1.15.18 PROPOSAL By-Law amendment change

CURRENT

- **A. Applicant Member:** Shall be any new member who has paid full state and local dues and will officiate only on the bases in a high school varsity game. The applicant will be eligible to officiate at either the plate or on the bases in junior varsity, American Legion, Babe Ruth, Pony League, Little League or any other summer games. The applicant will not be eligible to officiate in any capacity in college games. In baseball, the applicant must take the National High School Federation online examination and score an 85 or better. The results will be sent to the board secretary by the scheduled deadline. In softball, the applicant must achieve a minimum score of 64 in a closed book examination. In order to be moved up to the associate level, the applicant must be evaluated in three games that are affiliated with a high school and may be evaluated in summer games at the minimum levels of: Pony League or Junior Legion in baseball and high school level or city league softball (A1 or A2 leagues only.) Any applicant who scores below 64 (softball) will be required to retake the examination at the end of the high school season at a predetermined date.
- **B. Associate Member:** Shall be a member who has successfully completed the National High School Federation online baseball examination in the previous year with a score of 85 or better, and/or scored a 64 or better for softball. After the member has successfully completed one year of service the member will be qualified to officiate in any game, and in any capacity of games covered by the Schohanna Board, with the exception of college games. The associate member must score a minimum score of 85 or better on the National High School Federation online examination (baseball) and/or 75 or better on the softball examination. Additionally, the associate must be evaluated in three games that are affiliated with a high school and may be evaluated in summer games at the minimum levels of: American Legion, Pony League or Junior Legion in baseball and high school level or city league softball (A1 or A2 leagues only) to be moved to certified status. Any Associate member who scores below the 75 on the written softball examination will be required to retake the examination at the end of the high school season at a predetermined date.

PROPOSED

A probate candidate shall be any member who is in their probationary period and is not considered a certified member. They cannot vote or be voted to hold any Executive Board position. Furthermore, a probate umpire cannot work the plate on a varsity contest. They will follow all state association and Schohanna constitution and by-laws. In order to officiate in any high school contest they will need fingerprint clearance. A probate must pay full state and local dues. Every year to be assigned games a probate must attend a minimum of four (4) training classes, one (1) mechanic clinics, and an interpreter's meeting for each sport they are officiating. In baseball, a probate will take the NHSF test and score an 85 or better. In softball, they will take the state approved test and score a 64 or better. A probate will be considered for promotion to certified member if they meet all the above requirements, are in good standing, officiate for a minimum of two (2) full seasons, be in compliance with NYSPHSAA Five Point Program, have a minimum of six (6) evaluations from certified official or coaches, and receive majority vote from the evaluation committee.