



# Annual Officiating Assignor's Meeting

August 2018

New Jersey Youth Hockey League



# Topics For Today's Meeting

- Meet the Staff
- Officiating Assignor's Responsibilities to NJYHL
- USA Hockey Rule Updates and Changes, Regulations and Penalties
- NJYHL Rules, Schedules and Participation
- Mentoring, Supervision and Evaluations
- Game Management Expectations
- American Development Model (ADM) and 6U/8U Guidelines
- Questions



# Meet The Staff

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# Referee Assignor Responsibilities in the NJYHL

- Know the rules and responsibilities of officiating in the NJYHL
- Mentor the younger officials to develop the next generation
- Be pro-active in getting assignments covered
- Be attentive to issues with officials, organizations, parents, etc.
- Know when to reach out to the NJYHL to discuss concerns



# USA Hockey/NJYHL Assignor Qualities

- KNOW YOUR OFFICIATING POOL
- KNOW THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE RINKS YOU ASSIGN
- BE APPROACHABLE
- BE A GOOD COMMUNICATOR
- HELP ASSIMILATE NEW OFFICIALS
- AID IN THE RETENTION OF OFFICIALS



# USA Hockey Officiating Education Program Seminar Attendance Requirements

**USA Hockey mandates that all officials attend annual certification/re-certification classes to enable certification as a USA Hockey official.**

- All officials must register with USA Hockey as an official.
- All officials may attend only one (1) certification clinic per year.
- All requirements for certification must be completed no later than November (includes closed book exam, video modules, etc.).



# Additional Certification Requirements

## SAFESPORT CERTIFICATION

- All officials are required to have a valid SafeSport certifications for the current season or **THEY CANNOT BE ASSIGNED GAMES**. Safe Sport Certification is valid for two years.

## BACKGROUND SCREENING

- All officials must have an up to date background screening or **THEY CANNOT BE ASSIGNED GAMES**.

The AAHA has appointed Dave Aiello to handle the Officiating Screening database. More details to come soon.



## Atlantic Affiliate Officiating Seminar Schedule

Date	Levels	Location
August 4	1-3	Montclair, NJ
August 5	1-3 – Female only	Princeton, NJ
August 9	3	West Chester, PA
August 11-12	3-4 – AYHL – Invite Only	Lawrenceville, NJ
August 12	4	Lawrenceville, NJ
August 18	3	Newark, DE
August 18	1-2	Wilkes Barre, PA
August 19	1-2	Monmouth Junction, NJ
August 25	1-2	Howell, NJ
August 26	1-2	Sewell, NJ
September 8	1-2	Morristown, NJ
		(as of July 21st)





## Atlantic Affiliate Officiating Seminar Schedule - Continued

Date	Levels	Location
September 9	1-2	Aston, PA
September 12	3	Red Bank, NJ
September 16	1-3	Hershey, PA
September 16	1-4	Allentown, PA
October 3	3	Sewell, NJ
October 28	1-2	Lawrenceville, NJ
		(as of July 21st)





# Rules Regulations and Penalties

USA Hockey and New Jersey Youth Hockey League



# USA Hockey Rules and Regulations – 2017-2021

- At the 2017 USA Hockey Annual Congress, the governing body voted on a series of new rules that are **now in effect** through the 2021 season. The major changes are:
  - At the 14U and below age categories, **a shorthanded team is no longer permitted to ice the puck without a consequence**. It will now result in an icing call by the officials and the resulting faceoff will occur in the offending team's defensive zone similar to when both teams are at equal on-ice strength.
  - All face offs will occur at one of the **nine dots** on the ice.
  - Rule 601 now includes language for racial/ethnic slur to include any language that is **"offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature"**.
  - The new USA Hockey Rule Book can be reviewed online at [www.usahockeyrulebook.com](http://www.usahockeyrulebook.com).



