

Welcome to the 2026–27 HHA Annual Referee Meeting

WELCOME TO THE HHA
ANNUAL REFEREE MEETING

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Registration & Certification
- Training & Expectations
- Scheduling Software
- Payroll Process
- Questions & Wrap-Up



Nate Martin - Introduction

A Bit About Me

- Lifelong hockey player and passionate supporter of youth sports.
- Two kids currently playing hockey. (U14 - High School)
- I bring a mix of officiating experience, community focus, and a deep respect for the game.

Why I Took This Role

- I've spent most of my life around hockey — as a player, a parent, coach, and an official.
- I stepped into this role to help grow the officiating community in Hudson and ensure we support each other in a positive and professional environment.
- My goal is to improve communication, consistency, and respect across the rink — for officials, players, and coaches alike.
- Strong technical background and responsiveness.

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- Mobile App

Registration and Certification

Important Reminders:

- 2025-26 Memberships expire: November 30, 2026.
- Deadline for 2026-27 membership requirements: December 31, 2026
- Classroom seminars end: December 15, 2026

Out of State Officials

- Out-of-state officials who wish to officiate youth games in Wisconsin must pay a $12 WHOA registration fee.
    - HHA and State Tournaments
- https://checkout.page/s/CMoBiPTrk1cBR

Important Change for Level 1 Officials

- Beginning with the 2026-27 season, USA Hockey has implemented mandatory level advancement for eligible officials.
- Officials who are 16 years of age or older and completed last season as a Level 1 Official are now required to register as a Level 2 Official.

Training

The Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (WHOA)

- Offering on-ice training sessions in each region of Wisconsin

- The sessions will be marketed and led by WHOA instructor(s) and will be approximately 1½ hours in length, including:
    - 15 minutes of discussion prior to the ice session.
    - 75 minutes on the ice

Somerset
Monday, October 26
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Registration Link:
https://forms.gle/nigqsE9SthyaQBcQ8

Training and Expectations

Mentorship & On-Ice Development

- This season, we will pair Level 1 officials with experienced Level 3/4 officials whenever possible.
- The goal is to create a supportive environment where newer referees can learn positioning, communication, and confidence from seasoned partners.
- Level 2 officials may also be used as mentors based on availability and performance.
- Officials under 18 will be assigned U10/Squirt - Peewee C. I will adjust abilities as you progress through the season.

Uniform & Appearance

All officials are expected to maintain a professional appearance:

- Black officiating pants (no joggers or sweatpants)
- Proper referee jersey (no hoodie underneath)
- White laces
- Black Helmet with Visor
- Whistle and equipment ready at game time

Pre-Game Standards

- Arrive at least 15 minutes early to games and 30 minutes for Tournaments
- Introduce yourself to both coaches before puck drop
- Briefly confirm game length, penalties, and any house rules

Referee HHA Season Information

- 350 Scheduled Games 25-26 Season
- 75 Referees
- Active referees officiate around 75-150 games in the winter season.
    - Reach out to other WI Associations for additional game assignments.
    - D2 MN - The minimum age in 16.

