



# *AHOA NEWSLETTER*

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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!**

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## Monthly Q&A Review

### [Week 89 \(October 10th\)](#)

#### [Referee Awareness After Penalty](#)

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### [Week 90 \(October 17th\)](#)

**Q. Team A is playing shorthanded (5 on 3) and while in possession of the puck, a player from Team B commits a minor penalty infraction. During the delayed calling of the penalty, Team A advances the puck down the ice and scores a goal. How is the minor penalty to Team B served and what is the correct on-ice strength after the goal?**

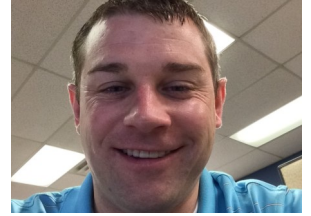
**A. The delayed minor penalty to Team B is recorded but not served due to the goal by Team A. The correct on-ice strength after the goal remains 5 v 3. Rule reference 409(b).**

### [Week 91 \(October 24th\)](#)

#### [Officials Development Program - Boarding](#)

Did you know that the last player in the NHL to play without a helmet was Craig MacTavish, who retired in 1997?

## Scheduling Report



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

The season is now in full swing with games being played across all divisions and levels and we expect the number of games to rise over the coming months. One thing that is helpful from a scheduling perspective is for the officials to update their blocks in Arbiter. This allows us to see who is truly available for games as we assign and minimize the number of declines. If you need help updating your blocks please reach out to any member of the AHOA Board.

There are four remaining tournaments being held through the end of the year as follows:

[AHU Thanksgiving Tournament \(November 25-27th\)](#)

[Tier I 16U & 18U Divisional Showcase \(December 2-4th\)](#)

[Jr. Sun Devils Barnburner \(December 27-30th\)](#)

[AZ Coyote Cup \(December 28-31st\)](#)

AHOA will communicate when we plan to publish schedules for each tournament in advance so **BLOCKS CAN BE UPDATED!**



## Upcoming Events & Association News

### 2016 USA Hockey Arizona Seminar Dates & Locations

Date	Time	Level	Location
19-Nov	1:00pm - 8:00pm	Level 1	Scottsdale
20-Nov	10:45am - 5:30pm	General (1/2/3)	Peoria

Subject to change. Be sure to confirm dates, times, and locations on the USAH website when registering.

### 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! Also, keep an eye out for samples at upcoming USAH seminars.





## 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.

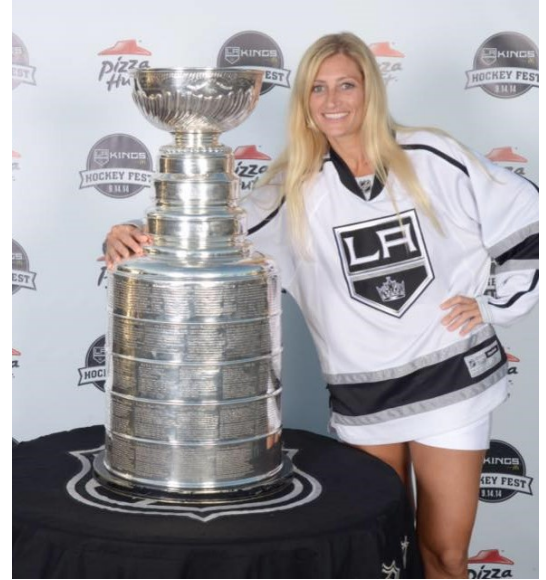
Applications will be reviewed at the regular monthly Board meeting. Depending on lead time the AHOA Board will make every effort to approve/deny prior to the official attending the event.

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 (8th Edition)

### Gina Caravetta



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

November will be my one year mark!

#### 2. What were some things that got you into officiating?

Since I was a little girl I always dreamed of being a referee or one of the 3 blind mice as we used to call them. However there was never any girls so I never thought it would ever be a possibility, therefore I never even looked into it. It was only till last year I asked myself what have I always wanted to do in my life that I haven't done yet. So I decided that I would take the plunge and toss myself into becoming a referee. I googled how to become a referee, next thing I know, I'm sitting in the level 1 seminar. Thinking, I wish I would have started when I was younger.

#### 3. With the USA Hockey playing rules committee meeting at the end of this year to determine rule changes for the next 4 years, what are a couple improvements or clarifications that you would like to see come out of it?

