

## WHAM Officials Board Dec 2025 Meeting:

<b>Meeting:</b>	WOA Board Dec 2025 Meeting
<b>Date/Time:</b>	December 1st, 6:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Augsburg Ice Arena
<b>Invitees:</b>	Tom O'Brian, Paul Kill, Rachel Nyquist, Chelsea Ray, Carlye Veer, Nancy Wefler, Dale Ewasiuk
<b>Attendees:</b>	Tom, Paul, Rachel, Chelsea, Carlye, Dale

### A. Call to order

### B. Previous Minutes Approval: [Oct/Nov Meeting Summary](#)

### C. Old Business:

- **Buffalo games: Should the +\$5/official/game extra fee be continued or dropped?**
  - WOA Board vote: starting January 1st, no longer an extra \$5 for going to Buffalo. \$55/official/game
    - **\*\* Needs to go to General WHAM for discussion and vote.**
- **Advanced mentorship: Chelsea to reach out to officials to gauge interest**
  - Opportunity for 3-person officials: A2/A3 games → start in January
    - **Goal:** All female crew for 12U-A Statement tournament
- **Officials Apparel:**
  - **Jacket – Ask for general order to association** - will have embroidered logos.



- SquadLocker (WHAM Apparel Site) to have 2 officiating logos added to the [website](#).
  - *Will send site link to general members once confirmed that it is ready for apparel orders.*
  - This site open year round and officials can choose what they want with the logo

### D. New Business:

- **WHAM Wed: ref highlight** - going to feature a new mentee official and a long time WHAM official.
- **Game Time Recommendations:**
  - Officials should be ready to go at center ice after the 1 minute break to get things going.
    - If officials take their time and are sitting down and getting comfortable it takes time to get moving and the refs should not be the delay.
  - Other side: are officials avoiding calling a penalty due to momentum or closeness in score?
    - Should not be.
  - **Change recommendations?**
    - Discussion: Rule changes and protocol (game times) are a bigger WHAM thing and standardized per the handbook. If desiring a change it would need to be proposed to WHAM to consider for the next revision cycle. Then if approved, implemented in the next season.
    - Chelsea going to send an email clarifying the game time process in the WHAM handbook and tips for game management. Encourage the refs to be on time and ready to start each period in a timely manner.

#### **E. Supervisor Updates:**

- **Desire to hold a General Player Zoom Call on Standard of Play/Q&A Session**
  - Did WHAM request this? → No
  - Has there been many complaints about reffing or penalties not being called? → No
  - Chelsea to noodle and decide what she wants to do.
  
- **WHAM League:**
  - Reimbursement information: Nevermind – No reimbursement for officials
  - Budget finalization at December Meeting
  
- **General USAH:**
  - New Card/Crest required after Nov 30th

#### **F. Scheduler Updates:**

- 2 year contract (2025-2027) signed
  
- November Scheduling Report:
  - 250 games; \$26,570 paid in referee game fees
    - 15 mentored games; \$750 from Mentor Budget
    - \$25,720 - passthrough to home teams
    - \$1,250 assigning fee paid to Carlye
  - 120 singles (48 %)
  - 121 ref declines: 39 (32%) were auto-declines after accept-by date
  - 46 games (18.4%) started at 845pm or later
  - 5 forfeits;
    - Only 1 wasn't >48-72 hours in advance so refs were paid.
    - 1 was a C3 mentee assigned game - unpaid

#### **G. Mentor Program:**

- **Current mentees:** 7 officials
  
- **Motion to not accept new mentees at this point:**
  - Approved.

#### **H. Roster Discussion:**

- **December Meeting Roster Changes:** starting count - 70 officials; all complete
  - 1 new mentee official added
  - 1 official removed d/t relocation
  - 4 officials with rank increases
  
- **Motion to not accept new members at this point:**
  - Approved.

#### **H. Upcoming Meetings/Dates:**

- 1/5/2026 - January Monthly Board Meeting - 6:30p; location Augsburg
- 2/2/2026 - February Monthly Board Meeting - 6:30p; location TBD
- 3/1/2026 - Last day of play for the season
- 3/28/2026 - Last day of 50+ League play
- 3/6-8/2026 - WHAM Tourney Super Rink
- 3/13-15/2026: 12A State Tournament crew - *Roseau*