

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION POLICY  
MEMORANDUM  
ON  
"SOLICITATION OF GAMES AND MATCHES"**

**TO BE READ BY ALL TASO MEMBERS**

1. An individual member SHALL NOT:
  - A. Influence, request or communicate, directly or indirectly, with a coach, athletic director, assigning authority or an athletic governing body to enhance the opportunity for ones assignments in contest which are assigned by any Chapter/Authorized member of TASO as an official.
  - B. Give, accept or exchange any gift, favor or thing of monetary value or personal gain for possible assignment of any official to a game/match.
  - C. Discredit the ability or performance or criticize the assignment of another official or team of officials to gain the opportunity of assignment for:
    - (1) Such members.
    - (2) Another individual member.
  
2. A chapter or designated representative of a chapter SHALL NOT:
  - A. Criticize or censure the ability, performance or assignment of another chapter.
  - B. Communicate, directly or indirectly, with a coach, athletic director, assigning authority or an athletic governing body to promote the assignment opportunities for such members of the Chapter in regularly scheduled games/matches or play-off games/matches other than a general program of promotion of that chapter.
  
3. A chapter may:
  - A. Promote the services of that Chapter, in accordance with paragraph 2 above, **ONLY BY LETTER** signed by the President and/or Secretary for the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Chapter.
  - B. Contact coaches/athletic directors during the following authorized periods of communication for the legal promotions of services:

BASKETBALL:	APRIL 1- OCTOBER 1
BASEBALL:	JULY 1 - JANUARY 1
FOOTBALL:	JANUARY 1 -AUGUST 1
VOLLEYBALL:	DECEMBER 1 - JULY 1
SOCCER:	MAY 1 - DECEMBER 1
SOFTBALL:	JUNE 1- JANUARY 1
  - C. Provide a roster or scratch list of the members of that chapter that reflects the classification / years of experience of each member or crew. A photo roster book is permissible.
  - D. Provide the assignment policies and procedures of the chapter for individuals or crews.

- E. State the availability of Chapter members for assignment to:
    - (1) Varsity games/matches.
    - (2) Sub-varsity games/matches.
    - (3) Scrimmages
    - (4) Rules discussions with teams/coaching staffs.
    - (5) Review game films/videos.
  - F. Conduct a rules seminar/meeting for coaches provided all coaches of all levels are invited at the same time.
  - G. Allow the attendance of a coach at a regular schedule meeting. This is not a violation and is encouraged by the UIL.
4. Copies of the Chapter Promotions letter/package sent to their area coaches will be forwarded each year to the:
- A. Executive Director, TASO.
  - B. District Director for the Chapter's Geographical District.