



# *AHOA NEWSLETTER*

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# USA HOCKEY



Pants looking a little worn? Helmet scratched up? Laces turning black? Whistle on its last gasp? Shin tights falling apart???

Then be sure to visit [Referee's Closet](#) for all your official's gear needs!

AHOA members receive a 10% discount from orders at Referee's Closet!\*

**Use promo code: 'AHOA' when ordering online or over the phone!**

\*The AHOA discount code is only valid to the members of the Arizona Hockey Officials Association. All use of the discount code is manually verified for eligibility after the order is placed. The discount cannot be used on any customized items or products that fall under Minimum Advertised Pricing structures.

## Monthly Q&A Review

### [Week 95 \(December 12th\)](#)

#### [USA Hockey ODP Week 9](#)

### [Week 96 \(December 19th\)](#)

**Q. A player becomes involved in a fight and is subsequently assessed a major and a game misconduct penalty for his involvement. He leaves the ice surface and proceeds to the dressing room. Later in the same game another fight occurs and the player who had previously been ejected returns to the ice surface to enter into the fight. What penalty should be assessed to that player for re-entering the game?**

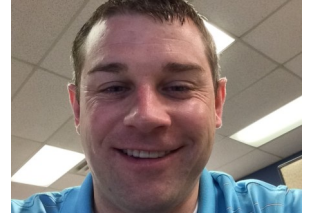
**A. Game misconduct or match penalty shall be assessed, depending on the circumstances. Rule References 615(a & b), 601(d.2 & f.2). Had play resumed prior to the player re-entering the ice surface, a match penalty shall be assessed. Conversely, if play had not resumed and the player re-entered the ice surface after being escorted off the ice and the door being closed behind him, an additional game misconduct penalty shall be assessed**

### [Week 97 \(December 26th\)](#)

#### [3-Man System Linesman Cover](#)

Did you know that after the Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup in 1962, they accidentally threw the Cup into a celebratory bonfire and had to pay a hefty amount to repair the ensuing damage?

## Scheduling Report



**Paul Withee**  
**Alternate Board**  
**Member**

In the month of December, AHOA scheduled 840 games. Thank you again for your commitment to hockey in the state of Arizona

We just completed the Coyote Cup Tournament held over the holiday week of December 28th-31st at Scottsdale and Chandler. It is our pleasure to report the tournament staff did not receive a single complaint!! A huge thank you to all on-ice officials and scorekeepers who worked games!!!!

The Arizona Cactus Cup will be held January 13-16th at various rinks across the Valley. Additionally, there is a 11U, 12U and 13U Tier I showcase being held in Scottsdale this weekend. AHOA plans to publish these games for the Cactus Cup no later than January 2nd, 2017. Publish date for the Tier I showcase will be communicated at a later time.

The biggest tournament of the year, Presidents Day, will be held February 17-20th at every rink in the valley. This will feature over 350 games across all levels of hockey. Please be sure to update your blocks ASAP so the schedulers can see your availability. We will communicate more information on this tournament in the coming weeks.



## Upcoming Events & Association News

### AHOA Evaluations Program

Are you an experienced or newer official that has a desire to be evaluated during one of your upcoming games? If so, reach out to us by using the simple form below!

### [AHOA Officials Evaluation Form](#)

The Arizona Hockey Officials Association, in partnership with USA Hockey, will be available to evaluate the on ice performance of game officials throughout the season. This is a great opportunity for officials of all ages and experience to receive feedback on their performance and development coaching.

### Sham Sweatbands

We are pleased to announce a good working relationship with another small company that offers a great product! If you're tired of sweat in your eyes during games, look no further! These are the Original Sham Sweatbands not cheap knock offs. They have a special foam core that has been tested to hold 1/4 cup of water. As the material gets wet, it does not slip like terry cloth does and actually grips the forehead, holding your helmet in place better especially late in the game. Made in America, professionally sewn, durable, machine washable, and knowing that they are used at every level of the game make these a no-brainer! Order yours today and make sure to tell him that the Arizona Hockey Officials Association sent you!





