



USA Hockey / WHOA Registration Process 2021-2022 Season



To become a USA Hockey Official in Wisconsin you must:

1. Be 12 years old **on the date you register for your seminar**. This is a WAHA and WHOA requirement.
2. **Register with USA Hockey (fee varies with Level)**. See USA Hockey Registration (below) for complete details. Be sure that you register at the proper level. USA Hockey will not change registration levels after payment nor refund fees. Select a **Wisconsin** seminar in the USA Hockey seminar catalog listing.
3. Complete the USA Hockey Background Screening process, if applicable. This is now incorporated into the USA Hockey registration process. Please have an image of a government-issued identification readily available as it is required to upload for the screen.
4. Also, for all officials 17 and over must complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training annually. Further information can be found at: <https://www.usahockey.com/uscenterforsafesport>
5. Register with the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association, Inc. (WHOA) **Register Online with the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (WHOA) at www.wihoa.org. NOTE: Seminar registration closes at 11:59 PM three days prior to the seminar date. Anyone who attends a virtual Zoom seminar without pre-registering will be removed from the seminar without credit. No walk-up registrations will be permitted at on-ground locations if there is space available and room capacity limits are not exceeded. There is a late registration surcharge for walk-up registrations. No exceptions.**
6. Attend an entire USA Hockey sanctioned Officiating Seminar (administered by WHOA). WAHA rules requires attendance at a WHOA-conducted seminar.

THE SEMINAR LEVEL YOU ATTEND MUST BE FOR THE SAME REGISTRATION LEVEL FOR WHICH YOU APPLIED. IF THERE IS A MISMATCH, YOU WILL BE CERTIFIED AT LEVEL 1.

7. Complete the USA Hockey Open Book Rules Exam online and achieve a passing score. Also complete the USA Hockey online educational component, in addition to, the modified closed book exam that follows the virtual or in-person seminar. **NOTE: For Levels 2, 3 and 4, you will have 7 days after the close of the seminar to complete the modified closed book exam.**

8. Affix the USA Hockey Officiating Crest to the left breast of your officiating sweater.

For more information on USA Hockey's officiating requirements, please click on this link:
<https://www.usahockey.com/registrationrules>

Notes:

- **Complete** means that an official has met all requirements for the level for which he/she has applied.
- **Incomplete** means an official has filed an application and has not completed all the necessary criteria for attainment of that level.
- A new official (not registered the previous year) may not officiate until he/she is *complete*. An official registered last year may not officiate after November 30 of the current season (USA Hockey expiration date for last year) until he/she is *complete* for the new season.

Registration Tips

Most of the success of the registration process depends on you. The following tips will help you speed up your referee registration.

WHOA Registration

- Register early in the season. Registration begins late July.
- Register with USA Hockey first before registering with WHOA. Depending on when you register with USA Hockey, you will be permitted to register with WHOA the next day; otherwise, the following day. WHOA's databases are updated nightly, so if you try to register the next day and cannot, chances are favorable on the following day.
- Our local seminar schedule is complete by mid-November.
You cannot become an official unless you attend a USA Hockey/WHOA seminar.
- All officials must register with WHOA online. Cash is not accepted. WAHA directive requires all officials to attend a USA Hockey seminar administered by WHOA. Officials wishing to attend a USA Hockey seminar which is **not** administered by WHOA must do the following:
 - Register online with WHOA. Select 'WHOA fee only – No Seminar Credit' for the level for which you are registering with USA Hockey.
 - Email the WHOA Education Coordinator Duffy Dyer at education@wihoa.org the seminar outside of Wisconsin that you propose to attend at least one week prior to attending. This email must include the date, times and location of the seminar. The WHOA Referee-in-Chief will notify the registrant via e-mail if seminar attendance at a seminar not administered by WHOA is approved.