

Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive
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SPORTS OFFICIAL

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for overseeing the proper conduct of basketball, baseball, softball, and other sports games. When acting as umpire or referee, responsibility exists for the exercise of accurate judgment and for making proper decisions within the framework of official game rules. When scoring or timing of games is involved, responsibility exists for the accurate reading of timing devices and maintenance of official game records. Work is performed under general direction. Supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinate personnel. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative)

When umpiring baseball or softball games, calls strikes and balls, makes decisions on field plays and applies official games rules;
Referees basketball games and other sports games, puts ball in play, decides on out of bounds situations, etc, and administers official game rules;
May act as scorer, keeping game statistics such as runs or points scored;
Inspects playing fields or areas to insure safety and proper playing conditions;
Defines and clarifies rules and playing field boundaries to player and coaches;
Attends in-service training classes as required;
May act as timer, operating a stop watch or other timing device;
Prepares reports and records as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of rules and methods of play for the event or game to which assigned;
Ability to exercise fair and impartial judgment and render decisions quickly;
Ability to maintain order and secure respect of game participants;
Ability to score and time various sports events;
Ability to keep records and make reports;
Sound judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Completion of a training course to qualify as a referee, umpire, timer, or scorer.