## USA Hockey Minimum Referee Level Requirements for Games

It is the policy of USA Hockey to only assign qualified officials to all levels of competition. The following guidelines should be adhered to when scheduling all USA Hockey sanctioned games.

Three-Official System

			Youth		Youth
Age Class	Girls/Women	Referee	Tier I/II	Linesmen	Tier I/II
Adult Open		Level 4		Level 3	
Adult U.S.		Level 4		Level 3	
Adult No-Check	Women's Adult	Level 3		Level 2	
Junior A		Level 4		Level 3	
Junior B		Level 4		Level 3	
Junior C		Level 3		Level 3	
H.S. Varsity		Level 3		Level 3	
H.S. Jr. Varsity		Level 3		Level 3	
18 & Under	19 & Under	Level 3	Level 3	Level 2	Level 3
16 & Under	16 & Under	Level 3	Level 3	Level 2	Level 3
14 & Under	14 & Under	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2	Level 3
12 & Under	12 & Under	Level 1	Level 2	Level 1	Level 2
10 & Under	10 & Under	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
8 & Under	8 & Under	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1

Two-Official System

Age Class	Girls/Women	Referees	Youth Tier I/II
Adult Open		Level 3	
Adult U.S.		Level 3	
Adult No-Check	Women's Adult	Level 3	
Junior A		Level 4	
Junior B		Level 4	
Junior C		Level 3	
H.S. Varsity		Level 3	
H.S. Jr. Varsity		Level 3	
18 & Under	19 & Under	Level 3	Level 3
16 & Under	16 & Under	Level 3	Level 3
14 & Under	14 & Under	Level 2	Level 3
12 & Under	12 & Under	Level 1	Level 2
10 & Under	10 & Under	Level 1	Level 1
8 & Under	8 & Under	Level 1	Level 1

## NOTE

To be eligible to officiate in any state, regional or national championship, an official must be completely registered on or before December 31 of the current season. To the extent possible, only Level 4 officials will be eligible to work national championships.

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