

## USA Hockey's Officiating Development Program Announce Open Try out camps!

As you may or may not know all of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) and NA3HL's hockey games, are assigned by USA Hockey's Officiating Development Program (ODP). The ODP is a training ground for young and aspiring officials to gain valuable experience and top notch in-game coaching as they work their way up through the ranks eventually to Professional or Division 1 College Hockey. The NAHL's coordinator of officials is Chris Allman, "We are an exceptional rung in the ladder for the development of these young men ruining their cars driving around this great country. We have a great relationship with Scott Brand, who controls the next few levels of the development chain, which puts us in a great position be able to select the best of the best out of the officiating pool across the US."

Camp dates that you may inquire more information about are as follows:

### **August 9<sup>th</sup> Thru August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Minnesota Camp located in St. Paul, MN

### **August 16<sup>th</sup> Thru August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Detroit Camp located in Farmington Hills, MI

There will very limited space at both camps, so please reply with the below document expressing your interest ASAP! PLEASE READ the FAQ before asking any questions!

Both camps are a try-out basis and you will have a personal interview at the end of camp to tell you exactly where you stand among your peers and exactly what your involvement with the ODP will be for the 2012 - 13 season. The camps are highly competitive and require all participants to be at the peak of their fitness.

**Former Player?** Playing experience at higher levels is a great thing, and if you are a former player at the NAHL level and up there is almost no experience needed to come to camp and start your new career in hockey.

**FOR CONSIDERATION – PLEASE RETURN BEFORE JULY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to :**

Fax: (214) 975-2250 or by email at [CALLMAN@NAHL.COM](mailto:CALLMAN@NAHL.COM)

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CURRENT USA Hockey LEVEL (Circle) : 1 2 3 4     New Official?

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EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

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## FAQ

1) **When I return this form, am I enrolled for one of the two preseason camps?** NO, the form you are returning is to be considered for a preseason camp, if you are selected you will receive an additional email with the actual camp invitation.

2) **What is the JODP? Who runs it and what USA Hockey Leagues use it?** - The JODP is a National Officiating Development Program designed and funded by USA Hockey for the benefit of elite level and elite-potential officials under the direction of Scott Brand, a 20 year veteran of Junior hockey. Some of the most notable Leagues that utilize the JODP former and current are; the AHL, ECHL, CHL, SPHL, USHL, NAHL, MnJHL, CSHL, as well as the SEJHL, and the MET League on the east coast.

3) **Who instructs at JODP camps?** - In addition to Mr. Brand, the National Referee-in-Chief Dave Labuda, NHL Officials like Ian Walsh, Brian Murphy AHL linesman, Chris Woodworth, Jonathon Morrison

4) **Does age matter?** - No. The League doesn't discriminate because of your age. We've had officials well into their 40's and as young as 16 working the league. The ONLY thing that matters is YOUR ABILITY. Generally speaking, the average age of our on-ice staff is about 23, but that's more because of the circumstances of ability to travel, less responsibility to family, etc. In addition, this is where the road begins in becoming a professional ice hockey official, so many of the younger officials migrate to this program in order to begin the journey to working at the highest level.

5) **Do first year officials in the program see a lot of work?** - See FAQ # 4 - ABILITY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, not how many years do you have in or who you know. If you are good, you will work. If you are GREAT...you'll move up!!

6) **Is there flexibility for school and work?** - Yes, because there is an automated process to the assignment system, you can blackout dates, buildings, etc. However, the more you blackout, the less opportunities you have to work. You also have to confirm your assignments back to the system.

7) **Does the league pay for hotel and travel?** - Yes, hotels if needed are paid for by the League on direct bill, and air travel is covered, when approved by the JODP and the League. We do provide an allowance for gasoline, which is based upon total miles driven and games worked.

8) **Do you try to pair guys up for travel partners?** - Yes, it doesn't always work, but we do try to make travel more manageable.

9) **Is there a cost to attend camp?** No, there is no fee to attend this camp, if selected. It is fully funded by the League as part of their overall commitment to hockey excellence as well as your development as an official. You will have the cost of your own travel, hotel and one meals. Most dinners and lunches will be provided.

10) **Can I obtain my Level 2, 3, or 4 from this Camp?** - Yes, this camp will count as your annual USA Hockey Seminar Registration including your Level 4 skating exam.