

Anchorage Hockey Officials

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Hockey league and association members:

The Board of Directors of Anchorage Hockey Officials, Inc. voted at its March meeting to increase fees for officials' services effective with the start of the 2008-09 season in September. A copy of the new fee schedule is attached.

The decision to raise fees is not a decision AHO takes lightly. Our members have discussed raising rates for several years, but the AHO Board has resisted fee hikes that would inhibit players from playing the game we love. In fact, AHO has not made across-the-board adjustments to its rates since 2000 with exception of the adult leagues.

At the request of our members, AHO assigned a committee to examine officials' pay. The committee gathered referee rate information from 28 associations across the U.S. and found that Anchorage officials are paid less than those Outside for most all levels of games. The greatest pay discrepancies were found for U12, U14 and U16/18 level house games -- some almost \$16 less per game than the national average. A copy of our committee's report can be found online at http://www.hockeyref.net/pdf/pay_report_2008.pdf The results of this report were used as a guideline for establishing AHO's 2008-09 rates.

Costs to officials for equipment, gas, and professional memberships have increased while AHO's fee rates have lagged behind the rest of the nation. AHO has enacted the fee increase because our association aims to provide quality officiating services at reasonable rates that fairly compensate officials. We also believe that fair compensation will allow us to retain and maintain quality services essential to the spirit and rules of ice hockey.

We look forward to working with you in the next season. Please contact us if you have any concerns with this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Hardwick
President, Anchorage Hockey Officials, Inc.

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2008-2009 Fee Schedule

Division	Tier	Fee (see notes)		
		3-Person	2-Person	Solo*
U-8	Youth/Girls House/Rec	Not Recommended	\$43.00	\$36.00
	Girls Comp	Not Recommended	\$43.00	\$36.00
	Youth Comp	Not Recommended	\$51.00	\$42.00
U-10	Youth/Girls House/Rec	Not Recommended	\$47.00	\$38.00
	Girls Comp	Not Recommended	\$47.00	\$38.00
	Youth Comp	Not Recommended	\$57.00	\$46.00
U-12	Youth/Girls House/Rec	Not Recommended	\$53.00	\$43.00
	Girls Comp	Not Recommended	\$57.00	\$46.00
	Youth Tier 2	Not Recommended	\$61.00	\$49.00
	Youth Tier 1	\$75.00	\$67.00	\$53.00
U-14	Girls House/Rec	Not Recommended	\$61.00	\$49.00
	Youth House/Rec	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$52.00
	Girls Comp	\$85.00	\$73.00	\$58.00
	Youth Comp	\$98.00	\$83.00	\$65.00
U-16	Girls House/Rec	\$81.00	\$69.00	\$55.00
	Youth House/Rec	\$88.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
	Girls Comp	\$95.00	\$81.00	\$64.00
	Youth Comp	\$113.00	\$97.00	\$76.00
U-18	Youth House/Rec	\$92.00	\$79.00	\$63.00
	Youth Comp	\$119.00	\$101.00	\$79.00
U-19	Girls House/Rec	\$85.00	\$73.00	\$58.00
	Girls Comp	\$98.00	\$83.00	\$66.00

* Solo rate is in the event of a No-Show Official

⇒ USA Hockey prohibits the intentional scheduling of only one on-ice official ⇐

Notes:

1. Fees for game length up to 1.25 hours in duration.
2. Games scheduled for more that 1.25 hours shall be assessed \$5 per official per 15 minute interval
3. Game Start time before 7am or after 10:45pm; rate is multiplied by 1.5
4. Fees will be billed based on the highest division and tier of the teams competing.

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