

WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL CT HOCKEY REFEREES ASSOCIATION, INC.

Congratulations and welcome to Central Connecticut Hockey Referee Association, Inc. (CCHRA). As members of CCHRA you belong to an elite officiating organization in Connecticut. As an official and independent contractor in CCHRA, you will have the opportunity to officiate many top hockey organizations the state has to offer. With this comes the privilege of working with other seasoned officials as well getting to work with new officials who you will help, guide and mentor along the way. Furthermore, as a member of CCHRA, you are not prohibited from working games from other associations. We ask as officials you ask questions, participate and foster the recommendations that all have to offer as this will help you grow and increase your on ice skills. CCHRA follows the recommendations set forth by USA Hockey, Roberts Rules of Order and the Constitution and Bylaws established by the organization. You as an official, must abide by the CCHRA Code of Conduct for ice hockey referees. Below you will find helpful information about CCHRA and the various aspects that make up the organization. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Executive Board or Board of Directors for questions and/or concerns you may have as you begin your path to officiating. Again, welcome and we look forward to your success in our group.

Mission Statement:

1. To foster, develop, advance and encourage Central Connecticut Hockey region referees.
2. To educate and train officials.
3. To affiliate with and cooperate with U.S.A. Hockey and Connecticut Hockey Referee Association.
4. To promote friendship and understanding between its members.
5. To work and cooperate with individual Youth Hockey organizations within the Central Connecticut area.

CCHRA Organization

The CCHRA Organization is governed by an elected executive board consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary and elected Board of Directors. The Scheduler is appointed each year by the Board of Directors and Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board are:

President – William Seward (203) 627.0630
Vice President – RC Letkowski (203) 415.1897
Secretary – Patty Garcia (203) 868.1101
Treasurer – Ray Gill (203) 494.9797

Members of the Board of Directors include:

Ed Muzyka, Anthony DeMatteis, Bill, Dan Lye, Ray McKeon, Gillian Gallagher, Jim Henkel, Jesse Kane, and Dave Shore Jr.

The Scheduler for CCHRA is:

Jim Henkel (732) 991-3056 email: cchrascheduler@gmail.com

Association Dues / Fees

Dues are \$25.00 each year, removed from your first paycheck of more than \$25.00.

Mandatory association meetings are held throughout the season (see below section on meetings). For each missed meeting you will be deducted \$20.00 from your monthly earned income.

For games accepted through our scheduler and then "turned back" you will be charged \$5.00 for each game. For games that are missed by the scheduled official a full fee of the game assigned will be deducted for each game missed from your monthly earned income.

For refereeing a game for which your scheduled partner misses you will be paid double the game fee.

For each game scheduled, a 3% administrative fee and a 0.5% Thomas Demartino Scholarship Fund fee is removed from the game fee.

Assigned Games

CCHRA uses a web based scheduling system called The Arbiter. The Arbiter is where you will enter your availability so the scheduler can schedule accordingly. You will use the Arbiter to block off dates you are not available and accept or decline games for which you have been assigned. Once assigned a game if you are not able to make the game or your availability has changed for some reason you must turn the game back through our Scheduler – Jim Henkel, do not ask another referee to cover your game. If you have questions regarding any scheduling information you may contact Jim Henkel via his email or phone.

We service the following rinks Yale, Cromwell, East Haven, West Haven, Hamden, Milford, Northford, Bridgeport, Shelton, Choate, Trinity & Wesleyan. Jim assigns games to referees at all rinks based on the officiating strength, level and availability.

As a friendly reminder to all CCHRA members that serve as independent contractors, as per USA Hockey, under the subject title of Scheduling of Games, "Registration with the USA Hockey Officiating Program does not guarantee any official any game assignments. Officials are responsible to obtain their own game assignments from Local Game Schedulers as designated in each District."

Game Day Appearance and Equipment

For games you are scheduled to work, please arrive at the rink no later than 30 minutes before game time. While there is no formal dress code, please dress appropriately for when you arrive at the game. No ripped clothing, tank tops, etc. The first impression you give the teams/parents/coaches when you arrive is your appearance. Make a good first impression.

Required referee equipment consists of a black helmet with attached half-shield, referee sweater with USA Hockey patch, black referee pants, ice hockey skates (no goalie or figure skates), and a hockey referee whistle (examples include ACME Thunderer or Fox 40 Superforce). It is highly recommended to also wear shin guards (with shin tights to keep them in place), athletic supporter, and elbow pads. Additional padding (girdle and/or padded shirts) is acceptable if it is covered by your pants or sweater. Effective August 1, 2024, neck laceration protection is required for officials under the age of 18. This added level of personal protective equipment may be of value for all on ice officials.

Meetings

CCHRA holds general membership meetings from August to March. Mandatory meetings for the 2025-26 season are **August 26, September 23 and December 16** and start at 7pm. Meetings take place at the Columbus Lodge, 2630 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT 06518.

If you cannot make a meeting you must contact Patty Garcia, Secretary 203. 868. 1101 or Bill Seward, President 203. 627. 0630

2025-26 On-Ice Training Sessions

For new officials and those with 3 years or less experience, the CCHRA on-ice training sessions are as follows: Sunday, August 10, 9-10:30am, Sunday, September 28, 8-9:30am and Sunday, October 26, 8-9:30am. All sessions will take place at the Northford Ice Pavilion, 24 Firelite Place, Northford, CT. New officials and those with 3 years or less are required to attend 1 session. A mass email will be sent out with registration information. Full referee protective equipment is required. You must be registered with USA-H prior to attending this training.

2024-25 CCHRA RATES

| Game Level | Rate |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| U8 Girls & Boys (one official) | 32.50 |
| U8 Girls & Boys (two officials) | 28.00/each official |
| U10 Girls & Boys | 45.00 |
| U12 Girls & Boys | 60.00 |
| U14 Girls & Boys | 75.00 |
| U15 – U19 Girls & Boys | 95.00 |

Rates above do not reflect the scheduler and scholarship fees described in the **Association Dues / Fees** section above.

Payment

Payment to officials is distributed monthly via the ArbiterPay system which is linked to the Arbiter Sports scheduling website. In order to be paid for the games you have worked for CCHRA, you must be registered with ArbiterPay.

Website and Facebook Page

During the season we will be using a Facebook group page and website to communicate information. The Facebook group is called Central CT Hockey Referee Association. Access to the Facebook group is restricted until you are granted access. For access to the Facebook group, search for the group and request access, or contact Dave Shore (203.980.9554) or Patty Garcia (203.868.1101). The CCHRA website is <https://cchrarefs.com>

