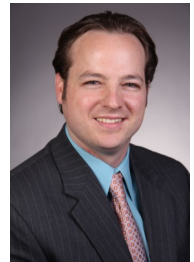




AHOA NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Chris Zorza
President

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The 2016-2017 season is here!!! Yes that is right, the new season is here.....registration is open, seminars are on the calendar and leagues are getting ready for play!

This is my chance to wish every official a very successful season no matter what your goals are for the year. Whether you are trying to advance to the next level, work higher level games, officiate the nationals or simply supplement you weekend beverage budget, I hope everyone gets to enjoy the season of hockey.

While I will not get a chance to work games with everyone in AHOA or meet face to face, we are all part of a guild which is what I love about our officiating community. There may be times when we do not agree on a call, rule interpretation or policy, but I will always be here to support you. Whether you need help, have a question, or don't like a policy please let me know. AHOA is committed to providing better communication to our members and it is a two-way street.

My last request is to ask you to get involved. Our annual membership meeting is Aug 30th and this is your first chance to participate, but it will certainly not be your last. We are looking for mentors, training instructors, and much more. AHOA is only as strong as our members so please raise your hand and let us know how you would like to be a part of it!

GOOD LUCK this YEAR!!!!

Chris Zorza

AHOA President



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

Did you know that during the course of an average NHL game, 12 pucks are used?

[Week 79 \(July 11th\)](#)

Q. Team A is short-handed by reason of three minor penalties to different players. As play continues, the first penalty expires; however, this player cannot go onto the ice until the next stoppage. If the second penalty also expires, which player, if any, returns to the ice before a stoppage?

A. The first player whose penalty expires returns to the ice. Rule Reference 408(b). When two of the three penalties have expired, the team is entitled to have an additional player on the ice. The players return to the ice in the order that their penalties expire. If the third penalty now expires without a stoppage of play, the second penalized player is allowed to return to the ice as the team is now entitled to be at full strength. In this instance, the third penalized player will wait until the stoppage of play to return.

[Week 80 \(July 18th\)](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8LCL6imLc0>

[Week 81 \(July 25th\)](#)

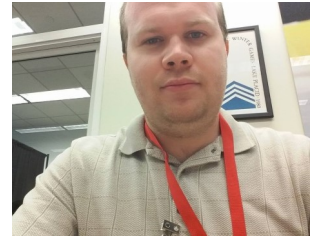
Q. An attacking player in the Neutral Zone passes the puck to a teammate who is completely in the Attacking Zone. However, the puck is deflected by the opponent before entering the zone. Is this play off-side?

A. Yes. Rule Reference 630(c). Any deflection off a teammate, opponent, Official or rink defect does not nullify an off-side.

Training & Development

On July 12th at Oceanside Ice Arena, the AHOA conducted a free on/off ice clinic that was open for our members. Instructors included Wayne Bonney (NHL), Nathan Wieler (WHA/ NCAA), Stan Szczurek (USHL), and Robb Harrell (USHL/ NCAA). The attending officials were skated through various USA Hockey drills while gaining valuable instant feedback from their respective instructors along with an off-ice Q&A session in the locker room. This brought great conversation and feedback from the group and we all truly enjoyed the opportunity to share our insight to the game. The amount of information and instruction that can be obtained at one of these clinics is awesome and I highly encourage all of you to take part in possible future dates. Whether you are a brand new level 1 official or a 20 year veteran of the stripes, there is always something to learn from each game, each instructor, and each fellow referee.

Check out some pictures below from the event and the videos that have been posted to our associations Facebook page. A special thanks goes out to Adam Mims for donating ice time to help make this opportunity possible for our officials!



Zachary Reese
Board Director at Large



Upcoming Events & Association News

2016 USA Hockey Arizona Seminar Dates & Locations

Date	Level	Location
August 14	Level 2	Tempe
August 27	Level 1	Tempe
September 11	Level 1 or 3	Peoria
September 11	Level 1 or 2 or 3	Flagstaff
September 18	Level 4	Peoria
October 15	Level 2 or 3	Gilbert

Subject to change. Be sure to confirm dates, times, and locations on the USAH website when registering. Please remember that there will be **no** December seminar this year so sign up early.

Background & SafeSport

The expiration date for background screening and SafeSport is August 31st of the year it expires, this used to be December 31st. Please be sure to keep both of these up to date. Background status and application can be found on the [AAHA website](#) while Safesport can be found on the [USA Hockey website](#).

REMINDER 2016 Annual Board Meeting

The 2016 AHOA Annual Meeting will be held on August 30th at 6:30pm, in the Ice Den Scottsdale facility. A detailed email with board positions available was sent out on July 27th and we are currently accepting nominations. All AHOA members are encouraged to attend.

[HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR ARBITER BLOCKS LATELY?](#)

Meet The Stripes (5th Edition)

Bobby Nadeau



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

If been a USA Hockey official since 2012. I started officiating hockey when I was 18 or so back in Timmins, Ontario Canada.

