I am reaching out to you today on behalf of high school student athletes in the area who need your help.

Currently, the State of Illinois is facing a shortage of officials in all sports. The number of men and women in stripes (and other, more fashionable official's gear) has been declining over the years. We are currently at a point in some sports where we have to re-schedule contests due to lack of officials to call the game on a particular day. If we are unable to add to our pool of officials across the state, we'll soon be forced to eliminate levels of competition for our younger student athletes - so we could really use your help.

Did you play sports in HS? Remember the time you spent with your teammates and coaches playing the sports you just loved to play? You can still enjoy some of the glory days of youth as an official - and help student athletes across the state enjoy the benefits of HS sports like you did back in the day - and can paid for doing so. As you can imagine, there is a bit of a process and training to get started, but once you have completed the process and training, you can get back out on the field, court, deck, etc., and give back to the sports that gave you so many memories as a high school student athlete. Once on board, you can work as much or as little as you’d like. Got one night a week and/or one Saturday a month to offer? We can use you. Got more time? Even better.

All of the high schools in Illinois work with an officials assignor to secure officials for all our contests. They would be the best contact to ask questions and to get your officiating career started. They are listed below:

- **Baseball** - Jeff Siegal - 847-363-5844 - csl@umps.org
- **Basketball** - Jeff Schwarz - 847-302-5405 - coachjeff1@aol.com
- **Cheerleading** - Jeff Siegal - 847-718-4274 - jeffrey.siegal@d214.org
- **Cross Country** - Bill Drennan - 847-508-9863 - tpocketa@comcast.net
- **Football** - Jim Glueckert - 847-577-3050 - jimgcard@gmail.com
- **Gymnastics - Boys** - Bob Russell - 847-471-5415 - rbtrussell@sbcglobal.net
- **Gymnastics - Girls** - Vicki Munch - 847-942-5578 - vjmunch@ameritech.net
- **Lacrosse - Boys** - John Vetter - 847-847-9135 - VJSvetter@aol.com
- **Lacrosse - Girls** - Helder Weil - 773-490-3665 - helderweil@gmail.com
- **Soccer** - Randy Brickman - 847-401-7118 - Soccer@rbbrickman.com
- **Softball** - Harold Morton - 847-404-3048 - hmumpy@aol.com
- **Swimming and Diving** - Joe Plack - 224-277-0017 - h.joseph.plack25@gmail.com
- **Track and Field** - Bill Drennan - 847-508-9863 - tpocketa@comcast.net
- **Volleyball** - Nancy Nestor - 708-707-2084 - njen1@hotmail.com
- **Water Polo** - Perry Korbakis - 708-473-8090 - pkorbakis@aol.com
- **Wrestling** - Anthony Lombardo - 847-975-0085 - zed298@aol.com

On behalf of high school student athletes across the state, I thank you for considering this opportunity to give back to the sports that gave you so much back in your youth and make a few extra dollars in the process.