



Ice Hockey Australia

2022-2023 Game Officials' Handbook



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1. Introduction

The Ice Hockey Australia (IHA) Game Officials' Handbook provides information game officials require to officiate at IHA National Championships and National Leagues.

A Game Official must be prepared mentally as well as physically for a very demanding but enjoyable schedule of hockey games and activities. Game Officials should be in excellent physical condition and fully prepared to perform at the highest level.

Being selected to officiate an IHA event is an honour, as only the best officials from around the country are considered.

2. Official Rules

- The 2022-2023 IIHF Official Rulebook will be utilised for all IHA National Championships and Leagues.
- The 2022-2023 IIHF Official Situation Handbook will be utilised when enforcing the rules in the IIHF 2022-2023 Official Rulebook.
- The 2022-2023 Rules Emphasis and Officiating Standards will be utilised when enforcing the rules in the IIHF 2022-2023 Official Rulebook.

3. At the Event

3.1. Pre-Game Responsibilities

Game Officials are required to be at the venue one (1) hour prior to game time and must be in the dressing room unless your pre-game warm-up/preparation takes place outside the dressing room. At least thirty (30) minutes before the game starts, all Game Officials must be in the dressing room.

If no ice resurface takes place after team warmup, game officials are required to be on the ice no later than one (1) minute remaining on the warmup clock. If an ice resurface takes place, game officials are required to be on the ice no later than three (3) minutes remaining on the intermission clock.

3.2. Dressing Room Rules

The Game Officials' dressing room is not a meeting place and only those who are assigned to that game should be in the room before, during and after the game.

3.3. Post-Game Responsibilities

The completed and signed Game Sheet, Shootout Form (if required), IHA Game Official Report (if required) must be scanned and emailed to the Game Documentation email address within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the game (note: exceptions will be granted where an official is travelling home post-game, or if an official has other Member Association game responsibilities following the IHA event). All files submitted must be in PDF format, with all details clearly legible. Scanned documents must be named per competition and game number.

Game Documentation email addresses are as follows:

- National Championships: ihagamedocs@iha.org.au
- AJIHL: ajihlgamedocs@iha.org.au
- AWIHL: awihlgamedocs@iha.org.au

4. Officiating System and Fees

Games will be officiated as follows:

- AJIHL: Four (4) Official System or Three (3) Official System
- AWIHL: Three (3) Official System (Four (4) Official System may be used for Finals)
- Phil Ginsberg National Championship: Three (3) Official System
- Kurt DeFris National Championship: Three (3) Official System
- Syd Tange National Championship: Four (4) Official System
- Jim Brown National Championship: Four (4) Official System
- Women's National Championship: Three (3) Official System (Four (4) Official System may be used for Finals)
- OiHAN National Championship
 - 35+: Four (4) Official System
 - 45+: Three (3) Official System (Finals: Four (4) Official System)
 - 55+: Three (3) Official System
 - 65+: Two (2) Official System
 - Women: Two (2) Official System

Every effort will be made to utilise the full number of officials required per officiating system. If insufficient game officials are available, an alternate officiating system may be utilised with prior approval from the IHA National Referee-in-Chief.

Game official's fees will be paid in accordance with the IHA Officiating Schedule of Fees. Fees will be paid electronically to the official's bank account. Payments will be collated by the IHA National Referee-in-Chief and submitted to the IHA Office for processing.

5. Competition Rules

5.1. Duration of Games

5.1.1. AJIHL

- Games will consist of a five (5) minute warm-up followed by three (3) twenty (20) minute stop-time periods. There will be a two (2) minute break between the first and second period and a fifteen (15) minute break between the second and third period during which an ice resurface will take place. If no ice resurface occurs, teams will be allowed a two (2) minute break.

5.1.2. AWIHL

- Games will consist of a five (5) minute warm-up followed by three (3) twenty (20) minute stop-time periods. There will be a fifteen (15) minute break between each period during which an ice resurface will take place. If no ice resurface occurs, teams will be allowed a two (2) minute break.

