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Welcome to the 2024-26 American Collegiate Hockey Association ice hockey season. We are looking forward to another exciting year and fortunate to have you and your officials as part of our ACHA Officiating Program. Thank you for helping.

This is a RULE CHANGE year, and we use a NEW 2024-26 NCAA rule book.

We have an early version of the 2024-2026 NCAA Ice Hockey rule book on our ACHA site. The final version of the book will have an updated format but none of the rules will change.

Please visit the link below for all the rule information. www.achahockey.org/officials

Please continue to visit the ACHA website for updated information during the season. There are many valuable training documents on the ACHA website and please view the "Officials" tab of the website located under the "Resources" link www.achahockey.org

ACHA Rules Test

The goal of our ACHA rules test is not to create a pass or fail situation. The 2024-2026 test should be used as a training tool to ensure that our officials take the time to learn the ACHA/NCAA Rules. Use the exam to your advantage and encourage open rules discussions.

Our ACHA officials should be completely registered with USA Hockey at level 3 or higher. In unique circumstances, USA Hockey level 2 officials may be used with approval from the ACHA Referee-in-Chief.

The ACHA believes the 2-Referee, 2-Linesmen system has proven to best fit ACHA competition, and this is the *recommended* system. There is a new referee system document on the ACHA website under the officials tab. Please review at achahockey.org under the officials tab.

For ACHA crests, please visit <u>www.shopacha.com</u> for crest details. You can also get to the crest-ordering document on the official's tab of the ACHA website.

We hope this information will help and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you all for your dedication to our sport.

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