



Midwest Hockey
Officials Association

On-Ice Official's Code of Conduct

The Midwest Hockey Officials Association strives itself on creating a fun and welcoming environment to play, watch, and enjoy the sport of ice hockey. To that end, we have adopted the USA Hockey guidelines for Official's codes of conduct. All guidelines can also be found at www.usahockey.com. Any official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

- Act in a professional and businesslike manner always and take your role seriously.
- Strive to provide a safe and sportsmanlike environment in which players can properly display their hockey skills.
- Know all playing rules, their interpretations, and their proper application.
- Remember that officials are teachers. Set a good example.
- Make your calls with quiet confidence, never with arrogance.
- Manage and help to control games in cooperation with the coaches to provide a positive and safe experience for all participants.
- Violence must never be tolerated.
- Be fair and impartial at all times.
- Answer all reasonable questions and requests.
- Adopt a "zero tolerance" attitude toward verbal or physical abuse.
- Never use foul or vulgar language when speaking with a player, coach, or parent.
- Use honesty and integrity when answering questions.
- Admit your mistakes when you make them.
- Never openly criticize a coach, player, or fellow official.
- Keep your emotions under control.
- Use only USA Hockey-approved officiating techniques and policies.
- Maintain your health through a physical conditioning program.
- Dedicate yourself to personal improvement and maintenance of officiating skills.
- Respect your supervisor and his/her critique of your performance.