



USA Hockey / WHOA Registration Process 2024-2025 Season



To become a USA Hockey Official in Wisconsin you must:

1. Be 12 years old **on or before December 31st**. 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.
3. Complete the USA Hockey Background Screening process, if applicable. This is 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. (WHO A) **Register Online with the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (WHO A) at https://secure.offserv.com/whoa/members/reg_register.asp** **NOTE: For this year you will select "For Paying the WHOA/WAHA Registration Fee Only"**.
6. Attend an entire USA Hockey sanctioned Officiating 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. New for this year only you will NOT need to complete a USA Hockey Open Book Rules Exam. This will be incorporated in the virtual seminar.
8. New for this year only – you will not need to complete the USA Hockey video modules. They will be incorporated in your virtual seminar.
9. 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 in June.
- 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.
- The Wisconsin hosted seminar schedule is complete by *early November*.
You cannot become an official unless you attend a USA Hockey-seminar. Note for Level 1 officials you will attend a total of a six and a half hours(6.50) over two(2) separate days.
- All officials must register with WHOA online. Cash is not accepted.