

Disinterested Officials Needed!

Officials chosen from the Citizenship of the Hometown

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Officials for athletic games played in Putnam County are frequently chosen by the home teams from the citizenship of the hometown.

Therein lays an important cause of dispute between teams that are not always friendly before the first whistle is blown.

Officials may be absolutely on the square. Every decision may be considered in an impartial light and yet critics will be found to stir up dissatisfaction and charge partiality.

It would be better for relations between county schools that no games are played than to give occasion for the creation of ill feelings.

Certainly schools in the county can find any number of disinterested officials nearby who would be glad to serve.

One cannot imagine that Michigan should invite Ohio State to the annual game and announce that officials of the game would be chosen from Michigan alumni. The instances are parallel.

No school should be content to provide officials who are not disinterested.