

David Zednik

It is with great honor and respect that I accept the nomination to run for the Illinois Hockey Officials Board of Directors. My nomination has filled me with a strong sense of pride and I would like to thank you and the entire IHOA membership for this singular honor. I understand fully the responsibilities of this position and look forward to interacting with the membership and representing IHOA in a professional manner.

I have been an IHOA member for over 30 years and within that time I have seen IHOA grow into one of the leaders of USA Hockey not only with on ice officiating , but also off ice in the preparation and teaching of our officials.

I have been a seminar instructor, mentor and evaluator for over ten years, within that time I have put the education and well-being of each official at the forefront. During that time I have also been chairman of IHOA's Rules & Ethics committee. I have and will continue to put the official's rights first in any case that is brought before the committee.

As a member of the AHAI assigning group, I have worked with both the Mentoring and Advanced Development groups. The mentoring group headed by Carl Sassolino ensures that new officials are provided with a mentor in their first games. While the ADP committee that was led by Erin Blair and Jameson Gronert to ensures that officials are provided with further, more intense lessons than in the yearly seminar. It is vital that the officials in these programs are assigned to the proper games, therefore, they can apply knowledge gained in the classroom and on the rink skating skills in game situations.

IHOA is entering a challenging and exciting time, the success of the Blackhawks spurred an expansive growth of youth hockey that is second to none. There are more games with high quality play than ever before, the opportunities to officiate at high level are there for the taking. I am excited to continue in the roles that I have now as well as getting into the dynamics of creating new events for IHOA and the hockey community. My enthusiasm for the position is evident in the long list of ideas I have already created in the past and the new ones that I hope to present in the next three years.

Thank You, I hope that I can count on your vote and support.