



USA
HOCKEY
**ADVANCED
OFFICIATING
SYMPOSIUM**

*Washington, DC
August 22-24, 2025*

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

DATE: August 22-24, 2025

LOCATION:

Tysons Corner Marriott
8028 Leesburg Pike | Tysons, VA 22182
phone (703) 734-3200
website [Hotel Website](#)

COST: \$450.00

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Any official who has been completely registered at Level 3 or Level 4 for each of the previous three seasons and would like to obtain "TENURED" status with the USA Hockey Officiating Program.

WHAT ARE THE TENURED STATUS REQUIREMENTS?

Candidates for "TENURED" status must attend the entire Advanced Officiating Symposium. Information regarding additional requirements and benefits will be distributed at the event. Attendees will be required to check-in throughout the event, and check-out upon exiting. Failure to do so at any point during the event will prohibit receiving your "TENURED" status.

WHERE CAN I STAY?

Travel to Tysons, Va., is very convenient by car and air. The Tysons Corner Washington Metro Station is a short walk from the hotel and offers convenient and very affordable transportation from both Reagan National and Washington Dulles airports, and into the Washington, D.C. area.

The Tysons Corner Marriott is offering a discounted group rate of \$139 plus applicable taxes. Information regarding hotel reservations will be forwarded with your Symposium registration confirmation. The special Symposium rate is being offered for extended stays up to three days prior and three days after the event for any participant who wants to explore the Washington, DC area.

The cut-off date for reservations is July 31, 2025.

Maximize your Virginia vacation at the newly renovated Tysons Corner Marriott. Located 20 minutes from two major airports, our Tysons Corner hotel makes arrivals and departures easy. Visit nearby Wolf Trap, the country's only National Park dedicated to the performing arts, or head to Washington D.C. via the Metro. Start your day with a Starbucks® coffee beverage at our Coffee Kiosk or dine at our on-site Bourbon-inspired restaurant, Tysons Rickhouse. Stay active at our complimentary 24-hour modern fitness center. When your day in Tysons Corner comes to an end, enjoy a restful night in our well-appointed rooms and suites featuring plush mattresses and Wi-Fi. Our bright, spacious bathrooms with custom bath products help you start your morning right. Sophisticated meeting spaces are bound to elevate any event or meeting. We look forward to welcoming you to Tysons Corner, Va.





FORUM

GENERAL SESSIONS

Each presentation will be 30-60 minutes in length. The topics presented will deal with all aspects of officiating the game of hockey. The presenters will be prominent officials from the National Hockey League (NHL), American Hockey League (AHL), International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and USA Hockey grassroots officiating leaders along with experts in other fields pertinent to officiating.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

(Start and end times subject to change)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Registration/Check-in
2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	General Session
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Session
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>(on your own)</i>
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	General Session

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	General Session
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SPEAKERS & TOPICS (TENTATIVE)

SPEAKERS

Don Adam

Supervisor of Officials,
National Collegiate
Hockey Conference

Gui Bradshaw

Mid-America District
Supervisor of Officials,
Affiliate Representative and
Director of DEI

Ryan Daisy

5-year NHL Linesman,
Graduate of USA
Hockey Junior Officiating
Development Program

Billy Hancock

Coordinator, Youth
Officiating Development

Joy Johnston

2006, 2010 and 2014
Olympic Referee

Keith Kaval

Manager, Officiating –
NAHL

Dave LaBuda

National Referee-in-Chief,
USA Hockey

Dennis LaRue

26-year NHL Referee, 2011
USA Hockey Distinguished
Achievement Award Winner,
SAYHA President

Jessica LeClerc

2018 Olympic Linesman,
Maine Referee-in-Chief

Heather Mannix

Manager, Hockey
Development Education

Brian Murphy

29-year NHL Linesman,
Hockey East Director of
Officiating and 2019 USA
Hockey Distinguished
Achievement Award Winner

Thor Nelson

21-year NHL Linesman,
North Dakota Referee-in-
Chief

Brian Pochmara

18-year NHL Referee

Kevin Redding

2006 Olympic Linesman,
Connecticut Referee-in-
Chief

Amanda Tassoni

IIHF Referee,
Rhode Island
Referee-in-Chief

Nick Zaglifa

Maryland Referee-in-Chief

Scott Zelkin

Manager, USA Hockey
Junior Officiating
Development Program

TOPICS

- Role of the Tenured Official
- The Referee-Unique Skill Set
- The Linesman – Not as Simple as you Think
- Hope vs. Courage
- Communication / Rapport
- 4-Official System
- Tough Calls – What Did you Learn
- Ya Blew It – Dealing with Mistakes
- Opportunities in Officiating Leadership
- Health and Wellness for the Amateur Official
- Managing Aggression
- Controlling Emotions
- Path to Officiating Success
- Safety – The Official's Role
- History of the Rules – The Modern Game
- Coach/Official Relationship
- Mentorship/Evaluation
- Recruitment/Retention of Officials
- Hockey Culture – The Changing Game



REGISTRATION

Registration fees include symposium material and access to all symposium receptions and events. To register, please visit usahockey.com/tenuredofficial.

REGISTRATION CLOSES AFTER JULY 31, 2025!

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written cancellations in the form of a completed Symposium Refund Form must be received in order to confirm cancellation. Verbal cancellations will not be accepted. The Symposium Refund Form can be found at usahockey.com/tenuredofficial.

- A full refund, minus a \$30 processing fee, will be issued for all approved refund requests received prior to July 31, 2025.
- Cancellations received after July 31, 2025, will not be refunded.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the 2025 USA Hockey Advanced Officiating Symposium, go to usahockey.com/tenuredofficial or email BJ Ringrose at bjr@usahockey.org.

