

April 14, 2022

Dear Fellow Hockey Community Members,

As we are all aware, the cost of goods and services continues to rise all around us. Hockey is not insulated from that economic trend. For the last several years Alaska Hockey Officials has collaborated with other members of the hockey community to provide the officiating services needed so the kids could play. From low oil prices to Covid, the economy in Alaska has taken a beating, and as members of the community, we did not think it fair to raise the cost of officiating your games during those trying times. It has been five years since AHO has raised its rates, and the board feels it can no longer put it off. The cost of everything has increased and that is hitting the officials that our board represents, extremely hard.

After much consternation and deliberation, we have arrived at an overall modest increase, that we hope will offset the higher costs incurred while providing our services. AHO did not come to this decision lightly and understands that some will be put off by this. Know that many of us are also hockey player parents and share your concern over the rising cost of playing hockey. In the end, we have a duty to our members to fairly compensate them for the skilled labor they bring to the rink night in and night out. We trust you will recognize that as well.

Thank you for continuing to allow us the honor of officiating your association's games. We will continue to provide a high level of service and a strong commitment to working with the local hockey community in service to the game.

Yours in Hockey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Scott Sivulich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "Sivulich".

R. Scott Sivulich

President, Alaska Hockey Officials

Enclosure: 2022-2023 AHO Team Rates.pdf

Cc: AHO Board, ASHA Board