# USA Hockey Rules and Regulations

## Rule 411 Aggressive Infractions Include

603 Boarding	609 Cross Checking	622 Holding an Opponent(facemask)	639 Tripping/Clipping
604 Body Checking	611 Elbowing	627 Kicking	640 Roughing
606 Butt Ending	619 Head-Butting	628 Kneeing	
607 Charging	620 Head Contact	634 Slashing	
608 Checking from Behind	621 High Stick	635 Spearing	

There is a separate progressive suspension rule for fighting – Rule 615 (f)

**Organizations and players are responsible for tracking the progressive suspensions assessed. Coaches and players can be suspended for violation. Penalty follows the player –HS/Rec/MS**





USA Hockey rules govern except as modified in the NJYHL Guidebook



# NJYHL Rules and Regulations 2018-2019 Season Changes

The NJYHL Board of Directors voted on and approved a major update of the Guidebook at the 2018 Annual Meeting. All changes in the book are highlighted.

We recommend you read the entire Guidebook to familiarize yourself with these changes.

The Guidebook can be found on the NJYHL website, [www.njyhl.org](http://www.njyhl.org). Some of the changes include:



## League Schedule

- All games **MUST** be played – no FORFEITS – there are fines
- Two full periods must be played for game to be official – must be stop time – **no running clock – 10 goal mercy rule**
- A suspended game will resume where the game was stopped. Any ineligible player in the initial game cannot participate when game is resumed.
- It is recommended non-league games follow the same rules as NJYHL games
- Any player on the bench or in the penalty box must have a helmet on at all times
- Must have a minimum of seven (7) players on its bench by 10 minutes after the scheduled game start or game is forfeited



# Penalties And Suspensions

- Fighting
  - 8U/10U/12U
    - 1 game suspension for first infraction
    - 3 game suspension for second infraction
    - Season suspension for third infraction
  - 14U/16U/18U
    - 2 game suspension for first infraction
    - 5 game suspension for second infraction and automatic review
    - Season suspension for third infraction



In all cases, Incident Reports must be filed through the USAH national system.



# Penalties And Suspensions

- 15 or more penalties in one game = 1 game suspension for coach. If this happens 3 times in the same season, it is an additional 3 game suspension for the coach.
- Racial, ethnic or gender related slurs on the ice or in the rink, before, during or after the game is an automatic 3 game suspension and will be reviewed by the Commissioner for further action.
- Match penalty is a minimum automatic 3 game suspension and the Commissioner must be contacted immediately to determine the overall length of the suspension.
- A coach leaving the bench for any reason except to tend to an injured player shall be ejected and receive a 3 game suspension.
- A coach encouraging players to violent action or condoning such action shall be ejected and suspended for a minimum of 5 games.
- Placing hands on or otherwise touching an official is a minimum 5 game suspension for the first infraction and expulsion if it happens a second time.



# Serving Suspensions

- When a **Game Misconduct** or **Match Penalty** is received in an NJYHL game, the suspension is served in the immediate subsequent NJYHL game.
- If the immediate next game is a **non-league game**, the suspension is served in that game (to satisfy USA Hockey requirement) and then also in the next NJYHL game on the schedule (potential for 2 games missed).
- The Commissioner must be contacted immediately when a fighting major penalty or match penalty is assessed. The offending team is responsible to initiate the contact.
- Penalties requiring suspension in non-league games must be sent to the Commissioner.
- Any player serving a suspension must not be in the playing area (bench, penalty box or scorekeeper area)
- Any coach serving a suspension may not be near the player bench **or in the locker room before the game** or be coaching in any way.



# Serving Suspensions

- Any coach using a player under suspension incurs additional suspension and fine (covered earlier under rule changes)
- Officials do not assess suspensions – they assess penalties. The written penalty attaches a suspension. Officials do not have the authority to comment on the length of a suspension nor can they lessen (or increase) a suspension
- The **NJYHL Commissioner** is the only one that can reduce or increase a suspension at his discretion.
- There is a right of appeal for any suspension involving more than three games.



