



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

District Referees-in-Chief

- (a) There shall be one referee-in-chief for each registration district.
- (b) He/She shall be appointed by the Executive Director, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Affiliate associations may submit recommendations (at least three).
- (c) He/She shall have the authority to appoint local supervisors of officials with the approval of the Executive Director. They shall carry out the duties of the referee-in-chief in the designated area prescribed by the district referee-in-chief.
- (d) In order to avoid a conflict of interest, the district referee-in-chief and any local supervisors of officials shall not hold any other position within his/her hockey district outside of the officiating program without the knowledge and consent of the Executive Director, and then only if he/she had held both positions prior to June 7, 2014.
- (e) The district referee-in-chief and any local supervisors of officials shall not be a voting member in any USA Hockey Affiliate Board of Directors unless he/she had held both positions prior to June 7, 2014.

His/Her duties shall be:

- 1. Distribute information for official registration to new officials.
- 2. Assist all officials with the completion of the direct registration process.
- 3. Make available the proper officiating education resources at district seminars.
NOTE: These resources may not be sold, except through the USA Hockey national office. They are for properly registered USA Hockey officials only.
- 4. View the work of the officials whenever possible and offer constructive feedback. Institute a district evaluation program.
- 5. The district referee-in-chief shall not assign referees for USA Hockey games, with the exception that he/she shall assign and supervise all referees and linesmen for any regional and/or national championships within the district.
- 6. Schedule and conduct seminars for the purpose of improving officiating techniques and uniformity by forming trained seminar staffs in each major area of his/her district, who shall be responsible for conducting various level seminars in their area.
- 7. Seek out and encourage new people to become officials.
- 8. He/She shall be a member of an appeal board to hear any appeal of a referee suspension levied by a local supervisor of officials and/or the local amateur hockey governing body. District Referees-in-Chief should only be involved at an Affiliate level, not on a local appeal. (See Bylaw 10: Dispute Resolution, Discipline, Arbitration).
- 9. It is strongly recommended that he/she not be a member of a review board that has the authority to suspend a player, team or league official or spectator. His/Her opinion may be expressed, but he/she shall not have a vote on the action to be taken.
- 10. Disseminate official interpretations of the USA Hockey Playing Rules Committee.
- 11. Forward to the rules committee any recommendations for rules changes.
- 12. Assist in the development of educational materials and serve on a committee to develop such materials if requested.
- 13. Prepare an annual report of his/her activities.
- 14. Maintain complete financial records of all income and expenses, such records shall be subject to review and audit by the Audit Committee of this association and/or their designated representative. A copy of their annual financial report shall be available to the Affiliate association involved upon request, through the USA Hockey national office. The District Referee-in-Chief will submit an itemized expense reimbursement report of the District Referee-in-Chief checking account at a minimum of every quarter.
- 15. Recommend officials in his/her district after consultation with the Affiliate referee-in-chief for summer officials camps, international competition, national and regional championships and regional/national level programs.