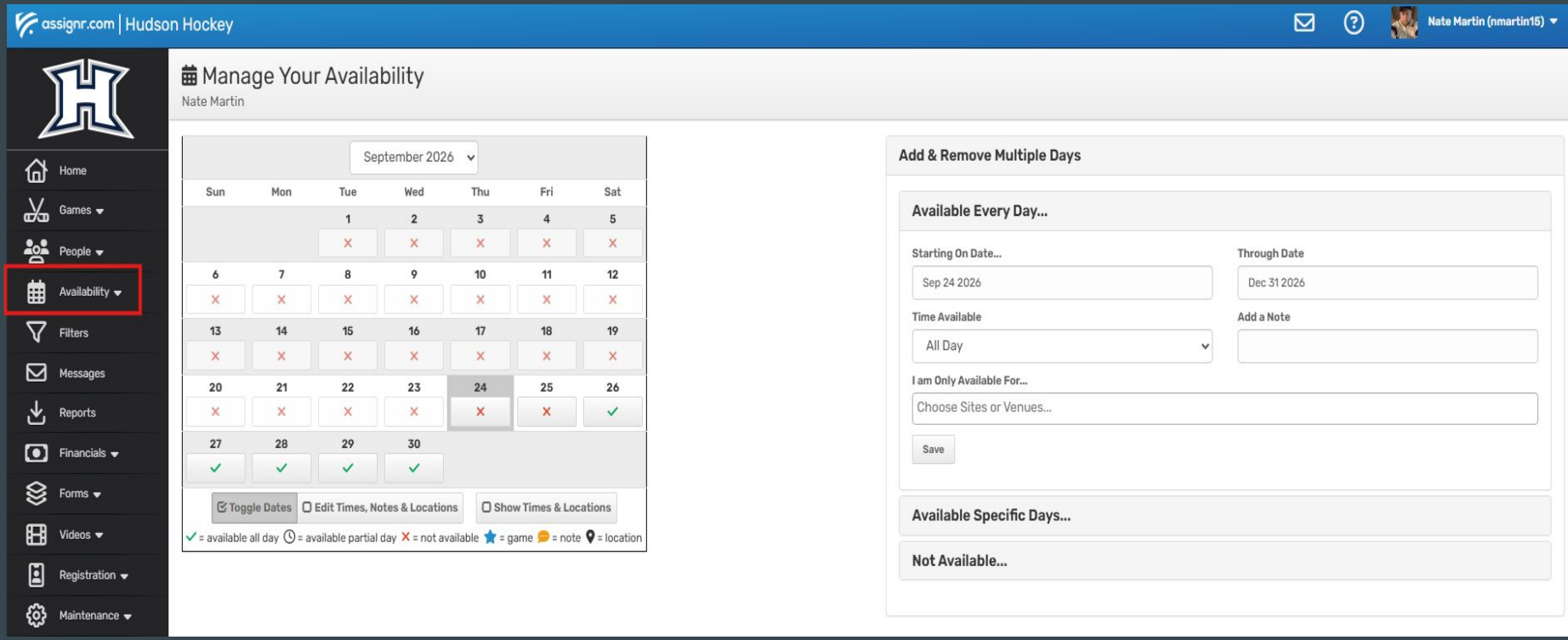
Scheduling Software

Assignr — a more modern and user-friendly platform designed specifically for officials.

