

Becoming an Official

You must be a minimum of 13 years old in order to become an official, and you must be certified through a referee clinic. If you meet the minimum age requirement, and are interested in becoming an official, follow these steps:

- 1) Contact the local RIC for a list of upcoming clinics. The list of clinics usually comes out in mid-August. If the RIC does not have a list yet they will take your information and forward the information to you when it becomes available.
- 2) The RIC will instruct you to register on-line for Hockey Canada's referee tutorial. This is a 3 hour tutorial that must be completed before you can officially register in a referee clinic.
- 3) Register in a clinic. Clinics run from early September to late November / early December. There will be a cost associated with the clinic. This cost will cover the instructor's fees as well as room rental and snacks for the clinic.
- 4) Attend the full clinic. No exceptions can be made and there is no time off from the clinic. You are not able to miss a few hours during the clinic, so make sure your calendar is free.
- 5) Register with the Zone. This is done at your clinic. There is a fee to register with the zone. This is separate from the clinic fee which covered the instructors fee/room rental and snacks for participants. If you do not register with the zone you are not an eligible official. Zone fees cover things like insurance, etc.
- 6) Contact your assignor and/or your referee in chief. Many people take the clinic, and sometimes people fall through the cracks. The best way to make sure you don't is to contact your assignor and/or RIC, make sure you are on their list and they know you exist.
- 7) IN ST.ALBERT: Attend a start of season meeting to understand the on line assigning procedures, get your personal log-in and password to access the assignment site. You will not be able to log on until after you have attended one of these meetings. Attending the meeting is required as we want to be sure that all of officials use the program to their advantage.
- 8) Have a great season.