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

I enjoy watching the kids grow as a player for year to year. Another motivation is learning the rules of game better every year in becoming the best official I can be. Even at my age I try to push myself to referee at the highest level of hockey that is available to me.

3. In your view, what are the biggest differences between officiating youth level hockey and junior (WSHL)?

The are a few differences. First is the speed of the game is much more faster. Second would be the interaction between officials and players/coaches. Lastly we can't forget the pay. (wink wink)

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

I love golfing with my father when he visits during the winter time. I also love building/refurbishing things (woodworking). Mostly I love to spend time with my family camping or even taking a day trip anywhere.

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

My first referee in chief Keith Grenke was a huge inspiration for me. He introduced me to officiating. I've also had the chance to referee with many great officials, just to name a few Gary Sullivan, Perry Charette, Rob Harrell, Stan Szczurek, Brandon Gawryletz, etc...

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

The only other association that I have worked with was back home in northern Ontario Canada. The AHOA is a much bigger district which gives me the opportunity to officiate in several locations compared to only 1 or 2 arena's.

7. In your view, what are some talents that make officials excel in higher levels of hockey?

Having good hockey sense, being able to read the play to avoid putting yourself in a dangerous position. Also being a strong skater helps tremendously. Being able to diffuse a situation makes the game a lot easier. Creating a relationship with the players/coaches also helps.

8. Describe a situation that you were a part of where working well together with your referee partners helped a difficult situation on the ice.

I've had a few times while working a WSHL game where myself or my teammate (linesman) have been caught in a situation where we have been out of position to make the call at the blueline. But having a good partner noticing and being able to drop down to make the right call makes it easier for each other. Most good coaches will notice the effort that we put into making the right call which like I said earlier creates a good relationship and avoids being yelled at from the bench. LOL.

Meet The Stripes (5th Edition)

Daniel Goldberg



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

I have been officiating hockey for 6 seasons.

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

Growing up, I was a goaltender and because I would see the entire ice every game, I often times found myself seeing things that the official never saw. So, I wanted to become an official because of the vantage point I had as a goaltender. However, once I became an official, I soon learned that it was near impossible to call a perfect game. Through game experience, I had a new respect for the officiating craft.

3. In your view, what are the biggest differences between officiating youth level hockey and collegiate?

In a youth game, the official is supposed to serve as a teacher/ambassador of the game. In other words, we are out there to help teach the kids the game (what they can and cannot do), how to line up for a face-off etc. On the other hand, during college games, we are there to enforce the laws of the game. The men know how to play and how to get away with things, so we have to be even more cognizant so that they don't get away with little things: i.e. face-off advantages. Another difference, that is somewhat individual to me is that I am a young guy. I am nineteen, and so when I am officiating collegiate games, I often times find myself having to prove my abilities even more than my partners.

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

Outside of hockey, I love to read, travel, and try new food. At school, I am in a fraternity, and also serve on the University Senate.

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

The most important part of becoming a better official is having great mentors. In Illinois, my mentors are Jack Raslawski and Joseph Prescott, and in Arizona my mentors are Mike Sarter and Zach Reese. Because of my mentors in both states, I have been given some amazing opportunities, and have also been taught some very vital lessons. I am quite thankful for all of my mentors. I would not be where I am today without my mentors.

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

Last year, when I moved out to AZ for school, at the young age of 18, I was not sure how I would fit in both at school and as an official. Yet, after my first few games and I realized how tight knit AHOA is, and it was awesome. I found myself officiating with the same 20-25 guys every month, and I developed some great friendships with the guys. Thus, what I love about AHOA is how small it is. Because it is small, everyone knows everyone, and thus when you are out there on the ice, chances are that you know the guy that you are working with very well and it makes for a better officiated game.

7. In the off-season, what are a few things that you do to keep in shape?

During the off-season, I enjoy cycling and lifting weights. However, like I previously said, I like to try new foods so that just means extra work in the off-season.

8. Any advice you'd like to share with officials that are considering going into the Officials Development Program?

Three keys to starting out: 1. Be confident and stick with it - no matter how good of a skater or how well you know the game, your first few games are going to be tough. No matter what level of play you are officiating you are going to be heavily scrutinized, it comes with the territory. So, develop a thick skin, and do not dwell on the coaches negative sentiments. 2. Find a mentor - Having a desire to become a better official is great, but without a mentor to show you the ropes and vouch for you, you will not be able to progress up the ranks. I am only the official that I am today because of the unparalleled mentors that I have had the blessing of working with. 3. Be driven - The only way to truly develop into a better official is to be driven. Not only will people want to help you if they see that you are driven, but assigners will see you and say wow that guy shows up early to every game, has a clean look, and works hard every game: he must be driven. Thus, you will be given great opportunities.



Ask The Official

Question: During a game, there was a situation where the Front Official in a two-official system did not call a goal that was legally scored. The Back Official signaled the goal, but did not stop play. At the next stoppage, the Back Official informed his partner and the players that the goal should be allowed. The face-off took place at center ice. What would the proper process be in this situation and should the goal be allowed?

