



YOUR NEXT MISSION AWAITS

YOU'VE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY
NOW SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

**Battlefields to
Ballfields** provides
veterans with
complete support
to become sports
officials.

PERSONAL MENTORSHIP:

- » Dedicated mentor (often a fellow veteran)
- » Direct guidance from experienced officials
- » Connection to nationwide veteran officiating network

WHY VETERANS MAKE GREAT OFFICIALS

- » Decision-making under pressure
- » Leadership and command presence
- » Team-oriented mindset
- » Physical and mental discipline
- » Service-focused attitude

WHAT B2B PROVIDES (3-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP)

- » Full uniform and equipment
- » Local association dues
- » Training and certification costs
- » 3-year NASO membership
- » *Referee Magazine* subscription

LEARN MORE & APPLY ONLINE



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CONNECT LOCALLY

Association: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Next Meeting: _____

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

» DO I NEED TO KNOW THE SPORT WELL?

No. Many officials never played their sport. Rules can be learned—your leadership skills matter more.

» HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

Training: Few hours/week for 4–8 weeks

Games: 1–3 per week during season (you control your schedule)

» WHAT IF I HAVE PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS?

Many positions accommodate limitations. Talk to your local association.

» WILL I DEAL WITH ANGRY COACHES/PARENTS?

Sometimes. But your military experience managing difficult situations prepares you well.

» WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE IT?

No long-term commitment required. Try it and see.

» CAN I WORK MULTIPLE SPORTS?

Absolutely. Many officials work 2–3 sports year-round.

» AM I COVERED IF SOMEONE GETS HURT?

NASO membership includes liability coverage and legal protection.

» HOW LONG TO REACH VARSITY/COLLEGE?

Many veterans advance quickly due to their leadership skills and discipline.

» HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I MAKE?

\$30–150+ per game, depending on level.

WHAT VETERANS SAY

“I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT OFFICIATING, BUT THIS OPPORTUNITY FELL IN MY LAP. IT’S TREMENDOUS TO SEE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT VETERANS AND WANT TO HELP US SUCCEED.”

— Thomas Harris
Navy Veteran

“BECOMING AN OFFICIAL HAS TAUGHT ME TO BE MORE NON-JUDGMENTAL ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE ON AND OFF THE FIELD.

— Eddie Cueller
Navy Veteran



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