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**Interscholastic Officiating Online Course Available Through NFHS
Officials Department**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (October 9, 2012) — An online course for high school contest officials is available through the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) at www.nfhsofficials.com.

“Interscholastic Officiating” is available for free to individual members of the NFHS Officials Association, as well as officials in state associations that are 100-percent or Tier 2 NFHS Officials Association states. Non-member individual officials may take the course for a fee of \$20, and a discounted bulk rate of \$10 is available to non-100-percent states and officiating groups when 50 or more licenses are purchases.

This “first-of-its-kind” course is designed exclusively for officials at the high school level and introduces new officials or individuals interested in becoming an official to the world of interscholastic officiating. The course, which takes about 30 to 45 minutes to complete, covers topics such as the basics of becoming and staying an official, the

science of officiating a contest, the art of officiating a contest and putting it all together.

In addition, state associations have the opportunity to track course activity by officials in their states. One individual in each state association will be granted administrative rights, enabling that person to determine the officials who have completed and/or started the course in their state.

More details on the "Interscholastic Officiating" online course, including the process for setting up administrative rights, can be obtained by contacting Lori Brown in the NFHS Officials Department (lbrown@nfhs.org or 317-822-5733).

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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