

Matt Warco

Hello fellow officials. My name is Matt Warco. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> season officiating as a part of IHOA and 9<sup>th</sup> season of officiating overall. I had the opportunity to officiate as a linesman the 2018 High School Hockey Championship.

I grew up in the Pittsburgh area and began playing hockey at the age of 5 and have been a rink rat ever since. I played local youth hockey before playing AAA, Junior B, and Tier 2 Junior A in the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League. I played ACHA college hockey winning a national championship in 2008.

After my playing career was over, I was desperate to stay in the game with a competitive nature and men's league wasn't cutting it. I then began my officiating career and have enjoyed every second of being able to stay on the ice. Officiating in two different districts affords me the unique opportunity to bring outside perspective to the board.

As the years have gone on, I feel it is my duty to give back to the game that has given me a lifetime of satisfaction. I look forward to the potential of possibly being able to work with the officials across IHOA as a board member. I will always be available to help any official that I can get better as an official. I enjoy coaching up the newer officials both younger and older. I also enjoy coaching the coaches of the teams that I officiate.

Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit about me. I would appreciate any support from my fellow officials at the annual meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.