



Welcome to Hockey Corner!

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This winter, the NCAA Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee made a few changes to the playing rules. It now requires all field players defending a penalty corner to wear a face mask. If the game is suspended, it will be considered complete if 75% of the game has been played. The ejection and suspension requirements for players and coaches are clarified. A penalty for illegal participation by an ejected or suspended player or coach is implemented. To view 2025 rule changes, please click "2025 Field Hockey Approved Rule Modifications" under "Rules Information" on the central hub.

Visiting the central hub site frequently will keep you current with information related to these topics and others during the 2025 season. Thank you for being a major part of the effort and success of field hockey.

Below are the eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2025 season. RQ+ will include general liability, professional liability, and accident/medical insurance as a part of the registration fee for each official registering as an NCAA official on RQ+. Additional details on the insurance coverage are available on refquest.com and the central hub.

If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, email me at ncaa.fh.coordinator@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you on the field soon.

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Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Register on RQ+ (refquest.com)
- Consent to a background check
- Watch the Rules Interpretation Video
- Watch the SportRadar Referee Education Video
- Pass the Rules Test with a score of 90% or more
 - Two (2) attempts allowed
- Complete the Postseason Availability form
- Complete the Conflicts of Interest form
- Umpire at least eight regular season games
- Submit Game Schedule

NCAA Field Hockey leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

Important Dates

Rules Test - August 1

Rules Brief Video – August 1

Rules Brief Call – August 10 at 7pm ET

General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance

RQ+ has developed an insurance program for the benefit of officials in all sports at all collegiate levels. This insurance is intended to meet the known insurance requirements of certain governing bodies, conferences, and individual institutions.

The program provides the following limits of insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2025 or within two weeks of their sport's registration open date to keep continuous coverage.

- *General Liability: \$6,000,000 per occurrence (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess Liability per occurrence)*
 - Program has total insured limits of \$34,000,000.
 - Coverage intended to protect an official against claims of damages or injury caused to a third party while officiating a contest. Coverage includes personal/advertising injury, damage to a third party's premises, abuse, and molestation.
 - Coverage extends to international contests if suit is brought in the US.

- *Professional Liability: \$1,000,000*
 - Professional Liability claims are generally rooted in allegations of an act, error, or omission in executing an official's professional work that cause financial loss to a third party.

There are options to extend the GL and PL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events, as well as to increase the Accident Indemnity.

- *Accident/Medical: \$15,000*
 - Pays for out-of-pocket expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.
- *Weekly Accident Indemnity (Game Fee Replacement)*
 - This insurance is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident, renders you totally disabled and unable to work intercollegiate contests you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate contests up to the \$500 weekly limit for up to 52 weeks.

Registration Fee

All Divisions: \$100