

**REQUIREMENTS:**

All members must make application through a local chapter or Regional Board.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Must submit three letters of recommendation: two from NISOA members in good standing with at least five years experience of officiating and one from a College coach, NISOA Assessor or NISOA Clinician.
- Must pass the NISOA Qualifying Exam by 75% and the NISOA Entry Level Physical Performance Test.
- Must have at least three years of game experience at the High School level or higher.
- Must have officiated as a referee in at least 25 games at the high school, amateur or professional level.
- Must have officiated the required games under the approved officiating systems Of NISOA.
- Must pass two field performance assessments using the approved NISOA officiating systems (one as referee, and one as assistant referee). All assessments must be done by certified NISOA Assessors (local, regional, national). Each assessment must be at the high school level or higher. The NISOA Referee Training Camp is acceptable for all testing listed above for the new applicant.
- Must pass the NISOA Physical Fitness Standards as administered by an authorized NISOA Examiner.
- Must pass the NISOA Medical Physical Exam and return an accompanying NISOA statement which explains the referee's field capabilities, signed by the physician thus acknowledging an understanding of these activities.
- Must, once the initial application and game experience has been submitted to the chapter, complete all of the above requirements within six months of the initial date of application.
- Must submit all fees and dues (local, national, and new member uniform kit) with the application form. Three individual checks are to be made payable, one each, to the Local Chapter, NISOA, and OSI.
- At the discretion of the local NISOA Chapter, the local applicant may be placed on probation for two years during which two field performance assessments each year must be made and passed.
- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
- An applicant is eligible to take a Fitness Test and/or the written Exam twice within the months of November-December; January-August 31.

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