

IFOA Playoff Selection Process

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1. Each season, in the first week of October, the Secretary will request from varsity crew chiefs a list of officials that they recommend for playoff games. The list will be due back to the Secretary 1 week later.
2. The Secretary will then consolidate the list and provide to the board within 2 days.
3. Using this input, on or about 15 October, the Board will formulate and agree on a list of the top 15 officials at each position and send to the Assignor.
4. One day after, the Assignor will narrow the list to the top 10 officials at each position (no ranking, just a list of names) and provide to the Board.
5. Within 2 days, the Board will take the Top 10 list and narrow it further to top 8 officials at each position and provide the Top 8 list back to the Assignor.
6. At this point, the Assignor will narrow the list to the Top 5 officials at each position ranked 1-5 (with 1 being the highest rating) and present that to the board one day later.
7. For up to 2 days (as needed), the Board will discuss and perform due diligence on the Assignor provided Top 5 list and make any adjustments they deem necessary.* After the Board agrees, the list will be ratified.
*Note: The 2 days of due diligence will allow board members to research the proposed Top 5 officials on HUDL. That way when the board meets to discuss possible changes it will be about specific people and why or why not they should be ranked as they are.
8. The Assignor will use officials from the ratified Top 5 list to make assignments for CIF-SS Semi-Finals and Finals. Officials that worked a CIF-SS Final in the prior year will not be eligible for a CIF-SS Final in the current year.

CIF State Regional and State Final Nomination process

Beginning with the 2024 season, CIF is requesting each unit (IFOA included) to provide a 7-person crew nomination for possible selection for CIF Regional or CIF State Final Bowl game. For the 2024 season, this crew nomination is required to be delivered to CIF-SS by 20 September. Due to this change and timeframe for submission, there will not be sufficient time for the above 8-Step process to complete. Following is the abbreviated process in order to supply the nominated 7-person crew in the 3rd week of September each year and which factors in the due diligence performed in the prior season.

- The Board and Assignor will use the Prior Year Top 5 Officials list as the primary input for the current year 7-person crew nomination. For example, for the 2024's 7-person nominated crew, the Board selected officials from the 2023 Top 5 list. This process is deemed by the board to be the most comprehensive, leveraging the prior year due diligence performed by the Board and Assignor.
- Once a new Top 5 list is created in October of the current year, it will be that list that is used as the basis for the next year's 7-person CIF State crew submission.
- The crew of 7 officials that are Nominated and work a CIF State Final game will not be eligible for the next year's crew of 7 Nomination.