

SECTION FIVE
OFFICIALS



Rule 501 Appointment of Officials

- (a) Referee system - The official method of officiating USA Hockey InLine games is with a two-referee system.
- (b) Referees shall be controlled and assigned by the Inline League or by the Local Referees' Association.
 For Regional Playoffs, USA Hockey InLine shall appoint a "Tournament Referee-in-Chief" who shall be responsible for assigning all Referees.
 For National Championships, the USA Hockey InLine Officiating Program Coordinator shall appoint all Referees.
- (c) The Referee(s) shall have full authority and final decision in all matters of dispute, and not subject to appeal, during the course of the game.
- (d) All Referees shall wear black trousers, black and white striped sweaters designed for hockey and a black hockey helmet with chin strap properly fastened. It is strongly recommended that all referees wear elbow pads, shin pads, knee protection and a half-shield visor properly attached to their helmets.
 Referees shall wear the current USA Hockey InLine Referee crest on the left chest of the sweater during all games. Any other crest that is worn shall be placed on either arm of the sweater. The wearing of name plates shall be regulated by each league.
 Referees shall be equipped with finger whistles and metal tape measures with a minimum length of 6 feet.
- (e) For tournament play, the Tournament Committee shall appoint a Game Timekeeper, a Penalty Timekeeper and an Official Scorer.

Rule 502 Referee

- (a) The "REFEREE" shall have general supervision of the game and shall have full control of all Game Officials, Team Officials and players before, during and after the game, on and off the playing surface. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Referee shall be final.
 The Referees shall enter the playing surface prior to warm-ups and remain on the surface at the conclusion of

each half until all players have proceeded to their dressing rooms. Penalties may be assessed at any time before, during and after the game.

- (b) The Referee shall order the teams onto the playing surface at the appointed time for the beginning of each game and at the start of each half.

If for any reason there should be more than fifteen minutes delay in the commencement of the game or any undue delay in resuming play for the second half, the Referee shall state in the report to the League Authorities the cause of the delay and the team(s) that was at fault.

- (c) The Referee shall make a visual inspection of all players during the warm-up. If there is any lack of conformity to the regulations on mandatory equipment, the Referee shall ensure that the required equipment is in place.
- (d) The Referee shall, prior to the start of the game, see that the appointed Game Timekeeper, Penalty Timekeeper and Official Scorer are in their respective places and that the timing and signaling equipment is in good working order.
- (e) The Referee shall impose such penalties as are prescribed by the rules for infractions thereof and the Referee shall have the final decision regarding all goals.
- (f) The Referee shall report to the Official Scorer, or Penalty Timekeeper, all goals and assists legally scored and all penalties assessed and the reason for the assessment of such penalties.

The Referee shall report the reason for not allowing a goal every time the goal light is turned on in error during the course of play and every time a goal is illegally scored.

- (g) If the Referee(s) cannot appear for a game or are unable to continue due to illness or injury, the Managers or Coaches of the teams shall agree on Referee(s). If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team who shall act as Referee.

If the regularly appointed Referees appear during the progress of the game, they shall at once replace the temporary Referees.

- (h) After each game, the Referees shall check and sign the score sheet and return it to the Official Scorer.

Referees are required to report to the League Authorities all game misconduct and match penalties immediately following the game giving full details of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Rule 503 Penalty Timekeeper

- (a) The "PENALTY TIMEKEEPER" shall keep a correct record of all the penalties assessed by the Referee(s) including the names of the penalized players, the infractions penalized, the duration of each penalty and the time at which each penalty was assessed. The Penalty Timekeeper shall record each penalty shot awarded and the result of the shot.
- (b) The Penalty Timekeeper shall check and ensure that the time served by all penalized players is correct. The Penalty Timekeeper shall be responsible for the correct posting of all minor and major penalties on the scoreboard and shall promptly notify the Referee of any discrepancy between the time recorded on the clock and the correct official time.
- The Penalty Timekeeper shall, upon request, inform a penalized player of any unexpired penalty time.
- Misconduct and coincident minor penalties shall not be recorded on the clock, but such penalized players shall be alerted and released at the first stoppage of play following the expiration of the penalties.
- (c) If a player leaves the penalty bench prior to the expiration of the penalty, the Penalty Timekeeper shall note the time and signal the Referee at the next stoppage of play.

Rule 504 Official Scorer

- (a) The "OFFICIAL SCORER" shall obtain a list of eligible players from each team, prior to the start of the game. This information shall be made known to the Coach of each team. The Official Scorer shall secure the names of the Captain of each team and note such on the Official Score Sheet.
- (b) The Official Scorer shall keep a correct record of all goals scored, and to whom credit shall be given for assists.

The Official Scorer shall also record the time of entry into the game of any substitute goalkeeper and shall record when a goal has been scored while the goalkeeper has been removed from the playing surface.

- (c) The points for goals and assists shall be announced over the public address system and all changes in such awards shall also be announced.

No requests for changes in any award of points shall be considered unless they are made at or prior to the conclusion of the game by the team Captain.

- (d) The Official Scorer shall prepare the Official Score Sheet for signature by the Referees and forward it to the League Authorities.

Rule 505 Game Timekeeper

- (a) The "GAME TIMEKEEPER" shall signal the Referee for the start of each half and the Referee shall start play promptly in accordance with the scheduled playing time. The Game Timekeeper shall record all official playing time.
- (b) If the rink is not equipped with an automatic sound device, or such sound device fails, the Game Timekeeper shall signal the end of play time by blowing a whistle.
- (c) The Game Timekeeper shall announce when one minute of actual playing time remains in each half.

Rule 506 League Authorities

- (a) The "LEAGUE AUTHORITIES," as applied under these rules, shall be defined as the immediate governing body of the team or teams involved.