



# GAME DAY OFFICIATING PROTOCOLS FOR LEAGUES, ASSOCIATIONS, AND TEAMS SCHEDULED BY PENNSYLVANIA ICE HOCKEY OFFICIATING

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## TIER I USA HOCKEY AMATEUR & ALL PIHL GAMES

(including Pittsburgh Penguins Elite, Esmark Stars, Pittsburgh Selects, Pittsburgh Vengeance, all PIHL games, etc.)

### A. Arrival at Assigned Games

- Officials must arrive at the facility no later than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled game.
- In the event an official cannot make their assigned game at the required time, the official must contact their partner(s) and notify them of their anticipated arrival time.
- If an official's partner is not at the rink at the required time, they are to call their partner immediately. If the present official is unable to reach their partner, or if the tardy official will be unable to be at the rink to allow the game to start on time, please call the PIHO scheduler immediately so a replacement can be found, if needed.

### B. Dress Code

#### • Off-Ice Dress Code

- Officials shall properly wear the following at all times when on the premises of an assigned game when not on the ice or in the locker room areas:
    - **OPTION I:** The PIHO Warm-Up suit purchased at PIHOref.com with clean sneakers (tennis shoes).
    - No baseball caps.

OR

  - **OPTION II:** A clean, button-down shirt with long sleeves and a full collar, or a polo/golf shirt tucked into pants.
  - Dress trousers (slacks/khakis) that are without holes or discoloration.
  - Dress (non-athletic) shoes that are close-toed.
  - Hair neatly groomed or hat that conforms entirely to the shape of the head
  - No baseball caps.
- No clothing or jacket shall have the logo of any amateur, scholastic, or collegiate hockey team.

#### • On-Ice Dress Code

- Jersey/Sweater:
  - Only USA Hockey-approved official's jerseys shall be worn for games (no mesh underarm gussets).
  - The current crest of USA Hockey.
  - **Nameplate only (with official's last name) on back of officiating sweater.**
  - Numbers are not permitted.
- Trousers/Pants:
  - Trousers/pants must be entirely black in color.
  - The bottom of the trousers should cover just below the ankles when standing upright.
- Helmet:
  - The helmet must be black in base color, and any "inserts" must be black or silver in color.
  - Officials must not place any stickers on the helmet, including those of any leagues and associations.
  - It is required that all officials wear a half-visor.
  - The chin strap must be black or white in color, attached at all times while on the ice, and shall not have more than a 2-finger gap between the underside of the chin and the helmet strap.
- Skates:
  - The boot of the skates shall be dark in color.
  - Blade housings must be white or black in color.
  - Clean, white laces.
- Additional
  - No other patches, crests, logos, or similar shall appear on the uniform.

### C. Warm-Up Period

- All officials must be present on the ice, prior to any players, for the entire warm-up period.
- Warm-Up Jackets:
  - If the warm-up period is separated from the opening faceoff by an ice cut, officials must wear a plain black athletic jacket with no logo of any amateur, scholastic, or collegiate hockey team on the ice for the warm-up period. The PIHO-approved warm-up jacket shall be acceptable for this purpose.



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## COLLEGE CLUB GAMES – ACHA

(including CHMA, TSCHL, and CHE)

### A. Arrival at Assigned Games

- The referee(s) must arrive at the facility no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled game. The linesmen must arrive at the facility no later than thirty (30) minutes prior the scheduled game.
- In the event an official cannot make their assigned game at the required time, the official must contact their partner(s) and notify them of their anticipated arrival time.
- If an official's partner is not at the rink at the required time, they are to call their partner immediately. If the present official is unable to reach their partner, or if the tardy official will be unable to be at the rink to allow the game to start on time, please call the PIHO scheduler immediately so a replacement can be found, if needed.

### B. Dress Code

#### • Off-Ice Dress Code

- Officials shall properly wear the following at all times when on the premises of an assigned game when not on the ice or in the locker room areas:
  - **OPTION 1:** The PIHO Warm-Up suit purchased at PIHOref.com with clean sneakers (tennis shoes).
  - No baseball caps.

OR

- **OPTION II:** A clean, button-down shirt with long sleeves and a full collar, or a polo/golf shirt tucked into pants.
- Dress trousers (slacks/khakis) that are without holes or discoloration.
- Dress (non-athletic) shoes that are close-toed.
- Hair neatly groomed or hat that conforms entirely to the shape of the head
- No baseball caps.
- No clothing or jacket shall have the logo of any amateur, scholastic, or collegiate hockey team.

