

### Why become an official?

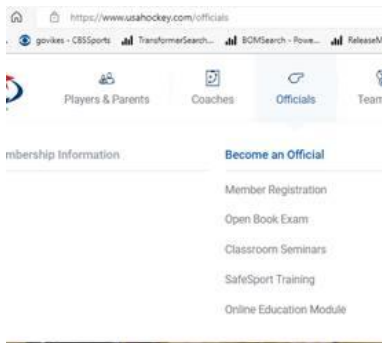
- Helps improve your game. Better knowledge of rules is an obvious benefit, but maybe more importantly, how you view the play on the ice. Officiating give you a chance to observe what other players and teams do well or could do better. It also helps you learn to anticipate play which in turn will help your game with puck support, positional play and improve your transition game.
- Chance to stay active in the game after Laker Hockey.
- Some of you may go into teaching or coaching and this is a great avenue for success, maybe even a good resume builder.
- Professional development – confidence in a public, dealing with conflict, communication.
- A fun way to exercise.
- You can make a difference! There is a shortage of officials in all sports and age levels across the country.
- If you're unsure of the commitment, WHA has black helmets with visors and referee sweaters available for those who have not invested in their own equipment. Acme Thunders are the best whistles, but WHA will have some plastic Fox40 ref whistles for new Level 1.
- Make some money, especially as a student, but even as a parent someday. Get your travel paid for when you go to your kids games if you ref a few while you're in town. 2023 season rates below:

LEVEL	REF	LINE
Youth Varsity/JV	\$85	\$65
Girls Varsity/JV	\$85	
Bantams	\$60	\$45
Girls 14U/12U	\$45	
Peewee	\$45	
Squirts	\$35	
TRAVEL ZONES	PAY	
ZONE 1: \$0	\$0	
ZONE 2: 21-60	\$29	
ZONE 3: 61-120	\$58	
ZONE 4: 121-180	\$87	
ZONE 5: 180 UP	\$116	

Let's get started:

From this link you can hover over "Officials" and gain access to most locations described in the remainder of this message

[Officials \(usahockey.com\)](https://www.usahockey.com)



#### 1) How to register:

Similar to how you register as a player. Parent over 18 at the USA Hockey site.

[USA Hockey Member Registration](#)

L1 \$45+ 10 that the association has reimbursed in the past after the first games

L2 \$110 + 10

L3 \$110

USA Hockey will send you a hard copy of the rulebook & casebook, but you can download the PDF for easier access to searches. Many open book questions are direct quotes from the casebook. There is also a mobile app.

#### 2) Once registered, there are multiple links to search for the classroom seminars

[Officiating Classroom Seminars \(usahockey.com\)](#)

Level 1 is in person and levels 2 & 3 are virtual. You are free to attend any seminar location, including out of state.

The L1 officiating seminar in Watertown is scheduled for October 22, 12:00-2:00 at the field house followed by on ice activity at 2:30 - 3:30. Skates & helmet are required and bring a ref whistle if owned.

3) If over 18, there are background check and safesport requirements; both accessible from USA Hockey.com. If you did safesport as a player, it will carry over to the same year's officiating requirement.

#### 4) Online Education Program and open book tests

[OFFICIATING ONLINE EDUCATION MODULES \(usahockey.com\)](#)

There is a set of required and elective videos with quizzes for L2 and above. Last year, the Level 1 officials did the required videos and answered many of the open book test questions at the seminar. I suggest to access the open book test and print a copy before the L1 seminar.

The link above leads leads to this coursework link (direct) [USA Hockey](#) where you create a coursework profile account within USA Hockey. This is where you can access any of the coaching classes, reffing online education modules and the open book tests.

5) Once Seminar is attended, the modules are complete (if necessary) and the open book test is successfully passed, USA hockey will issue you a crest and officiating card for the season.

WHA will coordinate some Mite and Squirt scrimmage opportunities to take advantage of and get comfortable with positioning and protocol before the first games.

Level 1 can do Pee wee games.

Can only advance 1 level per year. Need Level 3 to officiate Varsity games.

#### 6) SDAHA schedule access. [Officials Schedule \(sdaha.org\)](#)

Account setup and login using official number – the process confirms mailing address for payment and sets any games you may have conflict officiating such as a sibling.