**Aberdeen Hockey Association**

**Hockey Officiating Policy**

This document outlines Aberdeen Hockey Association’s (AHA) policy governing the usage of Officials including, but not limited to Referees and Linesman for all games. This policy is not meant to replace or revise any policy already established by USA Hockey or South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (SDAHA). If any information within this policy contradicts a policy established by USA Hockey or SDAHA, these other policies will supersede AHA’s policy and AHA will follow their policy.

AHA recognizes the need for qualified and certified officials. AHA encourages the development of additional officials especially the ages of 10 and older. AHA should make every attempt to offer educational opportunities for new officials and continuing education opportunities for existing officials at least on an annual basis.

This policy will apply to State League Games and all development level games that are considered USA Sanctioned events. This will apply to State League games during the official season. This will also apply to any State League level games either before or after the official season. This will also apply to any Development Level games including, but not limited to games that are part of a Jamboree, Tournament or other organized gathering of teams from multiple hockey associations. For in-house development level games or in-house scrimmages that are considered a continuation of practice, this policy may not apply. Even for these games, every attempt should be made to follow this policy.

**This policy directs AHA to use USA Hockey Certified Officials for all**

**USA Hockey Sanctioned events. No Exceptions.**

**Compensation**

State League Level:

AHA will follow the official compensation level as established by the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association. This will include cost of officiating, travel, lodging, meals, and other expenses.

Development Level:

AHA will compensate officials at the development level according to the following compensation guidelines:

 In-house Games Jamboree/Tournament Games

Squirt Level $25.00/Game $35.00/Game

Mite Level $15.00/Game $25.00/Game

Two officers of the association must approve exceptions to any part of the Policy. One of the officers must be the President and the second approval must be one of the following officers: Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. A vote of the full board may also grant an exception to this policy.

This policy shall remain in effect until either 1) the AHA Board of Directors votes to remove the policy or 2) this policy is revised or amended by a vote of the AHA Board of Directors.

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