



STATEWIDE BASEBALL RULES INTERPRETER

PIAA is currently seeking applicants to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the statewide rules interpreter in the sport of baseball. This position acts as an extension of the PIAA Office regarding the sport of baseball, the administration of contests within the rules of baseball, and also to act as an expert within Pennsylvania regarding this sport.

This position will act under the direction and supervision of the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, and will perform the duties listed below:

1. Provides rules interpretations and responds to questions concerning contest administration and umpiring mechanics from chapter rules interpreters, coaches, and other school officials. When required, responds to the questions and inquiries, in writing, and forwards a copy of this written response to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director.
2. Periodically, prior to and/or during the sport's season, prepares and forwards memorandums, chapter meeting guides and bulletins to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director for his review which may be, subsequently, distributed to all PIAA chapter rules interpreters.
3. Establishes and maintains communications, continuously, with PIAA chapter and district rules interpreters on a statewide basis.
4. Keeps the PIAA Assistant Executive Director informed, continuously, concerning any problems related to rules interpretations and applications, contest administration, and umpiring mechanics that are occurring throughout the state.
5. Attends the annual NFHS Rules Interpreters' Meeting in his/her sport, if necessary.
6. Conducts annual PIAA Rules Interpretation Meetings for chapter and district interpreters.
7. Develops and implements procedures to ensure that rules interpretations in his/her sport are uniform and consistent throughout the state.

8. At the conclusion of the sport's season, submit recommendations, in writing, to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director concerning how rules interpretation meetings and rules interpretations, in general, can be made more effective throughout the state.
9. Attends and promotes the Annual Officials' Convention and assists in suggesting session topics, presenting, and acquiring speakers for these sessions.
10. Attends the state championships and acts as the final authority regarding rules interpretations during the championship contest(s).

Applicants should have a minimum five (5) years of experience umpiring baseball and an unquestioned knowledge of the rules and its umpiring mechanics.

Applicants must possess excellent communication skills due to the wide range of persons with which this position interacts.

The following attributes are preferred for this position, but not required:

- Playing experience in interscholastic and advanced levels of baseball
- Interscholastic baseball umpiring at an advanced, high level, including playoffs
- Holding a post-secondary degree
- Experience as a chapter rules interpreter or district rules interpreter

This position receives a stipend and reimbursement for any out of pocket expenses incurred related to the performance of the duties of this position.

Interested umpires, currently in good standing in the sport of baseball should submit correspondence to PIAA Office by the close of business, **Friday, September 4, 2015**, expressing their interest in serving in this most important position.

This correspondence should include their training and experience in the sport of baseball along with any other information that would be pertinent to the position and which would also provide PIAA any valuable information prior to making the final selection. Three references are requested and may be contacted to provide background information, if necessary.

Interviews will be conducted of selected officials in the months of September and/or October 2015.

Submit correspondence and direct any questions to Patrick B. Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, at pgebhart@piaa.org or (717) 697-0374 ext. 121.