# NJYHL Schedules and Participation

Planning and Volunteering



# NJYHL Schedules

Date	Event	Location
August 11, 2018	16U/18U Season (AA & A) Begins	State-wide
August 9, 2018	NJYHL Team Manager Meeting	Ramada Conference Center Jamesburg
September 8, 2018	14U and 12U Season Begins	State-wide
September 15-16, 2018	10U Jamboree	North – TBD South – TBD
September 22-23, 2018	AAHA 6U/8U Jamboree –NJ	Ice Vault – Wayne, NJ
October 13, 2018	10U Season Begins	State-wide
October 21, 2018	16U/18U AA Season Ends	State-wide
October 28-30, 2018	16U/18U AA Playoffs	TBD



## NJYHL Schedules Continued

Date	Event	Location
November 2-4, 2018	16U/18U AA - AAHA Championships (best of 3)	Ice Vault, Wayne, NJ
November 3, 2018	8U Season Begins	State-wide
February 10, 2019	16U/18U A, 14U, 12U and 10U Season Ends	State-wide
February 22-25, 2019	10U and 12U Playoffs	TBD
March 8-10, 2019	14U and 16U/18U A Playoffs	TBD
March 15-18, 2019	AAHA District Tournament – All Levels	Hatfield Ice World and Ice Line
April 3-8, 2019	USA Hockey National Tournament	14U –South Bend, IN 16U –Plano, TX 18U –San Jose, CA



# NJYHL Participation

- **10U JAMBOREE – September 15-16**
- Officials are used to manage these mini-games. These games will have modified rules that are distributed at the event.
- **6U/8U JAMBOREE – September 22-23 – Ice Vault**
- As this is an Atlantic District event, officials are needed at this very busy event. This is a good place for beginning officials to start.





# Game Management Expectations

Common Sense and Common Mistakes





# Game Responsibilities

- While the home team is responsible for score-keeping and clock management, please be mindful they are off-ice officials and should be managed by the officials that are working the games.
- Please recognize that oftentimes, these volunteers do not know the rules, do not know hand-signals or the proper application of a penalty to the clock or the score sheet. **PLEASE BE CLEAR IN YOUR DIRECTION.**
- Remember to confirm the bench headcount matches the scoresheet.
- Please instruct all officials that the USA Hockey process of score sheet signing is now in effect. **Coaches sign before the game and INITIAL after the game.**
- Please instruct your officials to communicate with you if something needs to be escalated to the NJYHL. You can help set the standard.



# Game Responsibilities

## Rule 505 Official Scorer

- Before the start of the game, the “OFFICIAL SCORER” shall obtain from the Manager or Coach of both teams a list of
- all eligible players of each team. The Official Scorer shall secure the names of the Captain and Designated Alternate(s) from the Manager or Coach of each team and will indicate each by placing the letter “C” or “A” opposite their names on the scoresheet.
- (For all Youth and Girls’ Classifications) **Prior to the start of the game, the Official Scorer shall obtain on the scoresheet the signatures of all coaches of each team**, one of whom shall be designated as Head Coach, along with the CEP card number, CEP level and the year the CEP level was attained for each coach.

# Who Do You Contact?

- Questions, concerns, complaints should be directed to:
  - NJYHL RIC/Assoc. RIC and CIC





## Mentoring



## You Are Responsible For Training the Next Generation of Officials

- When assigning officials, keep in mind the official's level of experience and competency to manage the game they are being assigned to.
- Try to encourage your more experienced officials to work with the younger ones so they gain experience and confidence.
- Don't forget that you can also call upon the college-aged officials in your area to assist you in the mentoring process. They are usually more than willing to help.