## Upcoming Events & Association News

### AHOA Referee Scholarship Program

The Arizona Hockey Officials Association is dedicated to encouraging, developing and training the association's members of all ages and levels. In addition to the local training that is place and being developed there are opportunities for officials to attend a variety of training camps, referee schools and tournament showcases where their officiating skills can be honed and developed. To help support the official who truly has the desire to further his knowledge, skills and abilities in order to advance in the officiating ranks AHOA offers a scholarship program to help defray the cost of attending these events. Following is an outline of the prerequisites, expectations and the application process for an AHOA Referee Scholarship.

#### Scholarship:

AHOA will reimburse up to 50% (maximum \$250.00) of the cost to attend including fees, travel and lodging (meals excluded).

#### Prerequisites:

The official must be a level 2 or higher USA Hockey registered official.

Eligibility must commiserate with experience and knowledge in officiating.

Completed application.

The event must benefit AHOA by the official attending.

#### Process:

Complete application and submit to the AHOA Board.

Applicant must submit the application in person at a scheduled Board meeting. If under 18 the official must have parental approval and release form. Applications must be submitted prior to the event.

Applications will be reviewed at the regular monthly Board meeting. Depending on lead time the AHOA Board will make every effort to approve/deny prior to the official attending the event.

Receipts for scholarship reimbursement must be submitted to the Board.

If approved the reimbursement will be added to the official's next regular Arbiter pay cycle.

## Meet The Stripes (10th Edition)

### Tom Waszczak



#### 1. How many seasons have you been officiating with USA Hockey?

I'm in my 3rd season as a USA Hockey official. I was a roller hockey official for about 7 years before becoming an ice official.

#### 2. What were a couple of your main motivations in becoming an on-ice referee?

I began reffing hockey for a couple of reasons; 1) I became frustrated by officials that had skills and abilities that were less than my level of play so I figured I could give A level teams the officiating they deserved 2) I knew it would provide me a way to improve my own skating and hockey knowledge/game perspective while getting paid to do so.

#### 3. With it being a rule change year, what are a few improvements you'd like to see USA Hockey make to the rule book or situations manual?

I would like to see delayed off sides at the Pee wee level.

#### 4. Is there a certain level of hockey that you find most enjoyable to referee? If so, why?

I enjoy 16U and 18U travel the most due to the speed and hockey sense higher level players have developed. I also enjoy the teaching aspect that comes with Squirt and Pee wee hockey.

#### 5. Are there any specific professional or local hockey officials you look to for inspiration or who have mentored you?

I enjoy working with guys that don't take themselves too serious, but respect the game enough to keep things professional. I also prefer to work with officials that can give and receive constructive criticism (it's how we get better).

#### 6. How does the Arizona Hockey Officials Organization compare to other referee associations you have worked with?

AHOA is the only ice association I've been a part of and it is by far better than the roller hockey officiating groups I've been associated with! Much more organization and accountability.

#### 7. Describe one of your most memorable games that you were a part of.

I recently had the band's for my first 3 man 18U Tier 1 travel game. I assessed 22 penalties and the game went to OT and a shootout. The pace of play was awesome, I loved every second of the game, and would not have changed a single call. My legs were dead the next day for two 16U Tier 1 travel games (1 line, 1 band). Those games were also fun and by the end of the weekend my thighs were so cramped and sore since we had another OT plus a shootout with some great hockey.

#### 8. What are some passions or hobbies that you have and enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love to hang out with my dog Haley, BBQ, and enjoy good beer/whiskey.



## Ask The Official

**QUESTION:** My son was injured by a illegal check to the head. The officials gave the other kid a major and game misconduct and threw him out, but I think he deserves more than a one game suspension.

**ANSWER:** If you would like this body contact reviewed and considered for discipline please forward it to your local hockey association or USAH Affiliate. Rule 410(a) in the USA Hockey Playing Rules states,

“In addition to the suspensions imposed under these rules, the proper disciplinary authority, at its discretion and after the game has been completed, may investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game. Any incident that occurs prior to, during, or after the game is subject to review regardless of whether the action was penalized by the Referee.”

