

USA Hockey's Michigan District
Annual Officiating Report 2020-2021
MAHA Meeting

This year has been anything but normal. However, despite all the restrictions and closures we were still able to have a quality season and we are thankful for this. As expected, officiating numbers in Michigan were down by 699 officials as well as sizable numbers throughout the entire United States (See Table #1). Last year USA Hockey lost 5672 officials. During the 2020-2021 season Michigan District registered 1359 officials (See Table #2) of those that registered only 1051 completed registration. This included 6 affiliates (4 competed), 459 level 1's (297 completed), 216 level 2's (228 completed), 589 level 3's (447 completed), and 89 level 4's (75 completed). While this was due to many factors it is believed that the COVID-19 Pandemic was a large contributor. While COVID has changed our dynamics and while we cannot go back and change our registration numbers for last season, we can and need to focus on encouraging officials that register to complete their registration requirements. This has been a concern for a while now. Therefore, the USA Hockey seminar committee has created a National Curriculum to address this issue. In doing so level 1 officials will only need to do their open book test once they leave the seminars. Because of this the level 1 seminars will be slightly longer. This will be an area I will be focusing on as my role as Michigan Referee in Chief. I will be working with the Michigan Officiating Staff to come up with way to increase our officiating numbers as well as way to assist officials in completing their registration.

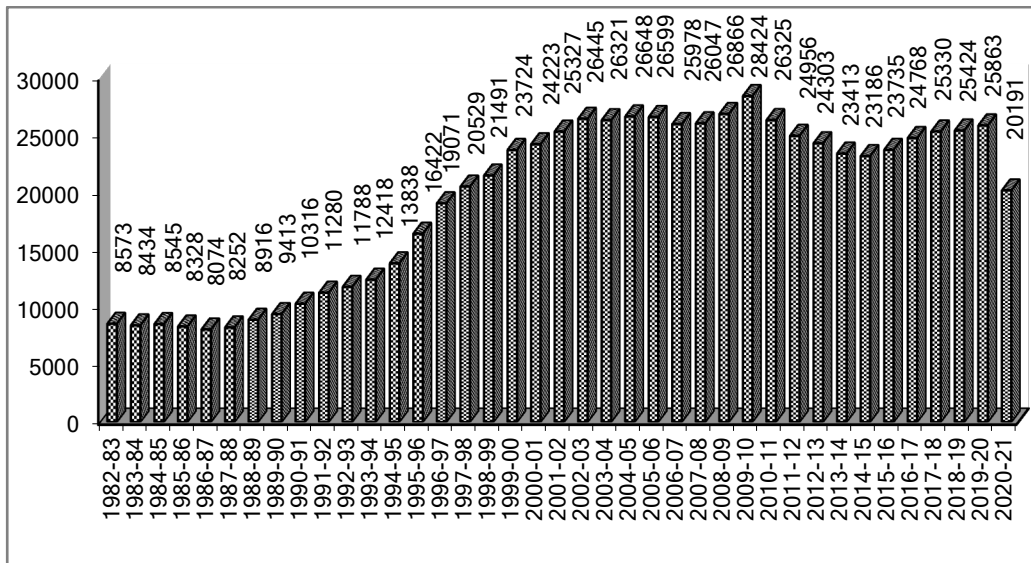


Table 1 – Total Officiating number for USA Hockey per year.

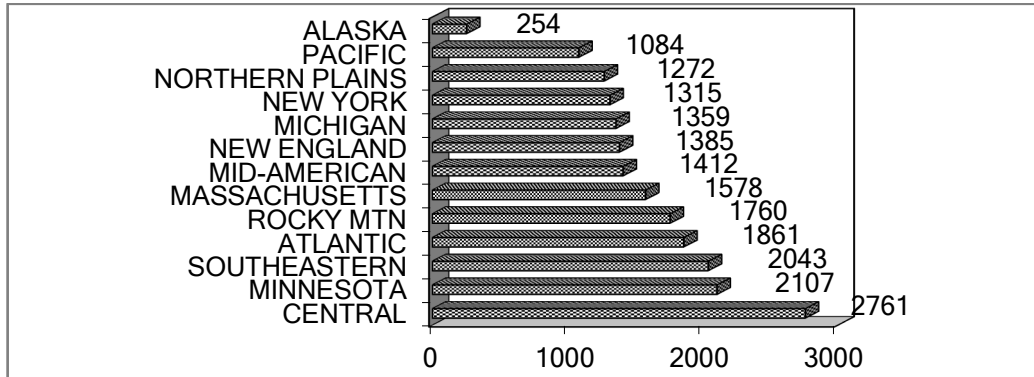


Table 2 – Officiating Numbers by USA Hockey Districts.

This year is a USA Hockey rule change year and the district RIC's and the seminar staff will be working with the officials and coaches to make this a smooth transition.

USA Hockey has had a point of emphasis on Rule 601(e.3) – Uses language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game (See data below).

Season	# Reports	% of Total Reports
2016-17	249 * Rule 601(e.3) only covered racial/ethnic slurs	2.19%
2017-18	504 ** First season language changed to "hateful, discriminatory or offensive"	4.17%
2018-19	595	4.62%
2019-20	541 - 158 Pre-President's Directive and 383 Post President's Directive (NOV 1)	4.65%
2020-21	329	4.26%

Reports by Youth Classification

	Recreational	Tier I	Tier II
2019-20	215	85	162
2020-21	138	57	99

Reports (Under Rule 601(e.3)) by Age (150 based on # NT bound teams @20 players per team)

	8U	10U	12U	14U	150	16U	18U	HS	ADULT
2019-20	0	6	12	53	8	68	72	59	100
Total Incidents Per 10,000 Players	0	.91	1.89	9.12	33.30	15.95	24.58	18.12	5.62
2020-21	0	8	26	60	7	51	53	48	69
Total Incidents Per 10,000 Players	0	1.37	4.38	10.61	33.98	11.89	18.91	14.75	6.24

Reports -Category (This is based on those reports that are confirmed as legitimate use of Hateful/Discriminatory Language - Including not heard but incident report was filed.)

	RACE/ ETHNIC	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	GENDER	MENTAL/ PHYSICAL DISABILITY	TOTAL
2019-20	47	196	46	24	313
% of Legit Reports	15.0%	62.6%	14.7%	7.7%	
2020-21	39	126	41	35	241
% of Legit Reports	16.2%	52.3%	17.0%	14.5%	

This will continue to be a point of emphasis and we will continue to enforce this rule.

So, considering the information in front of us, our goals for the 2021-2022 Michigan Officiating Program will be working on increasing the officiating numbers, retaining officials, increasing the games mentored, and working with MAHA, USA Hockey, coaches, and associations to improve the quality of our game through the officiating program.

Respectfully,

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