



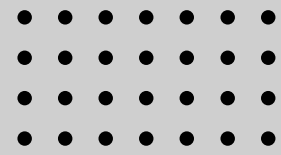
THE
RQ FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

FY26



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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends of the RQ Foundation,

The 2025-26 academic year marked a period of immense growth and sustained financial health for the RQ Foundation. We are proud to present the FY26 Annual Report, reflecting our deep commitment to the individuals who make collegiate sports officiating possible.

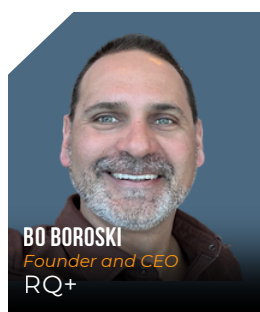
In FY26, we generated \$83,954 in revenues against \$61,562 in expenses, allowing us to dedicate 41% of our budget directly to beneficiary support. Driven largely by our annual "Supporting Sport's Third Team" fundraiser – which raised over \$60,000 – and generous NCAA Central Hub donations, we launched a streamlined Funding Request Form to maximize our impact. This enabled us to award critical grants across the officiating landscape, including support for Collegiate Flag Football Officiating (CFFO), the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO), the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), and other impactful organizations and programs.

Beyond financial support, we championed officials by capturing on-campus game day insights through the successful beta test of our Officiating Experience Survey across 13 NCAA conferences, and we highlighted inspiring stories through our "Spotlighting the Third Team" series. Looking ahead, we are excited to unveil a new five-year strategic plan, roll out our experience survey to 73 committed conferences, and launch targeted initiatives like the Officiating Outreach Program for Women and the "Join the Third Team" platform to guide aspiring officials.

Thank you for helping us build the future of officiating and for standing with the Third Team. None of this work is possible without your generosity and partnership.

Sincerely,

The RQ Foundation Board of Directors



FINANCIAL HEALTH

The RQ Foundation maintained strong financial health in FY26, with revenues outpacing expenses by more than \$22,000. The annual fundraiser and officiating donations were key revenue drivers, allowing us to dedicate the largest share of resources to sponsorships and beneficiary support.

FY26 REVENUES

\$83,954

REVENUES



RQ Foundation
annual fundraiser



Donations from
officials via NCAA
Central Hub
registrations



Other revenue sources

FY26 EXPENSES

\$61,562

EXPENSES



Sponsorships and beneficiary support



Fundraising efforts



Operational expenses



Other expenses

RECIPIENTS OF RQ FOUNDATION FUNDING



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Funding Request Form

The RQ Foundation has launched a new Funding Request Form on its website, streamlining the process for entities to submit grant proposals. The request form comes as a product of the Board of Directors' newly established strategic focus to direct these funds specifically toward officials and bolsters the Board's commitment to investing in initiatives that will create a meaningful, lasting impact on both individual officials and the officiating profession as a whole.

Significant disbursements:

Collegiate Flag Football Officiating (CFFO)

A grant from the RQ Foundation helped develop a unified standards platform for collegiate flag football officiating through training, certification, and a national mechanics program.

National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA)

Funding was awarded to support the NIRSA Championship Series.

Professional Association of Volleyball Officials

The grant issued enabled eight first-time attendees to participate in the PAVO Convention, removing financial barriers and helping further professional development for volleyball line judges.

National Beep Baseball Association

The RQ Foundation disbursement helped offset the transportation and lodging expenses for volunteer umpires for the 2026 World Series of Beep Baseball.

Fairview Recreation Association

An equipment supplier gift card was awarded in support of its development program designed to mentor and train young students to become confident baseball and softball umpires.

Inter-Collegiate Wrestling Officials Association

Financial support was provided for the 2025 National Wrestling Officials Conference.

Officially Human

A donation was made in support of their Activity Book – a fun, interactive resource designed to help kids explore the world of sports officiating.

“Spotlighting the Third Team” Series

This series was proudly introduced to capture and share the compelling personal stories that make the officiating profession so special. Four members of the officiating community have been featured with more to come next year!



Officiating Experience Survey

The Officiating Experience Survey was successfully beta tested across 13 NCAA conferences and is designed to capture an official's on-campus game day experience. The insights gathered from the brief, eight-question survey provide conferences and their institutions with actionable feedback, ultimately helping them elevate and improve the overall environment for officials.

Supporting Sport's Third Team: Annual Fundraiser

For the second consecutive year, the RQ Foundation raised more than \$60,000 to benefit sports officials in conjunction with the “Supporting Sport's Third Team” fundraiser. The third annual fundraiser was attended by approximately 150 guests who were treated to two thoughtful panel sessions featuring current and former leaders in collegiate athletics.

LOOKING AHEAD



STRATEGIC PLAN

The RQ Foundation's Board of Directors will unveil a five-year strategic plan this year – a new comprehensive roadmap highlighted by a refreshed mission and vision, specific strategic priorities, goals, and key performance indicators. By establishing this clear framework, the RQ Foundation is poised to scale its impact, strengthen its commitment and further solidify the foundation for the future of officiating across the country.



Following a highly successful beta test during the 2025-26 academic year, the RQ Foundation has officially rolled out the Officiating Experience Survey to all NCAA accounts utilizing RQ Assign. Seventy-three NCAA conferences have indicated their intent to participate for the 2026-27 year. The results and data will be provided in the form of a comprehensive report. The report will be sent to the conference office at the conclusion of each season.

OFFICIATING EXPERIENCE SURVEY



OFFICIATING OUTREACH PROGRAM

Launching in Winter 2026, the Officiating Outreach Program for Women is designed to inspire current female student-athletes to step into officiating once their playing careers conclude. With women currently making up just 15% of registered collegiate officials, this initiative is dedicated to bridging the gap, changing the landscape, and keeping passionate athletes in the game.



LOOKING AHEAD (CONT.)

This academic year, the RQ Foundation is excited to launch the 'Join the Third Team' interest form. Designed for individuals aspiring to become collegiate sports officials, this platform allows prospective officials to connect with us for direct guidance on their next steps. Together, RQ+ and the RQ Foundation are proud to provide the essential resources needed to help officials successfully advance to the intercollegiate level.



**JOIN THE
THIRD TEAM
INTEREST
FORM**

INCREASED FUNDRAISING

To ensure the long-term growth of its mission, the RQ Foundation is actively expanding its fundraising capacity. Moving forward, the Foundation will scale its annual fundraiser, broaden its outreach to individual and organizational donors, introduce exclusive naming rights for signature programs, and launch a dedicated grant writing initiative to secure vital philanthropic funding.



The RQ Foundation Board of Directors recently endorsed a clear goal: to fund initiatives that directly benefit officials, in recognition of the vital role they play in supporting intercollegiate athletics. Building upon a steady increase in disbursements over the past two years, the Foundation will now aim to further expand its reach – providing more robust financial commitments to officials and an even wider network of organizations seeking to enhance their development and education.



**INCREASED
DISBURSEMENTS**



GET INVOLVED

Invest in the Future We're Building

The continued success and growth of the RQ Foundation depend on the generosity and partnership of its community. There are several impactful ways you can support the Foundation's mission to elevate the officiating profession:

Make a Direct Contribution



The RQ Foundation is proud to receive donations from leaders across the board – including passionate individuals, prominent organizations, and officials themselves. These supporters believe in the Foundation's mission and initiatives, and you can too. Join them in making an impact – [DONATE TODAY!](#)

Donate via NCAA Central Hub Registration



Active collegiate officials can easily make a contribution during their routine NCAA Central Hub registration process.

Support the Annual Fundraiser



As the largest revenue driver, sponsoring, attending, or contributing to the RQ Foundation's annual "Supporting Sport's Third Team" fundraiser is a vital way to champion the Foundation's cause. While sponsorship packages vary, benefits can include prominent logo placement, complimentary event tickets, social media spotlights, and a dedicated feature in an RQ+ newsletter.

Exclusive Naming Rights Opportunities



As the RQ Foundation grows, so do the ways you can make a difference. The Foundation is thrilled to offer naming rights opportunities for our programs and initiatives – an incredible way to leave a lasting legacy, drive its mission forward, and elevate your brand's visibility within the officiating community. (e.g., Officiating Outreach Program for Women – brought to you by [YOUR COMPANY HERE!])

Collaborate on Philanthropic Grants



The Foundation welcomes partnerships with philanthropic organizations and grant-making institutions to secure long-term sustainability for its initiatives.



Have questions or want to get involved? Contact us today!
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