



## Note From BFHUA President Patti Rowe



Hello to the New and Returning Officials,

I hope all are well, and although many of you have been busy with a spring sport, another Field Hockey season will be upon us before we know it! Please read our newsletter and sign-in to the BFHUA website to make sure your contact information is up-to-date. Dues this year are \$45 and can be [paid online](#) or via check through your BFHUA online account. Dues needed to be increased due to rising costs of rulebooks, postage, supplies and the website.

We've updated the website's [Online Store](#) if you need new apparel. Please order before July 22nd to avoid shipping fees. You can also use the website to sign up for re-ratings, play days and other useful links such as [2024 Rule Changes](#).

Below you will find training schedules, meeting dates, and how to prepare for the upcoming season. So mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you for the 2024 Field Hockey season!

Thanks,

*Patti*



## Returning Officials Checklist

To be a “Member in Good Standing” and Eligible for Games:

- 1) [Pay Dues](#) by May 31st
  - Full Membership - \$45 (\$20 late fee if you pay after May 31st)
  - Leave of Absence - \$15 (keeps you on the distribution list)
  - Dual Membership - \$25 (out of state)
  
- 2) Pay annual MIAA dues of \$10 per sport and complete a background check if needed (this process becomes available after July 1st [here](#))
  - Background checks are good for 3 years. The [MIAA website](#) will let you know if your background check has expired
  - [Register Here](#) (please do not use internet explorer)
    - Note: the MIAA account is not the same as your assignor’s account. It is your responsibility to keep your background check and MIAA dues up to date
  
- 3) Sign in to [BFHUA.com](#) to check your Profile and update if needed
- 4) Complete the BFHUA Rules Test (available August 1st on the website)
- 5) Complete the online [NFHS Concussion Course](#) annually

### In-Person Requirements:

- Attend a Mandatory Pre-Season Meeting (see table below)
- Attend a Re-rate Play Day if necessary (check your online profile to see if your rating has expired)
- Attend a service Play Day to get you ready for the season
- If you know anyone interested in becoming an official, you can send them this [link](#). Registration closes August 10th.



## Mandatory Meetings

Area Coordinator	Date / Time	Place
Linda Rowell <a href="#">North Shore/Cape Ann</a>	Tue, Aug 20 at 6:00pm	Atrium/Cafeteria, Danvers High School
Patti Rowe <a href="#">Boston North/Middlesex</a>	Thu, Aug 22 at 6:15pm	Stoneham High School or Middle School
Patti Dicristofaro <a href="#">South Shore/ Boston South</a>	Mon, Aug 26 at 6:00pm	Morrison Elementary School, Braintree
Melissa Levine <a href="#">Central Mass</a>	Wed, Aug 21 at 6:30pm	Shrewsbury High School
Beth Hennessey <a href="#">Cape/New Bedford/Fall River</a>	Thu, Aug 22 at 5:00pm	15 Galahad Circle Osterville, MA 02655

## Playdays

All playdays are for re-rating, training and pre-season practice

Linda Rowell <a href="#">North Shore/Cape Ann</a>	Sat, Aug 24 3:00 - 6:00pm	Cape Ann Playday Lynnfield High School
	Fri, Aug 30 9:00 - 2:00pm	Damon Playday Danvers High School



<p>Patti Rowe  <a href="#">Boston North/Middlesex</a></p>	<p>Aug 12-14:          6:00 - 9:00pm</p> <p>Sat, Aug 24:          2:00 - 6:00pm</p> <p>Thu, Aug 29:          3:00 - 7:00pm</p> <p>Fri, August 30          9:00 - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Round Robin Playday          Bishop Fenwick</p> <p>Playday          Reading High School</p> <p>MVC Playday          Location TBA</p> <p>Damon Playday          at Danvers HS</p>
<p>Patti Dicristofaro  <a href="#">South Shore/          Boston South</a></p>	<p>Fri, Aug. 30:          1:00 - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Playday          Scituate High School</p>
<p>Melissa Levine  <a href="#">Central Mass</a></p>	<p>July 12-14:          8:00 - 4:00pm</p> <p>Wed, Aug 28:          3:30 - 6:00pm</p> <p>Thu, Aug 29:          3:30 - 8:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Bay State games</a>          Game On, Fitchburg</p> <p>Bromfield High School</p> <p>Doyle Field          Fitchburg</p>
<p>Beth Hennessey  <a href="#">Cape/New Bedford/Fall          River</a></p>	<p>Sat, Aug 24:          8:30 - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Barnstable High School</p>



## New Umpire Training Meetings

<p>Linda Rowell <a href="#">North Shore/Cape Ann</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Online course</a> completed before either informational meeting</p>	<p>Informational Meeting: July 25 or August 6 6:30 Danvers Sports Center</p> <p>Field Work: Playdays in August</p>
<p>Patti Rowe <a href="#">Boston North/Middlesex</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Online course</a> completed before either informational meeting</p>	<p>Informational Meeting: July 25 or August 6 6:30 Danvers Sports Center</p> <p>Field Work: August Playdays and scrimmages</p>
<p>Patti DiCristofaro <a href="#">South Shore/ Boston South</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Online Course</a> completed by July 31</p>	<p>Field Work: August</p>
<p>Melissa Levine <a href="#">Central Mass</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Online Course</a> completed by July 10</p>	<p>Informational Meeting: Wed, July 10th (virtual)</p> <p>Field Work: <a href="#">Bay State games</a> in July and Leominster Summer League (Tue/Thu)</p>
<p>Beth Hennessey <a href="#">Cape/New Bedford/Fall River</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Online Course</a> Completed by July 31</p>	<p>Field Work: August</p>



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