



# 2022-23 USA HOCKEY LEVEL ONE OFFICIATING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All persons who have never registered with USA Hockey as an Ice Hockey Official must register at Level 1. All registration requirements must be completed, and you must have your Card and Crest in hand before you may accept assignments.

## ANNUAL OFFICIATING MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Submission of USA Hockey Officiating Program membership applications begins on **June 1** and ends **December 31** of every season. All 2022-23 membership registrations must be completed by **February 28, 2023**. No referee cards and sweater crests will be issued after this date.

## LEVEL 1 REQUIREMENTS:

- Must complete online [Membership Registration and](#) submit Registration Fee (\$45.00 + applicable Affiliate Fee)
- Must attain an [Open Book Exam](#) score of 35/50 (or higher)
  - *Officials who do not receive the minimum passing score for their registration level, will be given access to a Re-take Exam and a new answer sheet. An official is only allowed one Re-take Exam per year. The Re-take Exam is available after a seven day waiting period (from submitting the first exam), and once available this re-take must be completed within 30 days. In the event that an official fails the exam twice, he/she will become completely registered at the highest level for which the re-take exam score would qualify.*
- Must attend and complete a Level 1 [Officiating Classroom Seminar](#) sanctioned by USA Hockey
  - *This seminar will generally consist of both a classroom and ice session. Classroom sessions may be offered in a "in-person" or "online virtual" classroom (via Zoom Meetings). Please make sure you read the seminar schedule carefully regarding what type of seminar is being offered.*
- Must complete free online [SafeSport](#) training (if 2005 Birth Year, or older)
  - *As part of USA Hockey's continued effort to create a safe playing environment for all participants, those officials who are a **2005 Birth Year or older** at the beginning of the registration season are required to complete the online U.S. Center for SafeSport education program.*
- Must complete and maintain a USA Hockey sanctioned criminal [Background Screen](#) if 18(+) years old on June 1, 2022.
  - *All officials who are 18(+) years-old or older by June 1 of the current year, must submit to a USA Hockey coordinated Criminal Background Screen every two seasons. No background screen performed by an outside entity or governing body will be accepted*

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

A new official (not registered the previous year) may not officiate until he/she is completely registered. A returning official ("complete" the previous season) may not officiate after November 30 of the current season (expiration date on previous year's card) unless he/she is completely registered for the current season.

## SCHEDULING OF GAMES

Registration with the USA Hockey Officiating Program does not guarantee any official game assignments. Officials are responsible for obtaining their own game assignments from Local Game Schedulers as designated in each District. Any game scheduler who assigns incompletely registered officials for games is subject to serious liability as he/she jeopardizes the insurance coverage of the officials and both teams involved. Whenever possible, only [level-qualified officials](#) should be assigned to games. Updated listings of currently registered officials are available from the District Referee-in-Chief on a regular basis.

## USEFUL LINKS

[www.usahockey.com/officials](http://www.usahockey.com/officials)  
[www.usahockey.com/officiating-development](http://www.usahockey.com/officiating-development)