With this being my first year as an official I have not had the opportunity to see past rule changes, so im not sure what's changed over the previous years. However I know there is always controversy over the 9 dot face off locations, and the good ol' imaginary face off line. As an official I understand it. But I think for the players and for the parents in the stands the 9 dot would be much easier for them to understand.

#### 4. Name three things that you've learned and find helpful while working games.

I love all games, you can learn so much from each of them. We do this job because we enjoy hockey and to be the best that we can be to keep the game safe and fair. If we are not enjoying it anymore we need to look within and ask ourselves why we are not happy and not providing the best game for others. Its not about us. Its what we provide for the players/coaches/parents and the fulfillment it gives each of us to be the best we can be.

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

We should always be looking to improve and be mentored. If we are not learning or growing, we are not living. Zachary Reese is always there when I have questions and is quick to respond, Mike Starter has been great at working games with me and getting me on the schedule as much as he can so that is always appreciated. All the camps and classes I can sign up for, im always there! I am always looking to improve and to strive to be the better than yesterday. Bob Brown, Bobby Nadeau, Tom Bibbs, Dennis Barisano, Paul Whitee, Michel Voyer, Sam Miller, Melissa Orr-Szkola, Jamie Huntly-Park, have all been a great inspiration to me and all of them have unique qualities that can only help you improve your game on and off the ice.

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

I have not worked with many other organizations other than the USA Hockey multi district camp, California Referee School and the San Diego women's Camp. As for our local AZ group, they have been very helpful and I look to become more involved with the years to come.

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

September 9th at Chandler Ice Den. It was a U10 game. A child came up to me at the end of the game, not just to do the hand shake. But to set his glove down on the ice to shake my hand and to thank me personally. "Thank you ref for taking time out of your busy schedule to come out here tonight to be our referee, you did a great job on the ice with us, I really appreciate your time. Thank you". These are the words of a 10 year old boy. It made my heart just melt. I do this for the love of the game, and that kid made my night.

#### 8. What are a few things you enjoying doing in your spare time?

Spare time, who has spare time? When im not on the ice as a referee, im on the ice playing and when im not at the rink, Im working on funding our charity foundation that makes hockey for everyone possible. I love to travel and when I need to escape from cell phones, computers, emails tv, news, social media and all the noise in our world, I enjoy playing cards and board games to relax and become centered again.



## Meet The Stripes (8th Edition)

### Ethan Prater

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

I'm heading into my second season as a ref.

#### 2. What were some things that got you into officiating?

I wanted and still want to gain a greater understanding of the rules. I love being on the ice at any chance I get. I also get to see the younger players play and elevate their game.

#### 3. With the USA Hockey playing rules committee meeting at the end of this year to determine rule changes for the next 4 years, what are a couple improvements or clarifications that you would like to see come out of it?

I would like to see USA hockey move to the 9 dot system on off-side and the puck leaving play. I also would like to see the icing rule change to where you can't have the players on the team that iced the puck change.

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

I like doing the u14 and any level of u14 from house to AA. I can communicate with the players and your less of a teacher at that level.

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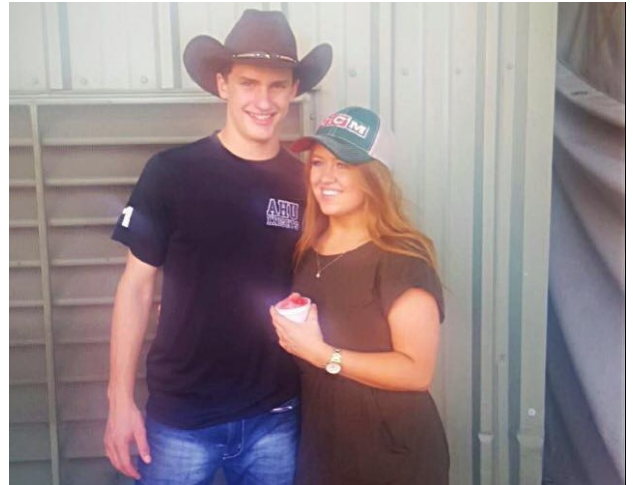
This is the only referee organization I've been apart of and it's been great.

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

I was able to line the u14 AA championship game for the MLK tournament here in Phoenix last year. It was memorable because it was a biggest game I've ever had and I had a great learning experience from it.

