

## 2021-22 Ice Official Confirmation Page



**Registration Information:** MATTHEW WARCO , Birth Year - 1986  
**Season:** 2021-22  
**Level Applied for:** 3  
**USA Hockey Officials Number:** 735183  
**Registration Category:** OFFICIAL/REFEREE  
**Date of Registration:** 10/17/2021 (registration date for the season)  
**Amount Paid - USA Hockey:** \$90.00  
**Amount Paid - ILLINOIS:** \$0.00

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM USA HOCKEY

Follow these steps to complete your registration.

- All Officials will be sent a 2025-2029 Official Rules and Casebook within two days. The deadline for completing ALL requirements is December 31, 2025.
- All Officials are required to complete Classroom Seminar, Playing Rules Exercise, and Modules based on the level that you have registered for. Deadline to complete these is December 31, 2025
- All Officials who are 2008 birth year or older are REQUIRED to complete the online SafeSport training on an annual basis (every 12 months). Deadline to complete is December 31, 2025.
- Go to [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com) and click on Officiating and then Publications to access additional education materials, including Officiating Manuals.
- If you block emails, please add [OfficiatingExam@usahockey.org](mailto:OfficiatingExam@usahockey.org) and [registration@usahockey.org](mailto:registration@usahockey.org) to your address book.
- National Screening is required for people that are 18 or older prior to May 1st 2025.

If questions, contact your District Referee-in-Chief or Local Supervisor of Officials at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)  
. Click on Officials and then Directory.

WELCOME TO THE USA HOCKEY OFFICIATING TEAM AND HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

## USA HOCKEY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

USA HOCKEY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE REFEREE (AND REFEREE'S PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) TO EXEMPT, WAIVE, RELEASE AND RELIEVE RELEASEES FROM LIABILITY FOR BODILY AND PERSONAL INJURY AND ILLNESS, INCLUDING WRONGFUL DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND ANY OTHER LOSS SUFFERED BY REFEREE CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION, INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE, IF ANY, OF ANY RELEASEES, WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY USA HOCKEY ACTIVITY OR EVENT.

"Releasees" include USA Hockey Inc., its districts, affiliate associations, local associations, member teams, event hosts and event operators, other participants, coaches, officials, sponsors, advertisers, and each of them, their officers, directors, agents and employees.

By signing this Agreement, Referee acknowledges that Referee is of legal age and has read this entire Agreement and understands its contents, or, if under the age of 18, that Referee's Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) has/have read this entire Agreement and understands its contents. For and in consideration of the undersigned Referee's registration with USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliates, local associations and member teams (collectively referred to herein as USAH) and being allowed to participate in USAH events, Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) waives, releases, holds harmless, and relinquishes any and all claims and demands for liability and cause(s) of action, including for personal injury, illness, wrongful death, property damage, or any other losses incurred by Referee, arising out of participation in USAH events, the sport of ice hockey, and/or activities incidental thereto, including the premises, services or facilities, whenever or however they occur and for such period said activities may continue, and by this Agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of action that Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) does/do so on behalf of my/our and Referee's heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledges, understands and agrees that the sport of ice hockey and USAH activities can be dangerous and involve inherent risks of injury, and assumes all risks relating to ice hockey, and understands that ice hockey activities involve risks to Referee's person including bodily injury, partial or total disability, illness, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise therefrom and that I/we have full knowledge of said risks. Participant further acknowledges, understands, and agrees that these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the Referee or the negligence of others, including the "Releasees" identified above, and that these risks and dangers include without limitation, those arising from falls, collisions, being struck by pucks, sticks or other objects, violation of playing rules, and body contact with the ice, boards, players or other participants, and these risks and dangers further include risks of sickness arising from any and all communicable diseases, germs, bacteria, viruses or infections, including without limitation the virus responsible for COVID-19 and other similar viruses or infections, whether now known or later discovered. Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) further acknowledges that there may be risks and dangers not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. Referee (and parent(s)/ guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and agree that all of the risks and dangers described throughout this Agreement, including those caused by the negligence of Referee, a Releasee and/ or others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment described herein.

Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledges, understands and assumes the risks, if any, arising from the conditions and use of ice hockey rinks and related premises and acknowledges and understands that included within the scope of this release is any cause of action (including any cause of action based on negligence) arising from the performance, or failure to perform maintenance, inspection, cleaning, disinfecting, supervision or control of said areas and for the failure to warn of dangerous conditions existing at said rinks, for negligent selection of certain Releasees, or negligent supervision or instruction by any Releasee.

As a condition of registration and membership in USA Hockey and participation in USAH events, Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agrees to abide by and be bound under the playing rules and governing regulations of USA Hockey, including the USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Policies, Codes of Conduct, and the mandatory dispute resolution and discipline provisions applicable thereto, as published in the current USA Hockey Annual Guide, and the USA Hockey Safe Sport Program, as published in the USA Hockey Safe Sport Program Handbook. Copies of the USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Policies, Codes of Conduct, including the mandatory dispute resolution, discipline and arbitration provisions, are available from USA Hockey's offices or may be found at [www.usahockey.com/annualguide](http://www.usahockey.com/annualguide). The USA Hockey Safe Sport Program Handbook can be found at <https://www.usahockey.com/resourcesanddownloads>. Any dispute, claim or cause of action regarding the terms of this Agreement or its subject matter, or participation in USA Hockey activities or events, shall be brought (i) individually, without resort to any form of class or collective action, and without joinder or consolidation of claims of third parties, and (ii) exclusively in the manner provided in the applicable rules of USA Hockey (including, without limitation USA Hockey Bylaw 10).

As further consideration for registration and participation in USAH events, Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable), hereby (1) consents and agrees that USAH, its licensees and designees may make video and/or audio recordings of and/or otherwise film, photograph or memorialize some or all of Referee's participation in such events and activities, and (2) grants to USAH, its licensees, designees, successors and assigns, a worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, fully-paid, royalty-free, transferable and sublicenseable right and license to use, copy and disseminate Referee's image and personal attributes, and to modify and present same in any form, manner and media, now known or hereafter devised, for any purpose whatsoever.

I understand that, while officiating USA Hockey sanctioned games, I am acting as an independent contractor and not as an employee of USA Hockey or its affiliate associations, local associations, or any officiating organizations.

If the law in any controlling jurisdiction renders any part of this Agreement unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain enforceable to the full extent, if any, allowed by controlling law. This Agreement affects your legal rights, and you may wish to consult an attorney concerning this Agreement.

Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agree if any claim for Referee's personal injury or illness or wrongful death or property damage is commenced against any Releasee, he/she shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Releasees from any and all claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for Referee's personal injuries or illness, property damage or wrongful death. Referee (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge that they have been provided and read the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any representations of Releasees, that they are fully advised of the potential dangers of ice hockey, agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from this Agreement have been made, that they agree to and sign this document voluntarily, understanding that these waivers and releases are necessary to allow amateur ice hockey to exist in its present form. Significant exclusions may apply to USA Hockey's insurance policies, which could affect any coverage. For example, there is no liability coverage for claims of one player against another player. Read your insurance brochure carefully and, if you have any questions, contact USA Hockey or a District Risk Manager.