Dear Game Officials.

In the interest of keeping you updated on the background-check process for MIAA officials, I wanted to share some information.

In the first month that registration has been open on Arbiter, approximately 3,000 officials have registered and been cleared to officiate. That is a very good response and your cooperation is much appreciated.

Please note that the deadline for fall sports officials to register is July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you officiate a fall sport and have not registered with Arbiter, please go to miaa.arbitersports.com and do so as soon as possible. Registration is still open to all officials at this time and will stay open throughout the summer and into the school year.

While we expected the process would take up to 10 days, in some cases background checks have been completed in less time. Officials who have registered on Arbiter can check to see the status of their application by going to the MIAA State Office page on Arbiter and clicking on the "Eligibility" tab. Here you will be able to view information which indicates the completion of the background check process. Please look for a "green checkmark" next to the sport you have registered for. It will indicate "(sport) eligible."

The MIAA appreciates the valuable service you provide to our student-athletes and member schools, and we thank you for your help in getting this initiative off to a very successful start.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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