

# New Jersey Football Officials Association Central Jersey Chapter 2027 Cadet Program Requirements

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## 1. Application Deadline

- Applications received after March 1, 2027, will be considered for the 2028 Cadet Program.

## 2. Age and Physical Requirements

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- A doctor's certificate of physical fitness is required (see Section 6 for details).

## 3. Background Checks

- A. All applicants must undergo a criminal conviction history screening as part of NJSIAA registration. Any findings of Prohibited Conduct may result in denial of certification, subject to review and possible waiver by the NJFOA Central Jersey Chapter Executive Board.
- B. The cost of the background check is included in the NJSIAA registration fee (see Section 5 Note).

## 4. Interview & Written Test

- All applicants must pass a personal interview and written screening test.
- Dates and locations will be communicated by the Cadet Supervisor.

## 5. Application Fee

- A \$175 application fee is due at the time of submission. This includes the first year's dues.
- Note: This fee does not cover the NJSIAA Registration or Background Check, which are required annually for all officials.

## 6. Submission Requirements

- Applications and fees must be submitted via the NJFOA-Central Jersey Chapter website.
- A "Meet & Greet" will be held in late February or one week before the first class (in person or virtual).

- The following must be submitted by the deadline provided by the Cadet Supervisor:
  - Doctor's note confirming physical fitness.
  - Proof of age (driver's license or birth certificate).

## 7. Confirmation

- You will receive an automated confirmation email upon successful application and payment.
- A follow-up confirmation from the Cadet Supervisor will be sent once all documentation is verified.

## 8. Training Program Requirements

- Once accepted and after passing the NJFOA State Certification Test, Cadets must complete a 2-Part Training Program:

### Part 1:

**A. Field Work:** Work eight (8) Sub-Varsity games (Pop Warner games accepted). Credit is limited to two (2) field assignments per week.

**B. Chain Crew Assignments:** Work the chains (in uniform) at four (4) Varsity games. ECO assignments may substitute regular chain duties.

**C. Pre-Season Clinic:** Attendance is highly recommended. Usually held first Saturday in August. If missed, attendance at the Chapter Rules Interpretation Meeting is required.

**D. Class Attendance:** Attend all scheduled classes. Must maintain a 70% average on tests. Cannot miss more than 3 classes or 6 hours total. Failure results in dismissal from the program.

**E. Additional Requirements:** Take the Chapter Pre-Test (mid-June). Submit Record of Games Worked form (late fall). Performance reviewed electronically by veteran officials.

**F. Schedule Changes:** Cadet Supervisor will communicate any changes to test dates, times, or locations.

**G. Eligibility for State Exam:** All requirements must be completed to sit for the NJFOA State Exam in late June. Cadets who fail may repeat as second-year Cadets.

### Part 2:

Completion of an Advanced Principles and Mechanics course for newly certified officials.

## 9. Certification Requirements

- To be recognized as a certified official, Cadets must:
  - A. Complete all Cadet Program requirements.
  - B. Score 70% or higher on the NJFOA State Examination.

## 10. Probationary Period

- After certification, officials must serve a one-year probationary period:
  - A. Must follow all Central Jersey Chapter requirements.

### **11. Uniforms & Equipment**

- Newly certified officials must meet NJSIAA uniform and equipment standards.

### **12. Dues**

- Annual Chapter dues must be paid by the November due date.

### **13. Non-Compliance**

- Failure to meet any requirements will result in review by the Executive Committee of the NJFOA Central Jersey Chapter.

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You can complete the application by using this link: