

Midwest Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. Registration for 2019 - 2020

Registration is a multi-step process:

1. **If 18 YOA or older as of July 31, 2019 complete the MWAHA Background Screening process. Complete screening information is found at www.tristatehockey.com. Under the Officials tab. If required to be screened an official cannot register for a seminar until the screening process is completed and the MWAHA receives the screening results from the screening company (usually in 7 business days)**
2. **Register Online with the Midwest Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA) at www.tristatehockey.com**
3. **Pay the appropriate MWAHA registration fee(s) by credit card online and enroll in the seminar of your choice based on availability.**
Print the SEMINAR CONFIRMATION SHEET. YOU MUST BRING THIS CONFIRMATION SHEET TO YOUR SEMINAR SITE FOR REGISTRATION AND ADMITTANCE! Register online with USA Hockey at <https://membership.usahockey.com>
4. . As a new official you must register at Level 1 **AND** attend a Level 1 Seminar. You will receive a Rulebook and information concerning your open book rules exam after your application is processed by USA Hockey.

You must be a registered member of BOTH the MWAHA AND USA Hockey to officiate games in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri.

As a new applicant - you will be a Level 1 Official and be eligible to officiate only after you have:

1. Paid the MWAHA membership fee(s).
2. Attended an **ENTIRE** USA Hockey Seminar conducted by MWAHA.
3. **If 18 YOA or older as of July 31, 2019 complete the MWAHA Background Screening process (required every 2 years by USA Hockey).**
4. Successfully passed the open book rules examination. The exam is an open book test and will take a few evenings of studying the rulebook to complete. As a helpful hint - remember to read each question completely and be sure to look up and read each rule. This exam is completed online. If you need help with your open book exam contact your local officials representative.
5. Place the USA Hockey Officiating crest on the left breast of your officiating sweater.

Important things to remember

- **All officials who are 18 YOA or older as of July 31, 2019 must complete the MWAHA Background Screening process.**
- All officials **MUST** attend a Seminar sponsored by MWAHA per MWAHA directive. **Contact MWAHA RIC at TBD (State Supervisors, [IA](#), [KS](#) or [NE](#)) with any questions.**
- Please understand: **MWAHA does not assign officials to games.** The various leagues, rinks and teams have individuals ("Supervisors") who perform this service. It is YOUR responsibility to contact these people and request that you are assigned to games. Call each Supervisor and tell him or her you are a new official who is looking to referee hockey games. Ask to be paired with an experienced official.
- Be honest about your experience. There's no faster way to a short officiating career than working a game beyond your ability. You should start at house league level until you are confident that you know where to position yourself and can determine penalties, off-sides, icings etc.
- We suggest that you keep a record of all games that you work. This helps you to see your true level of experience and also helps keep track of payments. You should always record all information about games you accept. You should contact the Supervisor if you haven't received your game fee payment within 45 days following your game(s)
- If you wish to work hockey games then the most important rule to follow is to BE RELIABLE! Don't take a game unless you plan to keep your obligation and also be at least 30 minutes early for the game.
- Our association holds Level 1 Officiating Seminars for new officials such as yourself. USA Hockey requires that you attend one of these Officiating Seminars. The dates and locations of these seminars are listed on another page. You will be required to attend seminars yearly to attain a higher classification and the Level 1 seminar is a fine introduction to officiating.
- Anytime you have questions you may contact the **MWAHA Referee-In-Chief: TBD** (State Supervisors, [IA](#), [KS](#) or [NE](#))
Please email whenever you have a question about a rule or interpretation of a rule. We want to make certain our officials have an excellent understanding of all the rules. If another referee explains or interprets a rule differently than we teach in our seminar then email to make sure of the correct explanation.

For questions concerning registering with MWAHA or USA Hockey, please contact our office at RIC TBD (State Supervisors, [IA](#), [KS](#) or [NE](#)) **Please do not call USA Hockey, as they will refer you back to us!**

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