#### 8. What are a few things you enjoying doing in your spare time?

I play hockey for AHU and for the Highland ice-hawks. So when I'm not reffing I'm playing hockey or going to high school.





## Ask The Official

**QUESTION:** A face-off is located in an end-zone just inside the blue line. At the face-off, the defending center sends the puck all the way down the ice. Please explain why this wouldn't be considered icing.

**ANSWER:** Rule 624(b)3 in the USA Hockey Playing Rules states,  
*"Icing shall be nullified if any of the following conditions have been met:*

3. *The puck travels the length of the ice as a result of either player participating in a face-off."*

If the defending team's center shoots the puck down the ice directly off the faceoff then icing should be nullified.

**QUESTION:** During a game the goaltender lost his stick. He was given a stick by a teammate. Then a teammate retrieved the stick and laid it down in front of the goalie. Would this be deliberately piling obstacles near the goal and then be a violation of rule 610(g)?

**ANSWER:** If the defenseman laid the stick on the ice for the purpose of giving the stick to his goalkeeper then this would not violate Rule 610(g). The "spirit and intent" of Rule 610(g) is to prevent a goalkeeper from piling snow or other obstacles in front of the goal to gain an unfair advantage in preventing a goal.

**QUESTION:** Is there a USA Hockey procedure where an official can file a formal complaint about a coach, or are penalties his only recourse? If penalties are his only recourse how many bench minor penalties shall be assessed before the coach can be ejected from the game?

**ANSWER:** Any coach who violates USAH Playing Rule 601 may be assessed a Bench Minor penalty. If they continue their behavior prior to the expiration of the Bench Minor they should be assessed a Game Misconduct. If the behavior continues after the Bench Minor expires then the official must assess another Bench Minor.

If the coach's behavior is detrimental but does not directly violate the playing rules, the official can file a Game Report through his Local Supervisor of Officials to the Local Hockey Association or League that governs the team.

**QUESTION:** I assessed a penalty for hooking. On the way to the penalty box, he started using abusive language. I assessed and additional two minutes for unsportsmanlike. He kept it up and I gave him a misconduct. A veteran official said I should have started with the misconduct. What is the correct call

**ANSWER:** If a player uses abusive or foul language in protest of a call he must be assessed a minor penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct. If his behavior persists, the official should assess a Misconduct penalty. The only time an official should initially assess a Misconduct penalty for Abuse of Officials is when the abusive or foul language is not directly related to a call.

**QUESTION:** Team A shoots the puck. Team B's goalie makes the save but gives up a rebound. While the goalie is out of position, Team A shoots the rebound towards the goal. The puck hits off a defenseman who then intentionally rolls on top of the puck. The referee blows the play dead because the puck is not seen. Is this considered a penalty shot under 614(b)?

**ANSWER:** The referee should award a penalty shot anytime a defending player intentionally covers a puck (making it unplayable) located in the crease.

**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	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min.	Z - 2 + 2 min.	Even though Team "A" has two players penalized, the total number of penalties to each team are equal, therefore canceling each other out. Both teams will skate at full strength. Players X and Y will return at the first stoppage after two minutes while player Z will serve until the first stoppage after four minutes.
4:00	X - 2 + 2 min.	Z - 2 + 2 min.	Coincident minor penalties still applies because there is an equal number of minor penalties to each player.
4:00	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min.	Z - 2 min.	Player Z's penalty cancels out either X's or Y's penalty (captain's choice). Team "A" will skate shorthanded for two minutes or until a goal is scored. Player Z and either Player X or Y will remain in the penalty bench until the first stoppage of play after two minutes.
4:00	X - 2 + 2 min.	Z - 2 min.	Player Z's penalty will cancel out one of Player X's penalties. Team "A" will skate shorthanded (4 vs. 5 on-ice strength) for two minutes unless a goal is scored. Player Z will return to the ice at a stoppage after two minutes while Player X waits for a stoppage after the second minor penalty expires. Since Team "A" is entitled to another player on the ice after two minutes, they need to have an additional player enter the penalty bench to serve the minor penalty and enter the ice surface when it expires or a goal is scored.
4:00	X - 2 min. Y - 2 min. W - 2 min.	Z - 2 + 2 + 2 min.	Since there is an equal number of penalties on each team, coincident penalties would apply (5 vs. 5 on-ice strength). Player Z would be eligible to return during the first stoppage after six minutes. Players X, Y and W would return to the ice at the first stoppage after two minutes.



## 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.