

SAN DIEGO FIELD HOCKEY



OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

S.D.F.H.O.A. Ratings (03/2017)

1. Rating Procedure

At first August meeting Board to look at list of games for rating upgrade to Senior.

Novice & Junior Levels: to be rated at JV & Varsity Tournaments.

Members to notify Board (in writing/email) their desire to upgrade to Senior before last July Board meeting.

Senior Level: must be rated on a high-level regular season Varsity game.

Description of high-level field hockey game: Open division and top D1 games and any 2 teams playing at a competitive level.

Raters: Seniors only. Rating forms submitted to Instructional Chair (I.C.) within 10 days for review and recommendation. I.C. submits recommendation to Board within 10 days of receiving forms from Raters.

Board informed of recommendation either at meeting or email. Board to vote within 10 days following a mandatory 5-day review period.

Level changes are effective upon Board vote. Rated umpires shall be notified of level status prior to Playoff meeting.

Rating form: 2016 form to remain in place at this time.

Payment Procedures:

A. Required Ratings (by the Association) – game fees (incl. Tournaments) are unaffected; Raters at Novices/Juniors receive ½ of game (or tournament) fee. Raters at Senior receive a full game fee. Raters shall be paid by S.D.F.H.O.A.

B. Requested Upgrade in a non-required year – officials requesting an upgrade must pay to the Association the full varsity game fee with their request; Association to pay the Rater a full game fee.

C. Requested Upgrade in a Required Rating year – official requesting an upgrade must pay to the Association ½ of the Varsity game fee with their request; Association to pay the Rater a full game fee.

Rater payments will only be made after submission of Rating forms to the I.C.

S.D.F.H.O.A shall pay to the Assigner a fee equal to the current Assigning fee for each rating game.

2. Rating Levels

Novice Umpire

By applying a solid understanding of the basic rules, Novice Umpires should be able to manage sub-varsity level interscholastic competitions calmly and firmly. They should be able to recognize and penalize most fouls, including simple obstruction but especially dangerous play. They should show that they know when not to call advancing. They should be able to properly manage penalties (free hits, penalty corners, and

penalty strokes) and restarts following a ball out-of-bounds. Whistle, arm signals, and penalty cards should be applied appropriately. They should keep the play to their left and position themselves in order to see play on the ball. Partnership skills and recognition of off-ball fouls, such as third-party obstruction, should be emerging.

Junior Umpire

Junior umpires, in addition to having all the skills outlined for Novice Umpires, must be able to put the advantage rule into effect in obvious situations. They must demonstrate regular use of partnership skills. They should establish a collaborative relationship with the team captains and work with the captain in managing the game. Primary signals, which indicate direction and/or type of restart, and secondary arm signals, which indicate the infraction that occurred, should be correct when used. Positioning should be both precise and flexible enough to let them see most fouls in the circle. They should be able recognize most types of obstruction and the majority of other fouls. They should have good whistle effectiveness and be secure in managing sub-varsity level interscholastic games. Unsafe play and misconduct must always be appropriately penalized. They should assist in the recruitment and development of new umpires.

Senior Umpire

Senior umpires demonstrate in their officiating that they have a sophisticated understanding of the game, the rules, and current interpretations. They allow for competitive play because of the consistency of their decisions and ability to apply advantage. The games they officiate tend to run smoothly, minimizing unnecessary interruptions to the flow established by the competitors – rewarding the highly skilled players and increasing the enjoyment of the game for players and the fans. They should be able to judge all forms of obstruction, apply the advantage rule, and should ably manage circle play. The umpire should be in a credible position throughout the game to make decisions and assist his/her partner as needed. They should demonstrate excellent anticipation and partnership skills throughout every contest. They should have the ability to adapt to changing game situations and remain calm and demonstrate firmness when appropriate. Whistle timing should be excellent and primary signals, which indicate direction and/or type of restart, should be sharp and always presented properly. The Senior umpire knows to only use secondary signals, which indicate the infraction that occurred, when warranted by the situation. The ability to hold the whistle and interrupt the game only when necessary increases the enjoyment of the players and rewards the highly skilled players. The Senior Umpire can successfully officiate competitions that are at least equivalent to the level of play typically demonstrated by competitive varsity interscholastic field hockey teams. Where appropriate, they could perform successfully at higher levels. They should be proactive in their assistance to local umpire associations with umpire recruitment and development activities.

USA Field Hockey rating may be used in lieu of SDFHOA ratings: **Level I** = Junior official;
Level II = Senior official. Proof of current USA field hockey rating to be on file with SDFHOA.

3. Rating Effects

Level may affect regular season assignments.

Playoff eligibility:

1st round – all Juniors and Seniors in good standing.

Quarter finals – Junior Table and Seniors in good standing.

Semifinals and Finals – Seniors; subject to Playoff committee (Assignor and I.C.).

Timers and Scorers for all Playoffs: open to all members in good standing. Playoff committee assigns.

Policies

JV/Varsity assignments – as a guideline, the Assignor should focus on assigning Novice officials with Senior or Junior Table officials, having the Novice being assigned JV game only; i.e., if there is a Varsity and JV game with Varsity game first, the Novice will take the place of one of the Varsity assigned officials for the JV game. If the JV game is scheduled first, the Novice will be assigned the JV only, with a Junior Table or Senior officials scheduled for the later Varsity game.

Playoff mandatory meeting required for anyone involved in playoffs – officiating, scoring, timing.

Mid-season mandatory meeting: non-attendance will affect future officiating assignment.

Extenuating emergency exception with Board approval.