

Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association, Inc. Registration for 2024-2025

Registration is a multi-step process:

1. Register online with USA Hockey at www.usahockeyregistration.com. As a new official you must register at Level 1 AND attend a Level 1 virtual Seminar. You will receive a Rulebook after your application is processed by USA Hockey. WHOA does not provide rulebooks.
2. If 18 YOA or older as of June 1st, 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.
3. Also, all officials 17 and over must complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training annually. Further information can be found at: <https://www.usahockey.com/uscenterforsafesport>
4. Register with the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association, Inc. (WHOA) Register Online with the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (WHOA) 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".

You must be a registered member of BOTH the WHOA AND USA Hockey to officiate WAHA sanctioned games.

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

1. Paid the WHOA registration fee.
2. Attended an **ENTIRE** USA Hockey Seminar.
3. **If 18 YOA or older as of June 1, complete the USA Hockey Background Screening process (required every 2 years by USA Hockey) when registering for USA Hockey.**
4. **If you were born in 2007 or earlier, complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training. USA Hockey will not issue your card and crest until this is complete.**
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 June 1 must complete the USA Hockey Background Screening process every 2 seasons.
- All officials who were born in 2007 or earlier must complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training annually.
- All officials **MUST** attend an entire USAH Seminar.

- Please understand: **WHOA 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.

Anytime you have questions you may contact your Local WHOA Region Director (<https://www.wihoa.org/board-of-directors.html>). 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 WHOA or USA Hockey, please contact our office at education@wihoa.org. **Please do not call or email USA Hockey, as they will refer you back to us.**

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