

How Much Do NHL Referees Make?

2026 pay scale

Level	Approx. pay
Rookie linesman	~\$137,000
Rookie referee	~\$200,000
Veteran referee	\$165,000 - \$360,000
Playoffs	~\$27,000 per round (refs); ~\$17,000 (linesmen)

Estimates from the NHL officials CBA and industry reporting.