



Illinois Hockey Officials Association ("IHOA")  
USA Hockey and IHOA Registration

## Important Reminder: USA Hockey Game Reports for Major and Match Penalties

It has come to the attention of IHOA and MCHO that some officials are calling major and match penalties without completing the required USA Hockey game reports afterward. If you assess a 5-minute major with a game misconduct or a match penalty, **YOU MUST SUBMIT THE USA HOCKEY GAME REPORT.**

**THE HORIZON INCIDENT REPORT IS NOT THE CORRECT REPORT TO BE FILLING OUT FOR 5/GM and MATCH PENALTIES. THESE REPORTS DO NOT GO TO USA HOCKEY AND AFFILIATES FOR PLAYER DISCIPLINE.**

Submitting the report is the responsibility of the entire officiating crew—it does not have to be the official who called the penalty. If one crew member is unable to complete the report, another must step up and ensure it is submitted promptly.

Failing to submit the appropriate game report creates significant issues for AHAI, IHOA, league administrators, and clubs that rely on these reports for disciplinary tracking. Major and match penalties often carry automatic suspensions, and delays in paperwork can result in players being withheld from play longer than necessary—or not long enough.

Failure to submit USA Hockey game reports may result in disciplinary action for the officiating crew.

Additionally, if you assess a match penalty, you must notify Brian Fisher (Referee-in-Chief of Illinois) as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any IHOA board member or a member of the MCHO assigning staff. We are here to help.

Please see the below video on how to submit a USA Hockey Game Report

Link to Game Report Site: [USA Hockey Game Report Site](#)



## USA Hockey Registration Deadline

**All officiating memberships must be complete by December 31, 2025.** This includes level specific classroom seminars, level specific learning modules, level specific rules exercise, U.S. Center for SafeSport training, and NCSI background screening. After December 31, the 2025-26 membership database will be closed and no more cards and crests will be issued.

NEW MEMBERSHIP TIMELINES:

**January 1, 2026: 2025-26 Membership closed (cards and crests no longer issued)**

May 1, 2026: Membership applications open

Best wishes for a safe and successful season and thank you for your dedication to USA Hockey.



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## IHOA Registration Deadline Update

Hello IHOA Members,

**IHOA registration for the 2025/26 season is now open. Please use the below link to access the registration page.**

## [IHOA Registration for 2025/26](#)

Dues must be paid by December 31, 2025. You will be shutdown in Horizon if your dues are not paid by this date. Please do not wait.

IHOA is proud to welcome non–USA Hockey officials this year. If you are officiating only CUHL or Men’s League games, you are now eligible to be a part of IHOA. We would like to thank our partners at MCHO for helping unite all of Illinois hockey under one banner.

### **2025–26 Dues Structure:**

- USA Hockey Level 1: \$50
- USA Hockey Level 2: \$25
- USA Hockey Level 3: \$25
- USA Hockey Level 4: \$25
- Non–USA Hockey Officials (CUHL and Men’s League): \$50

IHOA will only be accepting credit card payments this year. No other forms of payment will be accepted.

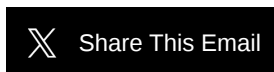
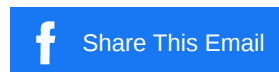
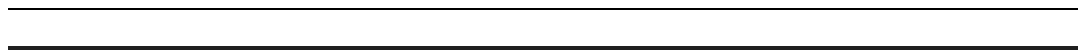
If you are USA Hockey registered, please have your USA Hockey Official Number and level available when completing registration.

**Thank you,**

**Matt McManus**  
**IHOA Registrar**



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