



Welcome to the 2017-18 American Collegiate Hockey Association ice hockey season. We are all looking forward to another exciting year and fortunate to have you and your officials as part of our ACHA Officiating Program. Thank you for helping.

This is a non-rule change year. Although there are no direct rule changes, there is a continued emphasis on head-contact penalties. Please continue to be diligent and enforce the head-contact penalties.

Attached you will find the information to get you started for this season. The following documents are attached to this email.

- ACHA welcome letter
- 2017-18 ACHA exam (same exam as last)
- Answer sheet for the ACHA exam

Please visit the ACHA website for additional referee information. There are many valuable training documents on the ACHA website and please view the “Officials” tab of the website.

www.achahockey.org

The goal of the exam is not to create a pass or fail situation. This test should be used as a training tool to ensure that your officials take the time to learn the ACHA/NCAA Rules. Use the exam to your advantage and encourage open rules discussions.

When talking about ACHA/NCAA rules, our officials commonly get confused with the enforcement of USA Hockey rules during ACHA/NCAA games. It is imperative that you help our officials understand the differences to our ACHA/NCAA rules compared to the USA Hockey rules. As questions come up though the season, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will be providing additional information thru-out the season.

Our ACHA officials are required to be completely registered with USA Hockey at level 3 or higher. In unique circumstances, USA Hockey level 2 officials may be used with approval from the ACHA Referee-in-Chief.

The ACHA believes the 2-Referee, 2-Linesmen system has proven to best fit ACHA competition and this is the *recommended* system. ACHA teams may also use the 2-Referee, 1-Linesman system or 1-Referee, 2-Linesmen system as described in the attached referee system document. ACHA woman teams may use the 2-referee system. This document is also on the ACHA website under the officials tab.

The ACHA has updated the ACHA crest with a new ACHA design and the new crest is smaller. Please visit www.shopacha.com for crest details. You will like the new design.



You can also get to the crest ordering document on the officials tab of the ACHA website.

We hope this information will help your officials prepare for the upcoming season. Good luck this season and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your dedication to our sport.

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