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Carolina Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA/Carolina Hockey) Continues to Focus on Supporting Officials

MINOR OFFICIALS TO WEAR GREEN ARM BANDS FOR 2025/2026 SEASON

North & South Carolina – June 1, 2025: To continue to provide support for new and young Officials, the Carolina Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA/Carolina Hockey) announced today that it will implement a Green Armband policy for On-Ice Officials under the age of 18. The initiative is aimed at reducing harassment and abuse of Officials by spectators and team officials.

Effective August 1, 2025, with the beginning of the 2025/2026 season, all On-Ice Officials under the age of 18 will wear a green arm band, which will identify that they are a minor. Approximately 40% of registered USA Hockey Officials are under the age of 18 and are extremely important to the present and the future of the Officiating Program in CAHA, the USA Hockey affiliate for North and South Carolina.

The green armband initiative was initially implemented in Montreal, Canada in 2020 and was applied in many areas including South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (SDAHA) and Lake Area Hockey Association (LAHA) in Iowa in 2022-23.

“CAHA understands that harassment and abuse of Officials is never acceptable. We also recognize the need to further support our young Officials who are learning. They should not be in a position where they are being yelled at by adults, and we believe that the green armband initiative will assist with this,” said CAHA Vice President of Discipline, Graham Bundy.

CAHA will distribute posters that can be displayed in ice rinks around the Carolinas, send information to parents, players, coaches, and team officials of all Hockey Associations in the Carolinas. This will help with the roll out of the program.

The full policy and frequently asked questions are available on the CAHA website, www.carolinahockey.org.

About CAHA

The Carolina Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) is the USA Hockey governing body for amateur ice hockey in the states of North Carolina and South Carolina. Since 2000, CAHA's mission is to encourage, foster and promote the development and growth of the sport of amateur hockey in North Carolina and South Carolina. This includes youth, adult, girl's, women's, high school, sled, disabled, college, and all other kinds of hockey affiliated with USA Hockey. For more information about the Carolina Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA), please visit www.carolinahockey.org.