



Mid-West Amateur Hockey Association

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Although it is near 90 degrees outside, I have already taken my Grandson to the rink in preparation for tryouts for the upcoming season. I just wanted to take a few minutes and thank each and every one of you for the thankless job you perform to ensure our players have a safe environment to play the game we all love. I also wanted to explain a few changes and pass on some information. I will apologize upfront for the length, but there is a significant amount of information to pass on.

Some of you may be aware that we had a slow start in getting our seminars off the ground. This year was to be our inaugural year, establishing a Team to travel around to all our seminars. Unfortunately, as the time drew near our Affiliate RIC, Kyle Larson, stepped down from his position after serving us for many years. Now we are searching for a new Affiliate RIC to replace him, but in the meantime several individuals from both the Affiliate and the District have stepped up to center ice to help us through this turbulent time. I want to give a huge thank you to Jordan Crowell, Sjoukje Brown, Bill Spohn, Kendal Hill, Les Teplicky, Tom Kahn, Doug Dorley and Mike Hurd. I know there are others and apologize if I missed you.

Although we will have a pause to reevaluate our Affiliate approved proposal to develop the Seminar Team, I have reestablished the State Supervisors, with District RIC Sjoukje Brown's approval, to get us through this season. Below, you will find the contact information for those individuals, as well as a list of the tasks they are responsible for.

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State Supervisors Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Affiliate RIC and Affiliate President.
2. Distribute information for officials' registration to new officials
3. Assist all officials with the completion of the direct registration process
4. Make available the proper officiating education resources at state seminars
5. Recommend Instructors and Game Supervisors to the MWAHA RIC
6. View the work of the officials whenever possible and offer constructive feedback.
7. Assist with the assignment and supervision of referees and linesmen for regional championships and select tournaments within the state
8. Work with the MWAHA RIC to schedule and conduct seminars with Affiliate approved Instructors in their area of responsibility
9. Seek out and encourage new people to become officials
10. Investigate any issues involving a player or referee suspension
11. Shall not be a member of a review board that has the authority to suspend a player, team or league official or spectator.

12. Disseminate official interpretations of the USA Hockey Playing Rules Committee
13. Forward to the rules committee any recommendations for rules changes
14. Assist in the development of educational materials
15. Prepare an annual report of his/her activities.
16. Maintain financial records of all income and expenses
17. Recommend officials in his/her state after consultation with the affiliate referee-in-chief for summer officials camps, national and regional championships and regional / national level programs.
18. Help direct and facilitate the Central District Strategic Plan components
19. Communicate regularly with the MWAHA RIC and Affiliate President

Regarding the new Midwest Affiliate Referee in Chief, my Goal is to appoint and have the District RIC approve a new Affiliate RIC by 8 September. If you are interested in this role, please inform me by email at Shawn.L.Spencer71@gmail.com (**do not assume that I am aware of your interest**). Please provide a short bio, along with your name, email, and the best phone number to contact you at **before 30 August**. Below, are the job responsibilities of the Midwest Affiliate RIC.

Affiliate Referee in Chief Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Affiliate President with direction as necessary from the District RIC
2. Shall not hold any other position within his/her hockey district outside of the officiating program
3. Shall not be a voting member of the Affiliate Board of Directors or an Officiating Organization Board of Directors
4. Supervise the State Supervisors as directed by the Affiliate President and District RIC
5. Distribute officiating information
6. Direct the officiating state seminars including but not limited to; distribution of materials, setup of seminars, report on seminars when concluded, send materials to USA Hockey in a timely manner at the conclusion of each seminar, coordinate testing materials, assure integrity of the closed book testing process and communicate with District RIC on any seminar or testing issues that may occur.
7. View the work of the officials whenever possible and offer constructive feedback
8. Institute an Affiliate evaluation program
9. Assign and supervise referees and linesmen for Affiliate level championships and select tournaments
10. Identify and approve Affiliate Instructors and Game Supervisors
11. Seek out and encourage new people to become officials
12. Disseminate official interpretations of the USA Hockey Playing Rules Committee
13. Forward to the rules committee any recommendations for rules changes
14. Assist in the development of educational materials
15. Prepare an annual report of his / her activities.
16. Maintain financial records of all income and expenses
17. Recommend officials from the Affiliate for summer officials camps and regional / national level programs
18. Attend the Central District Officiating Staff Summer Summit.
19. Attend and Report at the Affiliate Annual Meeting
20. Help direct and facilitate the Affiliate and Central District Strategic Plan components
21. Communicate regularly with the MWAHA President and Central District RIC

Again, please let me know as soon as possible if you have an interest in being considered for the role of Affiliate RIC.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn Spencer – President MWAHA