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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
ARIZONA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION



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 92 \(November 14th\)](#)

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Q. Can the Referee permit a team to begin play with fewer players than it is entitled to have on the ice, when it has other available players on the bench who may play?

A. No. Rule References 610(h) and 629(e).

In most cases where there is not a valid reason due to injury or penalty, the team may try to set up a "sleeper" play, hoping for a "breakaway." The Referee and Linesman should check for the proper number of players on the ice before each faceoff. The Referee may assess a bench minor penalty (after a warning) on a team refusing to comply.

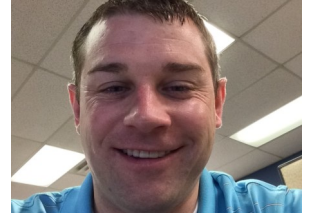
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[4-man System Referee & Linesman Positioning](#)

Did you know that Jarome Iginla donates \$2,000 to the children's charity Kidsport for every goal he scores? Since 2000, he has added more than \$700,000.

Scheduling Report

A great job to everybody who participated the Thanksgiving tournament! We received a large amount of positive feedback and would like to thank everyone who worked games for doing your part to show the strength of the Arizona officiating community. On top of games worked, we also used this opportunity to evaluate many officials and would like to take the time to personally thank all of our evaluators who took the time to make this possible.



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 two remaining tournaments being held through the end of the year as follows:

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

AHOA Officials Advancement

Congratulations to local official, Jake Geiwitz, on making his NCAA debut during the Arizona State Sun Devils vs Colgate Raiders game on December 2nd!



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 (9th Edition)

Audrey Andzelik



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

I've been officiating for 11 years. I'm starting my second season in Flagstaff. Previously I was officiating in Western NY and Northeastern Ohio.

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

My main motivation was my love for the sport. I grew up in a hockey family as both my younger brother and dad were goalies. I started off my skating career as a figure skater. After I broke my foot skateboarding at 11 years old (poor decision and only tried it once) and my bones healed, I traded my figure skates in for a different pair. It's been history since. I've also enjoyed surprising teams by being a female referee.

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 know this might sound silly, but I'd love for it to be made with a spiral binder. I reference the rule book often and my book spine is in really rough shape.

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

Since moving to Arizona just over a year ago, I've been able to officiate in the 3 and 4 person system. It's been an exciting change compared to the traditional two person system I grew up doing in NY and Ohio. Right now I have to say high school level is most enjoyable. However, I will always love officiating woman's hockey for obvious reasons.

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

No. I have had many mentors over the years who have all contributed to the official I am today.

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

It's exponentially larger in size compared to my previous association which just covered one rink. The AHOA also offers more self improvement opportunities especially with the Q & A emails sent out.

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

Volunteering to officiate a special needs tournament when I lived in Western New York. The games were a bit unconventional but so much fun! Those kids were having the best time on the ice and I was lucky enough to be apart of it.

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

I really enjoy the great outdoors which includes but not limited to camping, hiking, mountain biking, swimming, snowboarding, drinking wine and exploring the world one place at a time. One of my passions is my job working on the Navajo Indian Reservation.



Ask The Official

QUESTION: I failed my Open Book Exam. Why do I need to wait seven days to attempt my re-take exam?

ANSWER: Despite careful instructions, some officials were completing Membership Registration on Day 1, attempting the OB Exam on Day 2, and then attempting the re-take exam on Day 3. They failed both chances before the Rule Book even arrived. Therefore the District RIC's created the 7-day waiting period policy.

QUESTION: Why are there so many misleading questions on the written exams?

ANSWER: The exams are created by the Exam Sub-Committee which is comprised of District Referees-in-Chief. These hard-working volunteers create the exams for the membership they serve. Therefore, there is no reason they would intentionally create misleading questions.

That being said, we understand it's unlikely 24,000 USA Hockey Officials will interpret each question exactly the same. Therefore, you should never be afraid to ask for guidance during an exam.

QUESTION: What is the difference between the Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 & Level 4 Open Book Exams?

ANSWER: There is no difference between the various levels. Each official takes the exact same exam. The only difference is the score requirements and Level 1 Officials only complete the first 50 questions.

QUESTION: When I register, USA Hockey collects an Affiliate Fee on top of my National Registration Fee. What is this Affiliate Fee?

ANSWER: USA Hockey is governed at the local level by our 34 Affiliate bodies. These bodies govern over the games in their respective areas, promote USA Hockey policies, and handle disciplinary issues. The Affiliate Fee assists with covering the operating costs which include publications, player/official development, state/district tournaments, etc. USA Hockey collects the fees during membership registration in a simple "one-stop-shopping" process then passes the funds onto the Affiliate during the season.

QUESTION: Can I attend a seminar in a different district than I register in?

ANSWER: USA Hockey registration is a national registration which means you can complete your requirements in any part of the country, and work games in any part of the country (please area rules regarding background checks and assignment fees).

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

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.