

## Why Trusted Assignors?

In an effort to standardize the processes/procedures of all the youth basketball official assignors providing game officials to the winter community-based youth basketball experience in the state of Minnesota, the MYAS, along with its designated basketball assignors, have created Trusted Assignors. The implementation of Trusted Assignors will help relieve problems for youth basketball associations throughout the state of Minnesota. This will be a strongly encouraged best practice for all MYBA member associations.

Some of the areas that this will help:

1. Ensure that all youth basketball officials have successfully passed a nationwide criminal background check through the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) or Trusted Officials.
  - a. Does your association know if game officials assigned to your invitational tournament have completed a nationwide criminal background check?
  - b. All participants within the youth basketball experience (players, coaches, parents, and associations) will have peace of mind knowing that all game officials have successfully passed a nationwide criminal background check.
2. Ensure that all officials have completed concussion training (per Minnesota state law) through the MSHSL or Trusted Officials.
  - a. Does your association understand that all game officials must have successfully completed and gained certification of concussion training in order to officiate youth games?
3. Ensure that all game officials have completed annual training and education through the MSHSL and/or Trusted Officials online, virtually, or in person.
  - a. The requirement of annual officials' training/education in the areas of mechanics, rules, fouls, violations, points of emphasis, game management, and philosophy will provide a safe, positive, and productive environment for all participants.
4. Require that all game officials sign a Trusted Officials [Code of Conduct](#) on an annual basis.
5. Assist in the expansion of the roster of youth basketball officials for all games.
  - a. This will ensure that all games are covered in the future.
  - b. The MYAS is committed to providing additional resources and staff toward the recruitment and retainment of youth officials throughout the state of Minnesota.
  - c. The MYAS is also committed to collaborating with other statewide youth sports organizations, MYBA member associations, high schools, colleges, and other entities, to increase the pool of youth officials.

Other benefits of Trusted Assignors:

- The MYAS and its designated assignors have established a six-year plan for game fees for officials/assignors.
- Transparency for all game officials, assignors, and youth basketball associations. This will also assist associations in maintaining consistency in tournament entry fees and expenses.
- The quality of game officials will increase with training/education and continuing education.
- All Trusted Assignors will be required to sign a contract stating that they have followed the guidelines listed above. The MYAS will maintain a list of Trusted Assignors at [www.myas.org](http://www.myas.org).
- There is no additional cost to MYBA member associations. This will ensure peace of mind for teams and parents, knowing that associations are working to create a safer environment for all players and fans.

