



Welcome to Hockey Corner!

If you received this letter by email, your registration for the NCAA Hockey Corner Central Hub has been successfully completed. If you are viewing this letter on refquest.com and have not yet registered, please click Register in the top-right corner. Click [here](#) for more information about the NCAA Officiating Background Check.

Please visit the Central Hub regularly to stay up to date on these topics and other important information throughout the 2026 season. Thank you for the important role you play in the continued success of NCAA field hockey.

Below you will find the eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2026 season. The RQ+ registration fee for officials registering as NCAA officials includes general liability, professional liability, and accident/medical insurance. Additional coverage details are available on refquest.com and in the Central Hub.

Please email ncaa.fh.coordinator@gmail.com if you have ideas, suggestions, or questions.

We look 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. Please note NCAA Field Hockey leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items:

- 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

All eligibility requirements except the rules test will be due at 5 p.m. eastern on September 15, 2026. The rules test will be due on September 2 at 5 p.m. eastern.

In addition to eligibility requirements, it is highly suggested that all umpires officiate at least eight regular season games.

Umpires are reminded to ensure they list all conflicts of interest when registering on RQ+.

Umpires are highly encouraged to use the calendar functionality to ensure availability during the NCAA postseason which dates include:

Wednesday, November 11: Division I and Division III

Friday, November 13: Division I

Saturday, November 14: Division III

Sunday, November 15: Division I and III

Friday, November 20: Division I and III

Saturday, November 21: Division II

Sunday, November 22: Division I and III

Thursday, December 3: Division II

Saturday, December 5: Division II

Important Dates:

Rules Test – Will be posted during the summer, at a date and time to be determined and communicated via RQ+.

Rules Brief Video – Will be posted during the summer, at a date and time to be determined and communicated via RQ+.

Rules Brief Call – Early August, at a date and time to be determined and communicated via RQ+.

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, 2026 to July 31, 2027. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2026 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 aggregate limit per official of \$14,000,000.
 - 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 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-pockets 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. Officials have four options for game fee replacement insurance.

Max Weekly Benefit	Max Coverage Duration	Plan Cost
\$250	52 weeks	\$49
\$500	52 weeks	\$59
\$2,500	52 weeks	\$129
\$4,700	16 weeks	\$139

Registration Fee:

All Divisions: \$100