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The **OSAA/OAOA Officials Certification and Education Program (OCEP)** is designed to ensure that Oregon officials statewide are trained in a consistent and standardized manner. There are two components - the Principles of Officiating Course and Playoff Certification Clinics.

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Principles of Officiating Course assists new officials in more general concepts such as officiating philosophy, conflict management, officiating ethics and personal development. Your association should conduct classes annually - check with your Commissioner.

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Playoff Certification Clinics are sport specific covering rules, interpretations and mechanics. OAOA sponsors several certification clinics in all sports throughout the year. A listing of upcoming clinics is on the home page. Sport Committees can apply for non OAOA clinics to be approved using the [Application for OCEP Clinic Approval](#) form.

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Idaho and Washington associations who service Oregon schools are exempt from OCEP as they must comply with their respective states' training and certification requirements.

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- Principles of Officiating:** Within their first three years of officiating new officials must complete a course or clinic approved by the OAOA Executive Board on basic Principles of Officiating. This requirement does not apply to officials certified by the OSAA in **2005-06 or prior**; or any transfer official previously licensed or certified by a State High School governing body. Each local association should annually conduct certifying Principles Classes. [Click Here for course delivery instructions and course materials.](#)
- Playoff Certification:** To officiate any OSAA State Championship or Playoff event the official meet the following requirements:
 - 3 years of varsity experience.
 - completed the **Principles of Officiating** course.
 - attended an **OCEP Playoff Certification Clinic**, or other camp, clinic or certifying procedure substantially equivalent and approved by the Executive Board of the OAOA in the applicable sport. Soccer officials who have obtained USSF Level 8 certification meet their OCEP Playoff eligibility requirement.
 - scored 90 or better on the NFHS Rules test.
- Playoff Five Year Recertification Requirement:** Beginning with school year 2011-12 officials must attend an OCEP Playoff Certification Clinic every five years. If you were certified prior to 2011-12, your 5 year period starts over again effective 2011-12. Your new 5 year deadline is July 2016.
- OCEP Status Check:** To determine your OCEP certification status and expiration dates, go to the OSAA/OAOA Central Hub in your sport and click on the link labeled "OCEP Status Check."

OSAA Gold Card Available

Officials completing either the Principles or Playoff requirements can purchase an OSAA Gold Card allowing free admission to all OSAA Championship/playoff events (not regular season) at the same price as OSAA offers to certified coaches 💎 currently \$15.

[Click here for the Gold Card order form.](#)

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