

PROPOSAL FOR NDAHA MEETINGS

BY-LAW (Heading):

RULE/REGULATION (Heading): Game Officials

MAIN SECTION: Article X

Sub-Section / Paragraph: All

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CURRENT WORDING:

ARTICLE X: GAME OFFICIALS

A. Two (2) USA Hockey, Inc. registered referees or one (1) registered referee and two (2) registered linesmen will be required for all league games and tournament games. Whichever system is selected for a state tournament must be used throughout the entire tournament. Selection of tournament referee systems will be made by the tournament committee at the winter meeting.

B. There will be four (4) state sponsored referee seminars before the end of October (one in each District) to be rotated within the district. The NDAHA will pay the administrative fee of \$300.00 per state sponsored referee seminar to the NDHOA. Any community wanting to sponsor its own additional referee seminar must be responsible for all cost and administration of the seminar. Coordination with District and NDAHA Referee-in-Chief is mandatory. Deadline date for any official to be certified shall be November 30th of the playing year.

C. A list of approved officials and their level shall be sent to the League Coordinators, Tournament Officials, Team Representatives, and the District Referee-in-Chief by December 1st of the playing year. Referees that are certified must wear the certification patch and carry the identification card at all USA Hockey, Inc. games. All USA Hockey Officials will comply with the USA Hockey Screening Policy.

D. All on-ice referees shall be USA Hockey, Inc. certified for the current playing season and shall be classified as follows:

Level 4: Eligible to referee all classifications

Level 3: Eligible to referee at Junior C and below classifications

Level 2: Eligible to referee at age 14 and below classifications

Level 1: Eligible to referee at age 12 and below classifications

Level 1, 2, and 3 officials working like age games or above must be paired with a minimum of one (1) senior level 3 official and be approved by the District Supervisor of Officials.

E. Only USA Hockey, Inc. Level 3 or higher certified shall be used in and for State Tournament play and shall be assigned by the State RIC with input from the nominations given by the District Supervisor of Officials.

F. Any official that wants to attend a National Camp or apply to work a National Tournament must have an evaluation to be considered as eligible. Contact the State RIC.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions-underlined, New Wording-in bold, Deletions-Strikethrough)

A. *The following referee systems can be utilized for any NDAHA sanctioned games.*

- *Two (2) USA Hockey registered & certified referees*
- *One (1) USA Hockey, registered & certified referee & Two (2) USA Hockey registered & certified linesman*
- *Two (2) USA Hockey registered & certified linesmen & Two (2) USA hockey registered & certified officials.*
- *Different systems may be used for NDAHA State Tournaments. Once the selection of which system will be used for each tournament, the entire tournament will operate the same for all games in that tournament.*

B. There will be four (4) state sponsored referee seminars before the end of October (one in each District) to be rotated within the district. The NDAHA will pay the administrative fee of \$300.00 per state sponsored referee seminar to the NDHOA. Any community wanting to sponsor its own additional referee seminar must will be responsible for all cost and administration of the seminar. **If a community chooses to host a seminar, it can only be a Level 1 seminar. All other subsequent education seminars are conducted virtually.** Coordination with District Supervisor of Officials and NDAHA Referee-in-Chief is mandatory. Deadline date for any official to be certified shall be ~~November 30th~~ **December 31st**, of the playing year.

C. A list of **every registered and/or certified official will be distributed the 1st and the 15th of each month up until January 15th of each playing season to all of the District Supervisors and local assignors.** approved officials and their level shall be sent to the League Coordinators, Tournament Officials, Team Representatives, and the District Referee in Chief by December 1st of the playing year. Referees that are certified must wear the certification patch and carry the identification card at all USA Hockey, Inc. games. All USA Hockey Officials will comply with the USA Hockey Screening Policy.

D. All on-ice referees shall be USA Hockey, Inc. **registered &** certified for the current playing season, ~~and shall be classified as follows:~~ **Assignment determinations will be determined by the District Referee Supervisors and the local assignors.**

Level 4: Eligible to referee all classifications

Level 3: Eligible to referee at Junior C and below classifications

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(1) senior level 3 official and be approved by the District Supervisor of Officials.

E. Only USA Hockey, Inc. **registered & certified** Level 3 or higher ~~certified~~ **officials** shall be used in and for State Tournament play and shall be assigned by the State ~~RIC~~ **Referee in Chief** with input from the nominations given by the District Supervisor of Officials. **Exceptions to this regulation must be approved by the NDAHA State Referee in Chief.**

F. Any official that wants to attend a **USA Hockey National Camp Officials Development Camp** or apply to work a **USA Hockey National Tournament** must have an evaluation to be considered as eligible. **If interested, please contact the your District Supervisor of Officials or the NDAHA State RIC Referee in Chief.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: Housekeeping (update to the 21st Century)

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