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Officiating

Policy: It is the policy of Menomonie Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) to promote and maintain an officiating program for recruiting, training, developing and retaining hockey officials – referees and linesmen.

Procedure:

1. Individuals officiating MYHA games must be certified with USA Hockey Association and Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (WHA).
2. Officials shall officiate only games for which they are certified. Officials shall only be able to officiate one level below their current level of play. (i.e Bantam player can officiate up to PeeWee level)
3. MYHA shall sponsor an annual official USA Hockey seminar and monthly meetings for the MYHA officials.
4. Officials that are brought in from out of town (outside of Dunn County) shall be observed and evaluated before being invited back to officiate. If an out of town (out of Dunn County) official is necessary, MYHA will reimburse the official at 43 cents per mile (federal level of reimbursement) for travel.
5. The official game rules for MYHA and the Dunn County Ice Arena shall be the regulations established by the USA Hockey Association and the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. MYHA may impose special guidelines for non-state sponsored tournaments for the purpose of providing a clean and fun tournament for all participants and for the purpose of developing youth into responsible and fair minded young men and women.
6. Officials shall be dressed in a USA Hockey approved uniform, wear helmets during games, and carry required referee items.
7. Officials shall arrive at the arena thirty minutes before game time and will be neatly groomed.
8. Officials shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and will not use profanity under any circumstances or condone violations of the rules that create a safe play, unsportsmanlike behavior or abuse of officials.
9. Officials shall issue maximum penalties as provided by the USA Hockey Official Playing Rules and the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. Rules receiving special emphasis from USA Hockey Association shall be strictly enforced.

10. All MYHA officials shall attend a meeting and on ice session. Date, time and location to be determined by the Scheduling Committee Chair or the referee scheduler.
11. The Scheduling Committee Chair, referee scheduler and the treasurer shall determine the payment process to MYHA officials.
12. It is the responsibility of the official to find a substitute for games scheduled that they cannot officiate and also to notify the referee manager within 24 hours if possible.

This policy is issued by the Scheduling Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.