

# New Prospective Officials Meeting

Nepean Minor Hockey Association  
Officiating Program

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## Introduction

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## Introduction

- Selection Process
- What to Expect (Hockey Canada)
- Registration
- Clinics
- Official Equipment
- Mentorship Program
- Shadow & Supervision Programs

## Selection Process

- Fill Out On-line Application (Done)
- New Prospective Officials Meeting (Today)
- On-Ice Skating Evaluations (May 14th)
- Telephone Interviews (May)
- Final Selections (End of May)

## On-Ice Skating Tryout

- May 14th, 2011 from 8:30am to 9:30am.
- Bell Sensplex - Scotiabank rink
- Bring helmet (visor or cage not required), skates, wind breaker or similar wear, shin pads, and elbow pads.
- If you do not have helmet, shin pads, or elbow pads you cannot go on the ice!

## On-Ice Skating Tryout

- Skating session is base on forward and backward skating agilities; smooth cross-overs; etc. Skating quick or fast is not a high priority in the elevation.
- This is a one time skating tryout session. You must attend this tryout in order to move onto the next stage of the selection process! Only 40 skaters will be selected to move on to the interview stage.

## On-Ice Skating Tryout

- After the skating tryout session, the RIC will notify all skaters by e-mail on whether you make it to the top 40 list.

## Interview Process

- Interviews will be a one on one telephone discussion about yourself, and some questions about certain situations. We suggest that you be yourself, honest, and take your time to answer the questions. We expect the interviews to last 20 to 25 minutes.
- Interviews are done by executive members of our programs.

## Interview Process

- Timekeeper interviews will start early May, while Referees will start after the skating tryout.

## Final Selection

- Referee-In-Chief to send out e-mail of the final selections for both referees and timekeepers by end of May.
- NMHA Officiating Program is selecting 17 new referees and 15 new timekeepers.

## What should you expect?...

A good official who wants to be respected:

- takes pride in what he is doing
- strives to be consistent and is decisive in her calls
- develops a good rapport with the participants and fellow officials
- displays a calmness while performing his duties
- always maintains integrity and a great attitude in carrying out their task.

Reference: Hockey Canada Official's Workbook (2008-09)

## What should you expect?...

Officials who concern themselves with doing their best:

- take pride in being in good physical condition
- displays proper appearance in what they wear to the rink as well as on the ice.
- have a strong knowledge of the rules
- use proper mechanics and procedures while performing their role.

Reference: Hockey Canada Official's Workbook (2008-09)

## What should you expect?...

Every official should try to improve each time out:

- you will make mistakes each time out
- try to minimize your mistakes
- continually try to identify your strengths and weaknesses
- be open to suggestions from officials you are working with and senior officials and ask for help when you feel you need it.

Reference: Hockey Canada Official's Workbook (2008-09)

## What Does Hockey Canada Expect From You?

- To learn and follow Hockey procedures.
- To know the rules and enforce them in a fair and consistent manner.
- To act in a professional manner, both on and off the ice.
- To work on maintaining you top physical conditioning.

Reference: Hockey Canada Official's Workbook (2008-09)

## What Does Hockey Canada Expect From You?

- To strive to improve always.
- To give your best effort every time out.
- To give back to your Branch or local association wherever possible.
- To take pride in the art of officiating, and the role you play in it.
- To accept and learn from constructive criticism and supervisions.

Reference: Hockey Canada Official's Workbook (2008-09)

# What Does Hockey Canada Expect From You?

If you, as an official, make an honest effort to achieve these goals every time you step on the ice...

- You will be leader.
- You will set a good example.
- You will be a teacher.
- You will be a mentor.
- You will be a good official.
- You will be the official Hockey Canada expects and needs you to be.

*"The game of hockey only asks two things of you.  
Respect and Passion."*

Reference: Hockey Canada Official's Workbook (2008-09)

## Registration

- If you have been selected to officiate with the NMHA Officiating Program, you will receive an e-mail from the Referee-In-Chief to register on-line through Officials Management System.
- Registration starts around beginning of August and ends on Labour Day in September.

## Clinics

(For New Officials)

- Once registered with the NMHAOP, the Referee-In-Chief sends the list of new officials from Nepean to the Clinic Organizer.
- You will be required to register and attend a Level I Hockey Canada Officiating Clinic in order to be certified.
- Clinics for New Officials will be held in September and October.
- Average clinic cost is about \$145. Includes clinic instructions, rule book, written exam, ODMHA crest, HCOP crest, HCOP number bar, and insurance.

## Clinic

(For New Timekeepers)

- Once register with the NMHAOP, the Referee-In-Chief sends the list of new timekeepers from Nepean to the Clinic Organizer.
- You will be required to attend a Level I Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association Timekeepers' Clinic in order to be certified.
- Clinics for New Officials will be held in August and September.
- Clinic cost is about \$15. Includes Clinic Instructions, NMHA Officiating Program Manual, and written exam.

## Officials' Equipment

### Minimum Equipment Requirements

- Athletic support and cup
- Shin Guards / Shin Tights
- Black, pressed pants
- Skates with white laces
- Elbow pads
- Black CSA certified helmet
- Official's black and white sweater (no NHL style)
- CSA certified half visor
- Acme Thunderer Hockey Referee Whistle
- Measuring tape
- Hockey Canada Rule Book
- Referee / hockey bag

## Mentorship Program

As statistics show, the number of Level I officials that "quit" after the first or second year is very high. The Mentoring Program can be an effective stop gap measure in reducing the fall out. The purpose of this program is to utilize the valuable experience of senior officials at the local level in order to provide support and promote a positive outlook in reference to the officials and the officiating program. The senior official can provide positive training, support, and acts as an example for the young official(s) to follow. If any negative incidents occur during the season, the senior official can be called upon to advise the young official and in certain cases mediate situations to positive resolution, thus "shielding" the young official from unnecessary conflicts.

## Mentorship Program

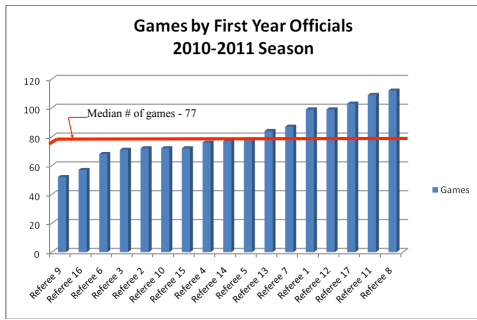
- Silvio Plescia (Director of Mentorship)
- Mentorship Program guides new officials for their first 3 years of officiating.
- During summer you will receive a quiz package. It will go over the basic rules and procedures.
- Mandatory ODMHA Officiating Program on-line quizzes (12 quizzes to be completed over 3 years)
- A mentor will be assigned to each official in their first and some to second year officials.

## Shadow & Supervision Program

- Shadow Program - What is it?
- Supervision Program

## What to expect when you start officiating?

- Learn how to use Official Management System (OMS)
- Checking e-mails or answering machines daily
- Hockey season starts on Thanksgiving weekend.
- Games for new officials occur mostly on weekends
- Games will start 6am in the morning, and will likely do two to three games ending your morning games at 9am.
- Once hockey season hits between December to February, it will get very cold. *Gloves are permitted now.*



Least Games Officiated: 52 (early February was last game officiated – ic. no playoffs)  
 Most Games Officiated: 112

Questions?