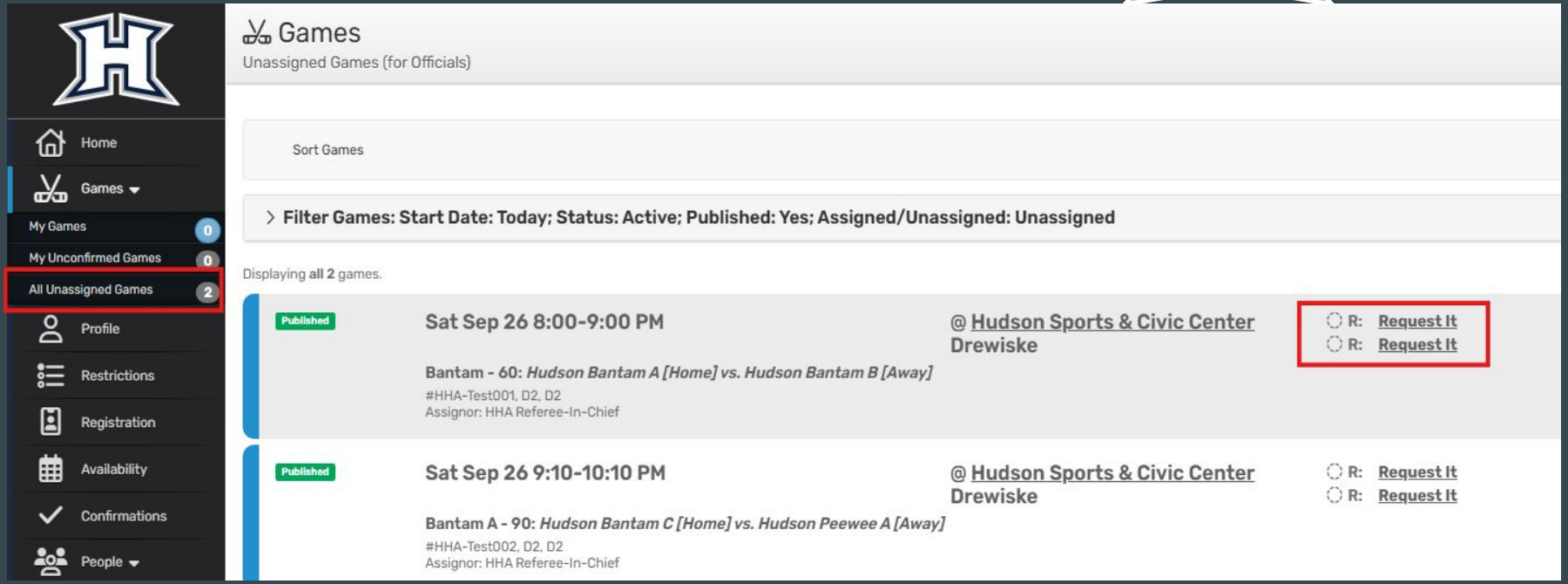
Monthly Scheduling Process

- Update Your Availability: Each month, I will send a notification letting everyone know when I plan to begin assigning games. Please make sure your availability in Assignr is updated before that date.
- Game Assignments: I will assign games based on your availability, experience level, and the games that need coverage.
- Assignment Counts: When balancing games each month, I look at how many games were sent/assigned to each official.
- Accept or Decline: Please accept or decline assignments as soon as possible. Assignments will auto-decline after 120 hours if no action is taken and moved into unassigned for officials to pick up based on ability.
- Declining Games: If you decline an assignment, it will immediately become available for reassignment via self-assign.
- Self-Assign: Officials can self-assign available games as long as the game does not create a scheduling conflict and matches their abilities.
    - Unassigned Tab in the mobile App or under games from your browser.
- Keep Availability Current: If your schedule changes, update Assignr as soon as possible. Accurate availability makes scheduling much easier and helps keep assignments fair.

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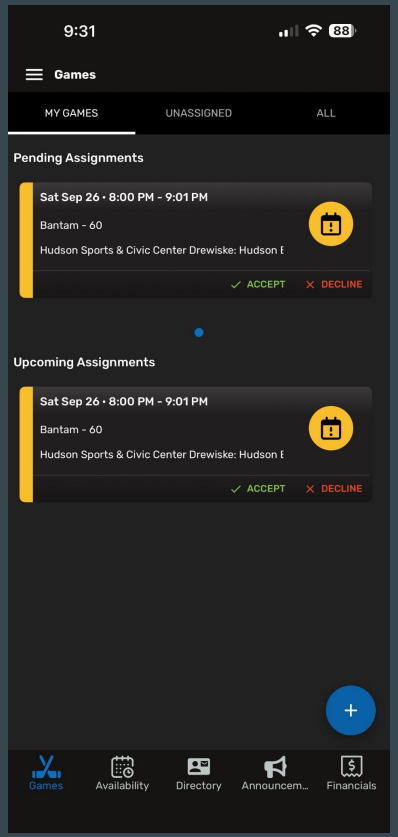


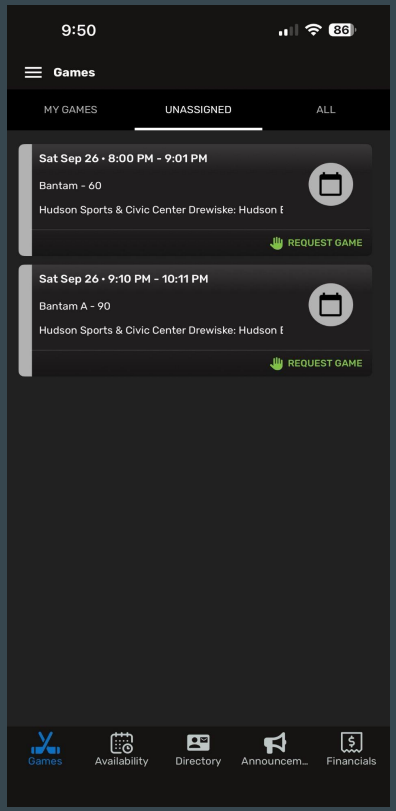
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Payroll Process

Monthly Timeline

- **Start of the Month:**
  A report will be sent to HHA showing the scheduled games and the estimated invoice total due at the end of the month.

- **Last Week of the Month:**
  An official invoice will be submitted to HHA for approval.

Payment Processing

- All payments will be processed through **Assignr** .

- You will receive two notifications:

  1. When the invoice has been submitted for approval.
  2. When the invoice has been approved and payments are being processed.

Rates

HHA 27/27 Rates			
Level	Game Length	Referee x 2	Total
Bantam A - 90	90	$120	$240
Bantam A - D2 - 3 Man	90	$100 & $70 x 2	$240
Bantam A - 75	75	$100	$200
Bantam - 90	90	$93	$186
Bantam - 75	75	$81	$162
Peewee - 75	75	$73	$146
Peewee - 60	60	$60	$120
Squirt - 60	60	$55	$110
U14	90	$93	$186
U12	60	$60	$120
U10	60	$55	$110

Questions & Wrap-Up

- Questions, ideas, feedback?
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- Thank you for being a part of Hudson Hockey!