## AAHA 6U-8U Season Description



## 6U-8U SEASON DESCRIPTION

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	Half Ice - 8U	Cross Ice - 6U
<b>Schedule Information</b>		
<b>Season length</b>	20 weeks	20 weeks
<b>Season start date</b>	First weekend in November	First weekend in November
<b>Pre-season scrimmages</b>	From October 1-November 1 – maximum of 4 games – recommended one per weekend	Not applicable
<b>Season end date</b>	First weekend in March	First weekend in March
<b>Game count</b>	20 game days maximum	20 game days maximum
<b>AAHA Placement jamboree</b>	Open to all 8U teams. Held in late Sept/early Oct. Mandatory participation at league discretion	Open to all 6U teams. Held in late Sept/early Oct. Mandatory participation at league discretion
<b>Travel radius</b>	Games w/i a 30-45 min. radius of home rink (girls teams - 1.5 hr radius)	Games w/i a 30-45 min. radius of home rink
<b>Tournaments</b>	Up to 2 (not included in game count above and excludes placement jamboree)	Up to 2 (not included in game count above and excludes placement jamboree)
<b>Weekly on ice time limit</b>	6 hours	4 hours
<b>Practice count</b>	40 minimum	40 minimum
<b>Weeknight practices</b>	1 night minimum	Not required
<b>Practice types</b>	Station based practices and small area games to permit teaching concepts	Station based practices and small area games to permit teaching concepts



	Half Ice – 8U	Cross Ice – 6U
<b>Rosters</b>		
<b>Roster size</b>	Suggested minimum of 8 skaters and one goalie and maximum of 12 skaters and two goalies*	Suggested minimum of 7 skaters and maximum of 10 skaters*
<b>Goaltenders</b>	Rotating goalies with full equipment	Rotating goalies – goalie equipment optional
<b>Team format &amp; Number</b>	4 v 4 and total number of teams unlimited	3 v 3 or 4 v 4 and total number of teams unlimited
<b>Game Layout</b>		
<b>Playing surface/location of nets</b>	Divide rink into two equal playing surfaces from the goalie crease to the red line. Studio sized ice surfaces are permitted. 6U format also permitted	Divide rink into 3 equal playing surfaces either perpendicular to zone lines or from crease to blue line with 3rd surface in neutral zone
<b>Benches</b>	All teams share benches	All teams share benches
<b>Pucks</b>	Blue pucks	Blue pucks
<b>Goal nets</b>	3/4 net or full ice net if 3/4 net not available	3/4 net or full ice net if 3/4 net not available
<b>Referees</b>	One USA Hockey certified official required for each half ice game paid the current 8U officiating rate	Not required. Coaches in helmets to officiate. One coach per team.
<b>Uniforms</b>	Home and away jerseys or reversible jersey	Home and away jerseys or reversible jersey
<b>Scorekeeping</b>	No scorekeeping or standings	No scorekeeping or standings
<b>Game length</b>	Three 15 minute periods – running clock (can add more periods if ice time permits) additional time is encouraged	Three 15 minute periods – running clock (can add more periods if ice time permits) additional time is encouraged
<b>Ice slot length</b>	Suggested 1 hour – can be 1.25 hrs	Suggested 1 hour – can be 1.25 hrs
<b>Line changes</b>	At buzzer or whistle after 1.5 minutes of play. More skilled teams should shift on the fly. Coaches to confirm at start of each game*	At buzzer or whistle after 1.5 minutes of play
<b>Face offs</b>	At center of ice at the start of each period and after every goal. Behind the net on saves. After either event, whistle blown and ref retrieves puck from net to initiate puck drop behind net or at center ice.	At center of ice at the start of each period and after every goal. Behind the net on saves. After either event, whistle blown and ref retrieves puck from net to initiate puck drop behind net or at center ice.
<b>Coaches on the ice</b>	Not permitted	Required – 1 per team
<b>Penalties</b>	Player goes to side lines for remainder of shift plus one full shift – replace player on the ice – penalty shot is awarded to receiving team	Player goes to side lines for remainder of shift plus one full shift – replace player on ice ice





# 6U-8U Guidelines

## FULL ICE GAMES

- The Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association **does not permit** the playing of full ice games at the 6U or 8U levels at any time. **Full ice games are not USA Hockey sanctioned.**
- The USA Hockey Non-Sanctioned Play Policy prevails and includes the requirement that the team cannot be identified as the same team in USA Hockey (so they have to have different names, uniforms, scheduled separately, etc.). The Non-Sanctioned Play Policy can be found in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.



## Questions?

Thank you for your time and dedication to the kids, the NJYHL and to the great sport of hockey.

