

A SURVEY OF COACHES AND OFFICIALS' CONCERNING THE KANSAS  
IBM CARD RATING SYSTEM AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIALS

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## INTRODUCTION

The earliest form of rating system for athletic officials in the state of Kansas was the numerical system. Officials were given a rating of one, two, or three by coaches with one being the best rating and three being the poorest rating. In the mid-nineteen-fifties the rating system was changed to a letter system. An "A" rating was given the top officials and a "B" rating was given the lower ranked officials. Neither of these rating systems proved satisfactory.

Then five years ago, Kansas began using an IBM card system of rating officials and coaches. By this system the officials and coaches rate each other, and the state has a means of "checking up" on the conduct of the coaches and the conduct and skills of the officials.

The procedure for enacting this rating system is quite simple. Before the game, the head coach of the visiting team and the head coach of the home team are each given IBM rating cards for each official working the game that night. At that time, to avoid duplication of ratings, both the coach filling out the card and the official who is to be rated must sign the card. The coach is instructed by the state activities association not to fill out the rating on the card until at least twenty-four hours after the conclusion of the game. After a time lapse of this length a coach should be less emotional and more rational in his rating of the official.

The coach's procedure for filling out the official's card

is to first rate the official on a five point scale with one being the highest score. A one is a superior rating meaning the official is good enough to officiate in a regional or state tournament or a conference championship basketball game. A two is an above average rating meaning an official is qualified to work in most games and matches. If the coach checks number three this means an official is just average and needs improvement, but is capable of officiating. A four means the official is below average and acceptable for a "B" team or Junior varsity games only. A five is unsatisfactory.

After rating the official on this five point scale, the coach must check the items under "Needs Improvement." Fifteen items with explanations are provided on the card. If a coach

IBM M44D95

OFFICIAL NAME		ADDRESS		TELEPHONE	SCORE
TOWN	NUMBER	CITY & STATE			MEETING

**RATING SCALE:**

1 - SUPERIOR: - Good enough to officiate in a regional or state tournament or a conference championship football game.  
 2 - ABOVE AVERAGE: - Qualified to work in most games or matches.  
 3 - AVERAGE: - Needs improvement but capable of officiating.  
 4 - BELOW AVERAGE: - Acceptable for a "B" team or Junior varsity game only.  
 5 - UNSATISFACTORY.

CHANGE ADDRESS TO: (OFFICIAL)

ADDRESS
CITY & STATE
TELEPHONE

IBM M44D94

1 SUPERIOR

2 ABOVE AVERAGE

3 AVERAGE

4 BELOW AVERAGE

5 UNSATISFACTORY—SEND A WRITTEN REPORT WITH ALL 5 RATINGS

FOOTBALL OFFICIAL'S POSITION (CHECK ONE)

REFEREE \_\_\_\_\_ UMPIRE \_\_\_\_\_ LINESMAN \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL NEEDS IMPROVEMENT IN** (See back for explanation)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

OUR SCHOOL (CHECK ONE) WON \_\_\_\_\_ LOST \_\_\_\_\_ TIED \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_ COACH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ OPPONENT \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOLS**

- Place a check mark in the box to the left of the rating you wish to assign the official indicated on the top of this card.
- Check the items under NEEDS IMPROVEMENT. (See reverse side of this card for explanation of 15 points.)
- Complete the bottom two lines of this card.
- Mail to the KSHSAA, Box 495, Topeka, Kansas, after each game or immediately after your last game for this sports season.

Fig. 1. A duplicated copy of the front of the coach's IBM card for rating an official.