



**Central Florida Ice Hockey Officials Association
Code of Conduct
2019-2021**

1. I understand that I am a register official with USA Hockey, and I am responsible for following all procedures, codes, rules and regulations.
2. When I accept game assignments, I am expected to be at the rink and ready prior to the start of warm-ups. It is suggested to arrive at the rink 30 minutes prior to my game(s). No less than 15 minutes prior.
3. If I cannot make my assigned game(s) due to work, an emergency, or any other appropriate reason, I must get a replacement that is qualified for the level of such game(s) and receive the authorization of the scheduler. If you turn back any games after they have been accepts, there will be a \$10.00 fine assessed per set of games.
4. If I will be showing up late to a game, it is my responsibility to call my partner and relay my estimate time of arrival.
5. Should I realize that my partner has not arrived prior to the game, I shall try and contact my partner. If I am unsuccessful, I should try to contact the scheduler or the appropriate Rink Coordinator.
6. If there are subsequent games scheduled on the same sheet of ice, I have to ensure that the official(s) for the next game(s) have arrived before I leave the rink.
7. If I missed an assigned game(s), I will be fined the amount equal to the total fee of the game(s) plus a 30-day suspension. Per the By-Laws, subsequent missed games will incur additional penalties.
8. I understand that I may not indulge in any alcoholic beverages prior to or between assigned games. There is a zero tolerance for this behavior. If caught drinking prior to, or during an assignment, there will be an automatic one-year suspension from the association. This conduct will also be forwarded to the state level for further disciplinary actions.
9. I understand and am aware of the dress code for the level of the game(s) at which I am working. Officials are required to wear business casual attire; excluding but not limiting the wearing of shorts, flipflops, and graph t-shirts. Female officials are required to wear business casual attire as well; excluding but not limiting the wearing of jeans, yoga pants, or inappropriate tops. CFIHOA attire is highly recommended. Violating the dress code will result in disciplinary actions: 1st offense- written warning, 2nd offense- 30 days suspension, and 3rd offense – 60 days suspension.
10. I understand that the rinks provide the referee room and I should ensure that no trash, drink containers, tape scraps, etc. will be left behind.
11. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all time, including but not limited to: USA Hockey events, rink facilities, hotels, and association events.
12. My officiating equipment and uniform should be clean and well maintained.
13. I understand that when I play or coach, I must act professionally at all times. As an official you are expected to never argue a call or make a referee look bad, even if the call is incorrect. Other players and coaches on teams look to you to see how to act. If an official that is playing or coaching acts inappropriately, the other players and coaches will as well.
14. I understand that any social media I have can be viewed by anyone in the hockey community, in which any posts, videos, shares, likes, pictures, etc. should be appropriate and not jeopardize the reputation of myself, USA Hockey, or CFIHOA.
15. I understand that if I do not abide by these rules or violate them, I will be subject to further disciplinary action.



**USA Hockey
On- Ice Officials' Code of Conduct
2019-2021**

1. Act in a professional and businesslike manner at all times and take your roll seriously.
2. Strive to provide a safe and sportsmanlike environment in which players can properly display their hockey skills.
3. Know all playing rules, their interpretations and their proper applications.
4. Remember that officials are teachers. Set a good example.
5. Make your calls with quiet confidence; never with arrogance.
6. Manage and help to control gamers in cooperation with the coaches to provide a positive and safe experience for all participants.
7. Violence must never be tolerated.
8. Be fair and impartial at all times.
9. Answer all reasonable questions and requests.
10. Adopt a "zero tolerance" attitude toward verbal or physical abuse.
11. Never use foul or vulgar language when speaking with a player, coach or parent.
12. Use honesty and integrity when answering questions
13. Admit your mistakes when you make them.
14. Never openly criticize a coach, player, or fellow official.
15. Keep your emotions under control.
16. Use only USA Hockey-approved officiating techniques and policies.
17. Maintain your health through a physical conditioning program.
18. Dedicate yourself to personal improvement and maintenance of officiating skills.
19. Respect your supervisor and his/her critique of your performance.

As officials we are expected to follow the USA Hockey and CFIHOA Code of Conduct. The above are association and USA Hockey rules that we feel are important to list. Also, refer to the by-laws of CFIHOA for any other rules and regulations that are expected to be followed.

By signing below, I understand and accept the terms of both the CFIHOA and USA Hockey Code of Conduct. I also understand that violation of such codes may result in disciplinary actions.

Official's Name (Print): _____

Official's Name (Sign): _____

Date: _____

*If your official is under 18: Complete the above portion along with the portion below, thus agreeing to all statements listed.

Guardian's Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Guardian's Signature: _____