



NCAA PLAYER TO REF PROGRAM

As part of the NCAA national office effort to assist the membership with growing concerns regarding the officiating crisis facing amateur athletics in the United States, the NCAA expanded the efforts of the NCAA Player to Ref program. The Player to Ref Program was initially developed by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association. Survey data has shown that maintaining a connection to a sport they love is a significant factor in why individuals become officials. The Player to Ref interest [form](#) is used to collect information from student-athletes interested in exploring officiating opportunities.

We encourage conferences to share the link with athletic administrators and coaches throughout the year to encourage student-athletes that have expressed an interest in officiating or that they believe would make a good official to learn more about this opportunity.

For student-athletes that have never received any formal officiating training, we are utilizing our alliance we have with RefReps to provide access to training courses at no charge to the students. For student-athletes that have had officiating training, the NCAA national office will work directly with athletes to assist in getting them started on their officiating experience.

For those former student-athletes that have an interest in becoming an official, please complete the NCAA Officiating Interest [form](#).