#### • On-Ice Dress Code

- Jersey/Sweater:
  - Only USA Hockey-approved official's jerseys shall be worn for games (no mesh underarm gussets).
  - The current crest of the ACHA
  - **Nameplate only (with official's last name) on back of officiating sweater.**
  - Numbers are not permitted.

#### ○ Trousers/Pants:

- Trousers/pants must be entirely black in color.
- The bottom of the trousers should cover just below the ankles when standing upright.

#### ○ Helmet:

- The helmet must be black in base color, and any "inserts" must be black or silver in color.
- Officials must not place any stickers on the helmet, including those of any leagues and associations. Note that the ACHA does not require an ACHA helmet sticker; wearing such a sticker shall be considered a violation of this protocol.
- It is required that all officials wear a half-visor.
- The chin strap must be black or white in color, attached at all times while on the ice, and shall not have more than a 2-finger gap between the underside of the chin and the helmet strap.

#### ○ Skates:

- The boot of the skates shall be dark in color.
- Blade housings must be white or black in color.
- Clean, white laces.

#### ○ Additional

- No other patches, crests, logos, or similar shall appear on the uniform.

### C. Warm-Up Period

#### ○ Warm-Up Jackets:

- Officials must wear a jacket on the ice for the warm-up session if the ice is resurfaced after the warm-up period, prior to the opening face-off.

#### ○ CHMA (ACHA Division I):

- Four-Man System: Both referees on the ice for the entirety of the warm-up period.
- Three-Man System (1 Referee/2 Linesmen): Only the referee on the ice for the entirety of the warm-up period.

#### ○ TSCHL (ACHA Division II):

- Three-Man System (1 Referee/2 Linesmen): Only the referee on the ice for the entirety of the warm-up period.

#### ○ CHE (ACHA Division III):

- Four-Man System: Both referees on the ice for the entirety of the warm-up period.
- Three-Man System (2 Referees/1 Linesman): Both referees on the ice for the entirety of the warm-up period



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## TIER II USA HOCKEY AMATEUR GAMES

(including all PAHL games, Steel City Selects, etc.)

### A. Arrival at Assigned Games

- Officials must arrive at the facility no later than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled game.
- In the event an official cannot make their assigned game at the required time, the official must contact their partner(s) and notify them of their anticipated arrival time.
- If an official's partner is not at the rink at the required time, they are to call their partner immediately. If the present official is unable to reach their partner, or if the tardy official will be unable to be at the rink to allow the game to start on time, please call the PIHO scheduler immediately so a replacement can be found, if needed.

### B. Dress Code

#### • Off-Ice Dress Code

- Officials shall properly wear the following at all times when on the premises of an assigned game when not on the ice or in the locker room areas:
  - **OPTION 1:** The PIHO Warm-Up suit purchased at PIHOref.com with clean sneakers (tennis shoes).
  - No baseball caps.

OR

- **OPTION II:** Neat, clean clothing; well-groomed hair; general tidy appearance that portrays professionalism and respect for the game and assignment
- No clothing or jacket shall have the logo of any amateur, scholastic, or collegiate hockey team.

#### • On-Ice Dress Code

- Jersey/Sweater:
  - Only USA Hockey-approved official's jerseys shall be worn for games (no mesh underarm gussets).
  - The current crest of USA Hockey.
  - **No Nameplate required on sweater.**
  - Numbers are not permitted.
- Trousers/Pants:
  - Trousers/pants must be entirely black in color.
  - The bottom of the trousers should cover just below the ankles when standing upright.
- Helmet:
  - The helmet must be black in base color, and any "inserts" must be black in color.
  - Officials must not place any stickers on the helmet, including those of any leagues and associations.
  - It is required that all officials wear a visor.
  - The chin strap must be black or white in color, attached at all times while on the ice, and shall not have more than a 2-finger gap between the underside of the chin and the helmet strap.
- Skates:
  - Blade housings must be white or black in color.
  - Clean, white laces.
- Additional
  - No other patches, crests, logos, or similar shall appear on the uniform.

### C. Warm-Up Period

- All officials must be present on the ice, prior to any players, for the entire warm-up period.
- Warm-Up Jackets:
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