Answer: The USAH Basic Officiating Manual gives the following procedure for awarding a goal;

"When a goal is scored, the referee will point with the non-whistle hand in the direction of the goal and blow his/her whistle."

Therefore, if the back-official was 100% certain the puck entered the goal he should have immediately stopped play and awarded the goal. If he was uncertain, then he should wait for the next stoppage of play and discuss the situation with his partner and award the goal if they determine the puck entered the net.

Question: Last night we had a Delay of Game penalty called on our goalie for shooting the puck out of the rink. He did not do it intentionally; he was trying to pass it to a player along the boards but the puck sailed and cleared the glass. I was always under the impression that that was not a penalty under USA Hockey rules but the ref insisted it was.

Answer: Rule 610(d) in the USAH Playing Rules states;

"A minor penalty shall be assessed to a goalkeeper who shoots the puck directly (non-deflected) outside of the playing area, except when the puck inadvertently leaves the playing area in a location that is not protected by glass or screen."

Question: Team B has a penalty and is playing 5 v. 4. Team B has possession of the puck when a player on Team A is signaled for a delayed slashing penalty. The Team B player maintains possession of the puck and scores.

The goal is recorded. The question is, does the delayed penalty to Team A get recorded but **not** served because of the goal scored, is the penalty recorded and still served by the offending Team B player. I went by Rule 409 in the current rule book and found no reason to put the offending player in the penalty box after the goal was scored. Was this the proper call?

Answer: In this scenario the Team B goal would terminate the delayed penalty to Team A.

Question: While referring a game today, an attacking player was tripped and fell on the puck. I raised my arm to signal a delayed penalty when the attacking player then slid into the goalie and into the net with the puck under his chest. I called no goal and a 2 minute tripping penalty.

Answer: A player may not slide with the puck into the net or otherwise bulldoze through a goalkeeper to score a goal. The puck must enter the goal after being legally propelled by a stick.

Question: What should the call be if you have two Too Many Players on the ice at the same time? Team A got the puck out of the defensive zone and both defensemen skated to the bench to change. As the two new defensemen jumped on the ice, Team B makes a quick pass to their player at center ice and to avoid a breakaway, all four defensemen attempt to stop Team B. Team A had seven skaters on the ice.

Answer: A team must be assessed one bench minor penalty for Too Many Players regardless of how many players are on the ice during play.

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.



Scorekeeper's Corner

Penalty Situations & Terminations

COINCIDENT PENALTIES

Coincident penalties occur any time player(s) from each team are assessed penalties of equal duration during the same stoppage of play. When coincident penalties are assessed, immediate substitution for the penalized player(s) will occur on the ice. Penalties deemed to be coincidental do not appear on the game clock. The players who are serving coincident penalties will remain in the penalty bench until the first stoppage of play after their penalty has expired. Following are some coincident penalty situations.

Time	Team "A"	Team "B"	Solution
4:00	X - 2 min.	Z - 2 min.	In this case, each minor penalty will cancel out the other. Each team will be allowed immediate substitution on the ice (5 vs. 5 on-ice strength) and the penalized players will have to wait until the first stoppage after their penalties expire.
4:00	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min.	Z - 2 min. W - 2 min.	Each minor penalty will cancel a minor penalty from the other team and both teams will be allowed immediate substitution (5 vs. 5 on-ice strength). The penalized players will have to wait for the first stoppage of play after their penalties expire.
4:00 4:15	X - 2 min.	Z - 2 min.	Since the penalties were not assessed at the same time, coincident penalties do not apply.



Level 4 Seminar Preparation

Hello Arizona Level 3 and Level 4 Officials,

USA Hockey will be holding both District and National tournaments in the Phoenix area in March and April 2017, respectively. These are amazing events that bring together the best teams and officials from across the district and the country. If you are interested in potentially being selected to work these events it is highly recommend you register at Level 4 for the 2016-17 season. In order to participate in the Regional Tournament, USA Hockey requires that you be a completely registered Level 3 or 4 official. To work a National Tournament, USA Hockey requires that you be a completely registered Level 4 official and very rarely makes exceptions to this rule.

If you will be applying for Level 4 certification it is highly encouraged that you study for both the closed-book exam and on-ice skating test. The best way to prepare for the closed-book exam is to read through the USA Hockey rulebook with specific attention focused to the Casebook information. It is also a good idea to read through the USA Hockey manuals. All of these resources are available online at <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/902338-rule-book-and-resources>.

You can also prepare for the Level 4 skating test with a Level 4 Skating Preparation Clinic that is also being offered on August 18th. If you have never taken the Level 4 skating test before this is your chance to get on the ice and experience the test before taking the real thing. If you have taken the Level 4 skating test before this is your opportunity to knock the rust off your skates before the Level 4 seminar in September.

Information on the Level 4 Skating Preparation Clinic is listed below. If you plan to attend please RSVP using the link below.

Level 4 Skating Preparation Clinic

Oceanside Ice Arena

Thursday, August 18

7:20pm - 8:20pm

RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/aVL2QAE7JWdfxLnj1>