in each sport, **officials who fail to take the mandatory FHSAA rules examination in the sport(s) for which they are registered shall be suspended, effective immediately, from officiating at any FHSAA sanctioned contest, in any sport, at any level.** This suspension shall be lifted upon payment of a rules examination non-participation fine in the amount of \$50 and the clearance of any other financial obligations to the FHSAA that may be outstanding [see s.205.02(5)].
- The local officials association which each official designates as his/her primary local association (GMAC) will be notified of the official's grade via muster reports generated through the FHSAA interactive database after all rules examinations have been graded. Secondary local associations must consult with primary local associations as to the status of secondary members. Grades will be available through the online testing center but will not be given to individual officials over the telephone or via e-mail.
- (5) An official who is found guilty of cheating on rules examinations will receive a grade of zero on the examination, placed on probation for one year and receive a fine of \$100.
- **103.02 Making Up the Rules Examination.**
- (1) Officials who fail to take the online rules examination on its first administration or who fail to score "75" or better on the initial attempt of the exam will be given one opportunity to retake or make up the examination online (see p. 4). Officials who score a "75" or better on the initial exam will not be permitted to retake the exam. Officials retaking the exam because of a score lower than "75" on the initial exam will not receive a score higher than "75" on the retake regardless of the number of correct answers recorded.
- (2) Individual officials must be registered in the sport prior to taking an online make-up exam.
- (3) Online make-up exams do not require pre-registration.



FHSAA Officials Testing Dates 2015-2016

Sport	Online Exam Dates 75 Minutes 50 Questions	Online Make-up Exam Dates 75 Minutes 50 Questions
Volleyball	August 3-13, 2015	September 2-8, 2015
Swimming	August 3-13, 2015	September 2-8, 2015
Football	August 14-24, 2015	September 4-10, 2015
Soccer	October 13-23, 2015	November 6-12, 2015
Basketball	October 24 – November 2, 2015	November 11-17, 2015
Wrestling	October 13-23, 2015	November 6-12, 2015
Softball	January 11-20, 2016	February 12-18, 2016
Baseball	January 21-30, 2016	February 12-18, 2016
Track & Field	February 1-11, 2016	February 19-25, 2016
Water Polo	February 1-11, 2016	February 19-25, 2016
Flag Football	February 1-11, 2016	February 19-25, 2016

- New officials should contact the GMAC office at 305 995-2986, Micheline Raymonvil, mraymonvil@dadeschools.net or 305 995-1250, Anna Echevarria, aechevarria@dadeschools.net prior to registering with the FHSAA and inquire about becoming an official.
- The FHSAA <https://officials.fhsaa.org/> is a great site for up to date information. The GMAC Officials Registration form and W-9 will be available at the GMAC website. **All registration will be given to the presidents of your GMAC Officials Association, at your meetings until the GMAC offices are moved and have a new mailing address.**
- **Mailing Address for GMAC**
GMAC Officials Registrar
TBA
Miami, FL 33132
- **Finger Print Office:**
1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Room 110
Miami, Florida 33132
(305) 995-7472
- **Documents needed in order to be fingerprint:**
Service Provider Form (can be attained by the GMAC Office ONLY)
Social Security Card
Current government issued picture identification (Driver's License)
Money Order for \$83.50 made payable to: School Board Miami-Dade Fingerprinting
- **Vendor Contractor Badge Office**
155 N.E. 15th Street, Room 214
Miami, Florida 33132
305 995-1855
- **Document needed in order to attain a badge:**
Vendor Information Form (can be attained by the GMAC Office ONLY)
An additional \$10 payment should be included with your GMAC registration, if vendor badge is needed or expired.



GREATER MIAMI ATHLETIC CONFERENCE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION 2015- 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following information. Print legibly or use computer to fill out.

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Middle Name/Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address (must have a working email): _____

Cell Telephone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Other: _____

Best hours and way to be contacted: _____

Employment Information:

Are you an M-DCPS employee? _____ No _____ Yes If yes M-DCPS Employee Number: _____

General Information: (please check one)

Are you a: _____ New Official _____ Returning Official Current GMAC Official ID Number: _____

Give the names of other officials associations of which you are currently a member (Pro, College, High School, etc.)

Individuals registering as GMAC officials do so as independent contractors, and not as employees of either M-DCPS or the FHSA.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Registration Fee: Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per sport.

All GMACOA Memberships expire on **June 30th** of each year. Registration fees must accompany registration form and current W-9 in order to validate membership. **Please make check payable to the GMACOA.**

Please enclose all fees for individual or multiple sports registration (i.e. 1 sport \$40.00; 2 sports \$80.00; 3 sports \$120.00). Late fee of \$10.00 per sport for all registrations received after the GMAC due date.

Fall Sports Due: August 14, 2015	Winter Sports Due: October 9, 2015	Spring Sports Due: January 15, 2016
____ Football	____ Basketball	____ Baseball ____ Flag Football
____ Volleyball	____ Soccer	____ Softball ____ Track&Field
____ X \$40.00 = _____	____ Wrestling	____ Water Polo
____ \$10.00 Late Fee (after 8/15/15)	____ X \$40.00 = _____	____ X \$40.00 = _____
____ \$10.00 Vendor Badge Fee	____ \$10.00 Late Fee (after 10/10/15)	____ \$10.00 Late Fee (after 01/16/2016)
	____ \$10.00 Vendor Badge Fee	____ \$10.00 Vendor Badge Fee
\$ _____ Total	\$ _____ Total	\$ _____ Total

Mailing Address:
GMAC Officials Registrar
TBA
Miami, Florida

School Mail:
GMAC
Mail Code: #9723

Walk In Address:
Give to GMAC Association President
at meetings.