



Atlantic District Officiating Minimum Age Policy

Effective June 1, 2021

Beginning with the 2021-22 hockey season the Atlantic District has implemented the following minimum age policy for officials. This policy is based on federal and state child labor laws in the Atlantic District.

1. To register as an official in the Atlantic District the official must reach the age of fourteen (14) by December 31st of the current season.
2. Officials may attend a seminar and complete the required certification requirements prior to the official's fourteenth (14th) birthday, however the official **MAY NOT**:
 - a. Register for an assigning system prior to the official's 14th birthday.
 - b. Officiate a game prior to the official's 14th birthday.
3. Assignors may not assign any official under the age of fourteen (14) to any games.
4. Returning officials who will not reach the age of fourteen (14) by December 31st of the current season will not be able to officiate games in the current season.

Example: An official born on December 17, 2007, will turn fourteen (14) on December 17, 2021, the official may:

1. Register as an official for the 2021-22 season once the USA Hockey Registration system opens in June 2021.
2. Attend a seminar on any date and complete the registration requirements to receive a card and crest.
3. Register for an assigning system on December 17, 2021.
4. Officiate games on or after December 17, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the policy, please contact Atlantic District Referee-in-Chief Jim Doyle at jdoyle@aaharefs.org.