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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION TITLE:** MPSSAA Softball Rules Interpreter (for the playing rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rule Book on High School Softball)

**NATURE OF WORK:** This is a position with the responsibility of interpreting NFHS Softball rules and disseminating those interpretations throughout the state.

**DUTIES:** The position of MPSSAA Softball Rules Interpreter is to represent the MPSSAA at the NFHS meetings; to plan and conduct rules clinics prior to the start of the season; to be available to interpret NFHS rules to coaches, athletic directors, officials, and supervisors; to provide input and feedback to the MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials on the state of the game, the state of officiating, and assignment of softball officials to state tournaments; to attend and observe the state tournaments.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Maryland resident; availability of up to twenty-five (25) evenings a year; extensive background in high softball and national federation rules.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have good oral and written communication skills as well as be able to speak comfortably in front of groups. Computer literacy including proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point. Use of technology and experience in interpretation, teaching, training, and instructing the application of high school softball rules, the application of proper mechanics of officiating, and being able to provide appropriate feedback and professional development is preferable. Five years officiating high school softball is preferred.

**STIPEND:** The MPSSAA annually budgets a stipend as recommended by the MPSSAA Finance Committee for rules interpretation clinics, trainings, and interpretations.

**PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION:** Applicants must submit a letter of application and resume to Mr. Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA, to 200 west Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201 or via email to Ken.Kazmarek@Maryland.gov. Resumes should contain two references.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 14, 2024. FINAL SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2024.**