We strongly recommend doing this through your coach or team manager to add credibility (instead of sounding like a grumpy parent).

**QUESTION:** If a coach rips up a score-sheet after a game what would be the call?

**ANSWER:** If the coach rips up the score-sheet at the end of a game he could be assessed a Match penalty under Rule 601(f)3 (Detrimental Conduct).

**QUESTION:** Is it true that during a shootout, a goaltender is not allowed to leave the crease until the attacking "shooter" touches the puck?

**ANSWER:** Rule 406(c) in the USA Hockey Playing Rules states,

*“The goalkeeper must remain in his crease until the player taking the penalty shot has touched the puck.”*

If the goalkeeper leaves the crease early the referee should allow the attempt to continue. If a goal results, allow the goal and proceed with the game. If the attempt fails, allow the shooter a second attempt.

**QUESTION:** Our team took a shot which was saved and then the goalkeeper (while sliding after initial stop) knocked the net off before we shot the rebound into the goal. Was this goal legal since the goalkeeper knocked the net off?

**ANSWER:** A goal can never be allowed if the goal frame is knocked loose from its normal position before the puck crosses the line. Even if the goalkeeper's actions are deliberate (assess a minor penalty, but disallow the goal).

**QUESTION:** I have a friend who is a professional photographer. Is he allowed to come take pictures of my son and other kids during the game for the parents?

**ANSWER:** Photographers, parents, and relatives may take pictures before, during, and after the game as long as they do not interfere with the progress of the game (stay off the team bench and penalty bench area) and follow U.S. Olympic Committee's SafeSport and USAH Locker Room policies. As a general rule, cameras should never be allowed in any team locker room.

**If you have a scenario or situation that you'd like featured in next month's newsletter, send an email to: [AHOA.QA@gmail.com](mailto:AHOA.QA@gmail.com).**



## Scorekeeper's Corner

### Penalty Situations & Terminations

Time	Team "A"	Team "B"	Solution
4:00 4:30	X - 2 min.	Goal	The only penalty being served is a minor penalty. Therefore, X is allowed to return to the ice as a result of the goal.
4:00 4:30 5:00	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min.	Goal	In this case, the first penalty (Player X's) which causes Team "A" to be short-handed terminates as a result of the goal.
4:00 5:00	X - 2 + 2 min.	Goal	The first minor penalty to Player X would terminate and Player X's second minor penalty would start. Therefore, Team "A" would remain shorthanded while Player X's second penalty is being served.
4:00 4:30 5:00	X - 2 min.	Z - 2 min. Goal	At the time of the goal, both teams were at equal strength (4 vs. 4) so no penalty would terminate as a result of the goal.
4:00 4:30 4:45 5:00	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min.	Z - 2 min. Goal	Team "A" was shorthanded at the time of the goal as a result of minor penalties. Therefore, the first such minor penalty (Player X's) still being served terminates.
4:00 4:30 4:45 5:00	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min.	Z - 2 min. Goal	Player X's penalty terminates as Team "A's" first minor penalty still being served.





## 2016 Youth Travel Game Formats

We are in the thick of things for the 2016 travel season and there are lots of changes with levels going from squirt to 10U, peewee to 12U, bantam to 14U etc. A/B, AA or AAA teams are replaced by non-tier, Tier I or Tier II. Please find below the game formats for the state league as well as the tier level games that are mandated by the state.

## 2016 Travel Game Formats

### **Non Tier Games (AZYHL)**

3 minute warm-up.

10U & 12U — three 13 minute stop time periods.

14U & 16U — three 14 minute stop time periods.

Runtime in the third period with a 6 goal differential. If goal differential becomes less than 6, the game shall return to stop time.

### **AAHA Tier II Format**

3 minute warm-up.

14U — three 14 minute stop time periods.

16U & 18U — three 15 minute stop time periods

### **AAHA Tier I Format**

5 minute warm-up.

14U — three 16 minute stop periods. Ice cut between 2nd and 3rd period

15U, 16U & 18U — three 17 minute stop periods, two minute rest between the 1st and 2nd period, and ice cut between 2nd and 3rd period.