

SPORTS OFFICIAL

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Acts in one of the following capacities: umpire, referee, scorer or timer at sports activities or ball games conducted by a municipal Recreation Department; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of a higher level staff member, the incumbent in this position oversees the proper conduct of various sports activities or games. When acting as an umpire or referee, responsibility exists for the exercise of accurate judgment and for making proper decision within the framework of official game rules. When scoring or timing of games is involved, responsibility exists for the accurate reading of timing devices and maintenance of official game records. Work is performed under general direction and supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinate personnel.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Applies official game rules in the conduct of a sporting activity/game, i.e., calls strikes and balls, makes decisions field plays, puts ball in play, decides on out of bounds situations, calls fouls, etc.;

Inspects playing fields or areas to insure safety and proper playing conditions;

Defines and clarifies rules and playing field boundaries to players and coaches;

Attends in-service training classes as required;

May act as timer, operating a stop watch or other timing devices;

May act as scorer, keeping game statistics such as runs, or points scored;

Prepares reports and records as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of rules and methods of play for the event or game to which assigned; ability to exercise fair and impartial judgment and render decisions quickly; ability to maintain order and secure respect of game participants; ability to score and time various sports events; ability to keep records and make reports; integrity; honesty; sound judgment; tact and courtesy; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either a) graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and six (6) months of experience in the supervision of a sporting activity or sport; or b) completion of a training course to qualify as a referee, umpire, timer, or scorer; or c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

NOTE: Accreditation by a local sports official's association may be substituted for six months experience.