

**ICE HOCKEY OFFICIALS OF NORTHERN CT (IHONC)
2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM**

This form, which is to be used for **new membership applications** only, must be postmarked no later than November 30th, 2020. **Forms postmarked after this date may be subject to a \$10.00 late fee. *In order to be assigned games, each official must have a current, completed form on file with the IHONC Secretary.*** Before completing this form, please read the IHONC policy that is contained in the following paragraph. *****DO NOT SEND CASH – DO SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY PAYABLE TO IHONC*****

Ice Hockey Officials of Northern Connecticut does not have an age limitation policy. USA Hockey recommends that officials achieve a specific level of certification for each level of play. IHONC embraces USA Hockey’s game assignment recommendation, available for review on the USA Hockey website. IHONC cannot guarantee any official game assignments throughout the course of the hockey season. As recognized Independent Contractors, all officials are responsible to maintain their availability in the web-based assignment system utilized by IHONC. IHONC may take several factors into consideration when assigning officials including but not limited to skill level, availability, dependability, attitude, perceived conflict of interest, exposure, and location. All officials that do not have any previous game officiating experience working a sanctioned USA Hockey travel program must participate in IHONC’s mentor program before being assigned games without a mentor. IHONC’s mentor program can be reviewed in detail by visiting our web site (ihonc.org) and selecting the Mentor Program link. After graduating from our Mentor Program, game assignments will be dependent upon your level of ability as evaluated by your mentor, and your availability to accept appropriate level assignments.

Completed form (**both pages**) along with the required membership fee should be sent to Steve Levins at 35 Belden Lane, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. *****DO NOT SEND CASH*****

Membership Application Fees:

- USA Hockey Level I and Level II **and age 17 or younger** = No fee
- USA Hockey Level I and Level II **and age 18 or older** = \$25.00
- All other categories = \$25.00
- Late filing fee = \$10.00 (for applications over age 17 and postmarked after November 30th)

Date:	USA Hockey #	Age and Date of Birth
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Street Address		City, State, Zip
Years of USA Hockey Refereeing Experience	If applicable, list any previous officiating experience.	
Cell Phone #	USA Level for 2019-2020 season	USA Level applied for 2020-2021 season
Current Unique Applicant E-Mail Address for Access to On-line Scheduling System		

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New members are ineligible to work any sanctioned USA Hockey game unless the official has completed **all** USA Hockey certification requirements (register with USA Hockey as an ice official; complete and pass USA Hockey’s open book on-line exam and modules; attend a USA Hockey seminar; pass background checks as applicable). Assuming you have taken and passed your open book exam before attending the seminar, you can expect to receive your USA Hockey certification card and crest in late September or early October.

If this season is your **first** season as a USA Hockey certified official, **please attach a copy of your USA Hockey Ice Official’s certification card**. If you have not received your USA Hockey certification card by the date you are submitting this application, please complete the following:

<i>Date Registered with USA Hockey</i>	
<i>Date USA Hockey Electronically Notified You That You Passed Your On-line Open Book Exam.</i>	
<i>Date and Location Where You Attended USA Hockey Seminar</i>	

IHONC uses an on-line system to manage game assignments as well as manage member personal information. After submitting a new member application, the prospective member will receive an initial welcome e-mail from an IHONC scheduling commissioner. The e-mail will contain a user name and initial password that will provide the new member with access to the on-line scheduling system. The new member must then enter all pertinent personal information into the system. A valid Social Security number must be provided (for tax purposes).

Members are responsible for maintaining their personal information and their availability schedule current, within the Arbiter system.

Also, by signing this application form, you acknowledge that you are fully aware of and familiar with IHONC’s current Turn-Back policy.

Legal Release

I, _____ (print your name) hereby request to participate in the activities of the Ice Hockey Officials of Northern Connecticut (hereinafter referred to as IHONC). I understand that hockey officiating is a strenuous and potentially dangerous activity. Also, I have no knowledge of any medical reasons that would prevent my participation in this activity. Therefore, the Officers, Directors, agents, servants and employees of IHONC shall not be responsible or incur liability in any way, from injuries, illness, damages or death received by me, during or as a result of my participation in the activities of IHONC. I further agree that I will not sue, arrest, attach or prosecute any of said individuals for any such injuries, illness, damages or death. Therefore, I release IHONC and its Officers, Directors, agents, servants and employees from all actions, claims and demands.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

- Parent or Guardian signature is required for members under the age of eighteen (18)