

Connecticut Field Hockey Association Officials' Board

2007 UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES

All umpires must be a **current member in good standing** of CFHAOB to be able to officiate games contracted by our Board. All umpires must pay their required dues, provide 4 hours of UNPAID service at a CFHAOB Board sanctioned event, hold a current rating, receive a passing grade on the written exam, attend the Rules Interpretation session and mandatory meetings called by the Executive Committee.

Each umpire is responsible for accepting games within the "accept by" date designated by the Arbiter. Failure to do so may result in the loss of that game(s). After accepting your game(s), any "turnback" will result in a **\$10.00 FINE per game** (payable to **CFHAOB Treasurer**). Turnbacks must be **communicated in writing via email** to the **home school's assigner**. Your assigner will confirm receipt of your request(s) via return email. If an umpire turns back their **full schedule after SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**; there will be **NO REFUND** of dues.

SCRIMMAGE POLICY - Listed below are two options regarding scrimmages

- If a scrimmage is on your game schedule it is consider a regular game - payment full game fees with 7% assigners fee
- If schools contact umpire directly – umpire negotiates (may offer free service)

GAME POLICIES

Game Assignments

- Assignments are available on www.TheArbiter.net . It is the school's responsibility to review all game schedules for correct site, date and time, as well as opponent. If the officials report to a contest and the information on TheArbiter was incorrect, it will be the host school's responsibility to compensate the officials a full game fee.

Cancellations

- If a game begins, and is not completed, the official shall receive a full-game fee.
- If the second game of a double-header is cancelled before it starts due to weather, the officials will only be paid a full game fee for the first game.
- If the officials arrive and the game has been cancelled prior to the 15 minutes before game time, the officials shall be paid a half-game fee. If prior to the start of the game, the officials determine the field conditions or weather a factor and cancel the game they shall receive a full-game fee.
- If a game is cancelled less than two (2) hours before the scheduled start time, officials shall be paid a half-game fee whether or not they have been notified.
- Athletic Directors/Coaches are required to contact the officials by calling all the numbers available on www.TheArbiter.net if the game is cancelled. Failure to do so will require payment of half-game fee. It also the responsibility of the umpire to contact the school when inclement weather may be a factor.
- If the game is a double-header, the fees will be based on the varsity game fee, regardless of which game is played first.

Single Partner Contest:

All varsity contests will be assigned two officials. In the event that an emergency arises, and only one official is available to officiate:

- A Starter Official or a one-year Level I official shall not officiate a Varsity contest alone.
- If both coaches and the lone official agree, the official may officiate a Varsity contest alone. The official shall be paid one full and one-half game fee.
- If an official chooses not to officiate a Varsity contest alone, the official shall be paid one-half game fee by the CFHAOB.

All umpires shall honor their commitments and be **on time for games**. Umpires must notify the host school and/or partner if extenuating circumstances prevent their arriving at a game at least 15 minutes before game time. (All contact numbers are provided through theArbiter.NET system) We recommend that you carry game day contact information with you, in case of an emergency situation i.e., traffic, car trouble, unable to find school/field, etc. Failure to contact your partner or host school and/or repeated lateness may result in a disciplinary action by the Ethics Committee.

If an umpire fails to show for a game, the umpire will pay one full game fee to CFHAOB, c/o the Treasurer. In addition, that official will follow up with an apology to their respective partner and both coaches. A letter of explanation will be written to the CFHAOB Ethics Committee for review and consideration

CFHAOB/NFHS LIGHTNING POLICY: A 30-second or less "flash-to-bang" count calls for removal of athletes from the field to an appropriate shelter. Following a stoppage for lightning or thunder, a game will **not restart** until **30**

minutes after the **last visible strike or thunder is heard**. A game is considered legal and complete, if **one half** is completed. Games interrupted prior to the completion of the first half shall be resumed at the point of interruption.

CIAC/CFHAOB RED CARD POLICY/UMPIRE RESONSIBILITY: The following procedure must be followed if/when issuing a red card/misconduct foul:

- An email must be submitted to your assigner within 24 hours of the event. The email **must include** your contact information, the date, location of the game, name of the team, number of the player (and name, if known) and/or coach's name receiving the infraction. Please write a **brief description** of the incident, which resulted in the red card. By CIAC policy, the assigner must report the Red Card to CIAC. A copy of the email will be then forwarded to the Ethics Chair for review and consideration.

The host school is responsible for making sure the field is in **proper condition** for **safe play**. Fields shall be a smooth rectangular area and its condition shall ensure safety, enhance skillful play and permit the ball to be visible. NFHS strongly recommends **maximum** grass height **not to exceed 1 ½ inches**. Regulation field size is 100 yards long by 60 yards wide. However, 90 yds x. 60 yds. may be used provided the 25 yard line, striking circle, penalty stroke line and 5 yard lines are regulation and measured from the endlines and sidelines.

Report any safety issues and fields that do not meet specification to Jane Capellini sassy2ct@snet.net

After the Visiting Team arrives at the host site, the players are allowed **at least 15 minutes** of warm up. JV teams may play a regulation game, if agreed upon by both coaches and provided the Varsity game began within **15 minutes** of the scheduled start time

Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the playing rules (National Federation, USGA, USTA or other CIAC game rules) by officials during contests will not be considered. The decision and interpretations of the rules by game officials are final.

During regular season play, if the score is tied at the end of regulation, teams will play **ONE – 10 minute sudden victory 7 v. 7 overtime period**. If the score is tied at the end of the one overtime period, the game will result in a tie. Download Document on www.CIACsports.com

It is the responsibility of each umpire to track his or her own game fees. At the end of the season, umpires will be assessed 7% of their total game fees by the home site's respective assigner. Invoices will be issued by November 15, 2007. Officials shall pay their fees by December 15, 2007. Any payment sent after December 15, 2007 must include a \$25 penalty fee.

ETHICS/COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any problems, concerns or complaints regarding umpire assignments, performance, unprofessional, unethical or problem behavior on the part of a CFHAOB umpire, coach or team follower etc. must be submitted **in writing** within 5 days of the incident to the assigner and/or CFHAOB Ethics Chair, Anna Lee Serrano - Email: alspemom@hotmail.com. All correspondence shall then be forwarded to the Ethics Committee, which will review the issue and render a recommendation for action to the Executive Board.

2007 CFHAOB Girls Field Hockey Umpire Game Fees:

Varsity	\$75.47
JV/Freshman/3rds	\$49.04
Combined (V+JV)	\$124.51
JV/Freshman/MS (solo; 1 ½ fee)	\$73.56

(Note: If an umpire officiates a game(s) by herself/himself, the fee is a full game fee plus ½)

www.CIACsports.com

Athletic Division – Field Hockey – Download Documents

List of Schools by Assigner ~ How to Use the Arbiter ~ Overtime Procedures ~ Mandatory Eyewear
National Federation Field Hockey Information