5.1.3. National Championships

- Games will consist of a five (5) minute warm-up followed by three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop-time periods. There will be a two (2) minute break between the first and second period and a fifteen (15) minute break between the second and third period during which an ice resurface will take place. If no ice resurface occurs, teams will be allowed a two (2) minute break.

5.2. Determining the Winner of Regular Season and Round Robin Games

5.2.1. National Championships

In the event of a tie after regulation time, Rule 84.4 Penalty Shot Shootout Procedure – Round Robin or Preliminary Round Game will apply with the following exceptions:

- Rule 84.4(I) (ice scraping) will not take place.
- Rule 84.4(IV) (coin toss) does not apply and is replaced with “The home team will have the choice to shoot first or second.

5.2.2. AJIHL and AWIHL

In the event of a tie after regulation time, Rule 84 Overtime Operations will apply. Shovelling of the ice will not take place (exception to Rule 84.1 Overtime Operations – Round Robin or Preliminary Round Game). If no goal is scored in the overtime period, Rule 84.4 Penalty Shot” Shootout Procedure – Round Robin or Preliminary Round Game will apply with the following exceptions:

- Rule 84.4(I) (ice scraping) will not take place.
- Rule 84.4(IV) (coin toss) does not apply and is replaced with “The home team will have the choice to shoot first or second.

5.3. Determining the Winner of Finals Games

The following procedure applies for all National Championships, AJIHL, and AWIHL games:

- In the event of a tie after regulation time, Rule 84 Overtime Operations will apply. The “sudden death” overtime period will be 10 minutes and shovelling of the ice will not take place (exceptions to Rule 84.1 Overtime Operations – Round Robin or Preliminary Round Game). If no goal is scored in the overtime period, Rule 84.4 Penalty Shot Shootout Procedure – Round Robin or Preliminary Round Game will apply with the following exceptions:
 - Rule 84.4(I) (ice scraping) will not take place.
 - Rule 84.4(IV) (coin toss) does not apply and is replaced with “The home team will have the choice to shoot first or second.

6. Dress Code

6.1. Off Ice: Arrival and Departure

All officials will be expected to maintain a professional appearance both on and off the ice. All officials arriving at the rink must be dressed in smart casual attire, such as a collared shirt, sports jacket (optional), dress pants or skirt, chinos, and dress shoes. Shorts, t-shirts, sandals/thongs/slides, and torn clothing are strictly prohibited. No other team or association branding, from ice hockey or other sports, is to be worn or carried on equipment. Where possible, it is preferred that officials wear IHA branded items on exposed garments (specifically jackets or shirts). Formal clothing is preferred for Finals games.

When leaving the rink, officials may wear an IHA Officials' tracksuit if there are no shower facilities available.

6.2. On Ice

All officials will be expected to wear the following items: black pants; black certified ice hockey helmet with ear protection attached, clear visor, officiating jersey. Referees must wear red armbands. NHL style official's jersey and officials' jerseys with a black mesh under arm are prohibited. The only crest approved to be worn during any IHA event is the current Ice Hockey Australia Officiating crest, which must be worn on the front left chest of any jersey. Any additional cresting, sponsorship, patches, numbers, names, or logos must receive written approval from IHA (equipment brand logos are permitted).

7. Social Media

All officials are expected to adhere to the "IHA Social Media Policy" available on the IHA website at <http://www.iha.org.au/iha-policies/>.

Use common sense regarding tweeting, blogging, or posting comments on social media platforms. IHA does not forbid the use of social media while working as a Game Official, however, the following rules apply to all Game Officials while participating in any IHA events:

- Game Officials are prohibited from posting on social media platforms starting 90 minutes prior to puck drop and immediately after the game
- Game Officials cannot use social media to make or promote any comments that could have negative impact on IHA and officiating staff
- No public criticizing of Game Officials or event organisers
- No posting of internal officiating information, such as substitution of Game Officials, issues related to management of the Game Officials, personal opinions about officiating staff etc.
- No post-game activity announcements which may bring you, fellow Game Officials, officiating management staff / Officiating Coaches or the event into disrepute
- No use of profanity or words/terms that could be interpreted as racist, sexist or prejudice

Violation of the mentioned rules will be reviewed by IHA representatives and can result in an immediate termination of the participation in the IHA event.