



# Sideline News

Hi All,

Thank you to Julie for her dedication as our BFHUA president. For this season Julie will continue as Central Area Coordinator. My name is Patti Rowe and I will be your Interim President. I hope everyone is doing well. It has been quite a road we have traveled this past year. The pandemic has thrown us many curveballs, so much of the information below is TBA. The good news is schools are planning for a Fall season!

**On June 1st we will start collecting 2021 dues. Our mandatory rules meeting will take place via Zoom on August 31st @ 7pm.**

We hope everyone will help in recruiting new officials. Information is on the website ([www.bfhua.com](http://www.bfhua.com)) We need all members to step up and help with training. Please consider joining our executive board. New faces and new ideas are always welcome. Email me if you are willing to help - [parowe33@gmail.com](mailto:parowe33@gmail.com) .

I look forward to the fall and getting back on the field!

Patti Rowe  
Interim President

## Returning Officials

**What you need to do to be eligible for game assignments:**

- 1) Complete the NFHS Rules Test when it becomes available.
- 2) Complete the [NFHS Concussion Course](#) annually, print and carry certificate
- 3) Pay BFHUA Dues Online beginning June 1st.
  - Full Membership - \$35
  - Leave of Absence - \$15, keeps you on the distribution list.



- 4) Attend the Mandatory BFHUA Pre-season Meeting. This will take place over Zoom on August 31st at 7pm.
- 5) Attend a Play day to fulfill rating/re-rating sessions as required. [Log into](#) the website and click "My Profile" if you are unsure whether you need to be re-rated.
- 6) Update your closet with a new BFHUA shirt or jacket using this form: [Shirt Order Form](#). All orders must be mailed to Beth Hennessey by June 1st. Please email [bethhenna@gmail.com](mailto:bethhenna@gmail.com) if you have any questions.
- 7) Communicate with assigner(s) in your area to update your contact information and pay assigner fee.
- 8) Pay annual MIAA dues of \$10 per sport and complete a background check (additional fee) every 3 years. MIAA manages this using an Arbiter account. The MIAA Background account is NOT the same as your assigner's account. Registration usually opens mid July. It is your responsibility to keep your background check and MIAA dues up to date.

<b>Playdays / Scrimmages</b>		
<b>Area + Coordinator</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
North Shore Linda Rowell	Late August	CAL Playday
Boston North Middlesex Patti Rowe	Late August	Danvers Playday
	June/July	Boxford Summer League
	Late August	Lexington Playday
	Late August	Reading Playday
	Late August	Waldie Playday Methuen
Boston South Lee Walter	Late August, Early September	Walpole HS Field
South Shore Patti DiCristofaro	9/3/2021 3:00 - 7:00 (2 fields)	Scituate High School
Central Mass North / South Julie Nocka	September 2, 3:30-9pm September 11, 9-12pm	Doyle Field Fitchburg Bancroft School Worcester
Cape / New Bedford / Fall River Beth Hennessey	Saturday, August 28th 8:30AM - Noon	Barnstable HS



## New Officials

- 1) Register on the BFHUA website: [New Umpire Interest Form](#)
- 2) Complete the free online "Officiating Field Hockey" course from the [NFHS Learning Center](#), be sure to enter MA as state and save or print the certificate of completion.
- 3) Complete a minimum of 4 hours of on-field practical training in your respective area
- 4) Questions? Contact Patti Rowe [parowe33@gmail.com](mailto:parowe33@gmail.com)

Training Meetings		
Area Coordinator	Date/Time	Place
North Shore Linda Rowell	NFHS online course completion asap	Meeting TBA Field Work: August
Boston North Middlesex Patti Rowe	NFHS online course completion asap	Meeting TBA Field Work: July - August
Boston South Lee Walter	TBA	TBA
South Shore Patti DiCristofaro	NFHS online course completion by 8/15/21	TBA
Central Mass North / South Julie Nocka	NFHS online course completion asap	Field Work July - August
Cape / New Bedford / Fall River Beth Hennessey	NFHS online course complete by 7/6/21	Field work Tuesdays-5-8PM Summer League DY High School

### Board Members

- Interim President: Patti Rowe
- Secretary: Linda Rowell
- Treasurer: Patti Dicristafaro
- Shirts: Beth Hennessey
- Ethics Chair: Julie Nocha
- MIAA Representative: Patti Rowe
- Rule Interpreter: Margaret Curtis