

Do you enjoy encouraging positive attitudes and teamwork in adolescents? Are you eager to get some exercise while earning money in the crisp autumn air? Officiating field hockey may be the ideal job for you. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.



WE NEED YOU TO OFFICIATE!

MFHUA NEEDS NEW OFFICIALS!

We are an organization dedicated to servicing the high schools of Section II of NYSPHSAA. With our current membership, we are finding it difficult to adequately cover all levels of games.

Many of our current officials have been involved with the game as high school/college players. They have chosen to stay involved with the game through officiating. Others are parents or spectators with no previous experience who decide to officiate. We welcome anyone who is passionate about sports to join us on the field hockey field.

Why Officiate?

1. Great exercise.
2. Good money.
3. Help kids play sports.
4. Meet fun new people.
5. Enjoy the fall weather.



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**Interested in
Becoming a Field
Hockey Official?**



**Mohawk Field Hockey
Umpires' Association**

FAQ's about Officiating

How do I become a certified official?

New officials are trained in clinics offered three times a year.

- At The Dome (in Queensbury) , time TBA
- At Emma Willard (in Troy) , time TBA
- At summer practices, location TBA in June/July

The clinics include 8 hours of classroom training and 10 hours of field practice. The non-refundable clinic fee of \$50.00 is due on the evening of the first class.

In addition to the instruction, you will receive a rulebook, a whistle, penalty cards, and instructional materials to get you started.

Once you have completed your initial training, you will be required to demonstrate your skills and undergo an official rating process at Rating Day in late August. You will be scheduled to complete a practice and rating scrimmage observed by experienced officials in a supportive setting. Once completed, you will be assigned a rating that reflects your current skill level.

A - varsity games
B - JV/freshman games
Apprentice - modified games

Previous knowledge and experience with field hockey is not necessary, but can often be helpful in securing a higher rating your first year.



To whom do I speak if I am interested?

Send your name, phone number, e-mail and mailing address to: Sherry Schermerhorn at jerez121@gmail.com or call her at 518-373-8030.

Once I am trained and rated, how do I actually get to officiate?

Our MFHUA assignor will request that you fill out an availability calendar on Arbiter (our on-line assigning program). You will be able to select dates and school locations that fit your schedule. You can choose as many or as few as you like. You must return your availability by June 1st so that assignor can coordinate all of the officials and games throughout the Section II playing region.

In addition to the "tools" provided at the training clinic, you will need to purchase your uniform. The uniform includes: a MFHUA official colored shirt, black shorts, and black athletic shoes or cleats.



Mandatory MFHUA meetings are held at Skidmore College on a Sunday evening at the end of August,

September and October. During these meetings, we will discuss new rule interpretations and on-field situations. This is also an opportunity to meet other officials who work in our region. At the September meeting, yearly dues covering insurance and association contract privileges to work games will be collected.

So when and where would I be officiating field hockey games?

Games throughout the region begin at 4:00pm, 4:15pm or 4:30pm Monday through Friday and at various times on Saturdays. You will need to arrive at a game at least 20 minutes before start time to complete your pre-game duties.

Section II is a large region for officiating. MFHUA covers games from Germantown to the south, Johnstown to the west, Johnsbury to the north and Hoosick Falls to the east. Distance for travel is at your discretion.

What can I expect to earn through my officiating duties?

\$76 for a varsity game
\$58 for a JV/freshman game
\$51 for a modified game



Receive an additional \$7 travel stipend, regardless of where you travel.

What expenses will I incur my first year officiating?

Training clinic:	\$50
Uniform shirt:	\$18
Black shorts:	\$20
Black athletic shoes/cleats:	varies
Fingerprinting	varies

Annual membership dues: \$55.50 for first year officials.

If I really enjoy field hockey officiating, are there opportunities to advance in training and skill?

Yes! MFHUA offers retraining clinics three times a year and rule discussions at all our meetings. Direct communication is always available with the association's rule interpreter. Officials often have questions throughout the season and the interpreter will share these as learning tools with members via e-mail.

Each summer, the association offers a scholarship to officials interested in attending an advanced skill-training clinic. Opportunities are available to advance to the college level as well.

