

Nepean Minor Hockey Association Officiating Program

Timekeeper Certification Clinics

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

NEW OFFICIALS

I have never been a timekeeper before but I am interested in becoming one. How do I do this?

The first step is to contact the NMHA Officiating Program Referee-in-Chief to express your interest. Because of the limited number of games per season, the NMHA often receives many more applications than there are available spaces.

Can't I just show up at a clinic?

Because the NMHA Officiating Program limits the number of new timekeepers they accept per year, you **MUST** be invited to attend a new timekeepers clinic.

Applicants will be asked to attend a new prospective timekeeper's orientation session in the spring. A written "aptitude" test and a phone interview will follow for all prospective new candidates. Only those that are selected from this process can attend an NMHAOP Timekeepers Clinic.

REGISTRATION

I've been accepted into the Program. How do I register for a clinic?

Registrations will be accepted on-line at NMHA Officiating Program's website [here](#). More information will be available at that website when it becomes available.

I registered for a clinic, but have to cancel and attend another session. How do I do that?

Contact the NMHAOP Referee-In-Chief if you are unable to attend the clinic. It is imperative that you make every effort to attend the clinic dates listed on the website. For the 2010-11 season, we are only holding one-day clinic for both new timekeepers, and returning timekeepers.

What level should I register for?

Level	Purpose	Notes
New	To prepare a new timekeeper to work in lower-level house league hockey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you have never been a timekeeper, register here• Clinic will teach the:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Duties of the Timekeepers◦ Expectation of the Timekeeper◦ The Game sheet◦ Penalty Types• Coincidental penalties• New Officials must complete the exam
Returning	To further enhance the training and skills of minor hockey timekeepers, and to prepare officials to work higher level house and competitive hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For second year and up officials, register here• Serves as a refresher for experienced officials and also covers more advanced topics such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Delayed Penalties◦ Multiple Penalty Situations• 2nd year officials must achieve 70%• 3rd year officials must achieve 80%• 4th year and up must achieve 90%

I notice that there are multiple clinic dates listed. Do I have to attend ALL of them?

NO! You only need to attend ONE clinic per season. New timekeepers must attend the New Timekeepers Clinic, while the returning timekeepers must attend the 2nd year and above clinic (For the 2010-11 season, there is only one clinic for September 25th. New Timekeepers attend the morning session, while returning Timekeepers attend the afternoon session).

I am a 4th year or above Timekeeper. Last year, I only had to complete a take-home assignment. Why do I have to attend a clinic this year?

After reviewing the logistics of the take-home exam, and the lower than expected marks achieved, the NMHAOP felt that it would be in the best interests of all parties to have timekeepers attend a refresher clinic each season.

What happens if I don't attend a clinic?

You will be removed from the NMHAOP timekeepers roster list, and you will not be allowed to be timekeeper for any games sanctioned by the NMHA, which includes exhibition games, and tournaments held in Nepean.

I have attended an ODHA Timekeepers Clinic in another district. Do I have to attend an NMHA clinic?

It depends. Although the NMHA program is based on the excellent program offered by ODHA Development, there are some significant differences:

- The NMHA requires re-certification every season. The ODHA Development Course is a one-time clinic offering "lifetime" certification.
- The NMHA requires timekeepers to pass a knowledge exam. ODHA Development has no such requirement.

The NMHA program was developed by and is delivered by ODHA-certified instructors. Our program is often recognized as the leader in the Branch and, because of our rigorous training program, our timekeepers have been selected to work at the prestigious AAA level for the Ottawa Senators AAA programs.

If you have attended an ODHA clinic in THE CURRENT SEASON, then please contact the NMHAOP to see if there is space for you. If you attended an ODHA clinic in a PREVIOUS season, then you MUST attend an NMHAOP Clinic

I am a timekeeper, but will also be attending a Referee's Clinic (HCOP). Do I have to attend an NMHAOP clinic?

The Referee Clinics teach much of the same material as our clinics. As such, if you are a certified referee, you will NOT need to attend a Timekeepers Clinic.

Is there a cost to the Clinic?

Yes, but our fee covers things such as room rentals, materials and instructors. The NMHAOP does not make any money from our clinics.

New Timekeepers - \$23.00 (Fee includes one time \$10.00 ODHA Development Fee)

2nd Year and above Timekeepers - \$13.00

AT THE CLINIC

What materials will I receive at the clinic?

At the clinic your instructor will be providing you with the following materials:

- ODHA Timekeepers Manual
- NMHA Timekeepers Manual
- League Handouts

New Officials will receive a binder and a notepad as well.

What do I need to bring to the clinic?

You need to bring a pen/pencil, some paper for note taking, and a good attitude!

Because the clinics range in duration from 2.5 to 3.5 hrs, lunch will not be provided, nor will it be necessary to bring food. If you do bring food, please remember to clean up after yourself.

I didn't register online, can I still show up?

Due to the high number of officials at each clinic, officials are required to register in advance in order to participate. Most clinics have a maximum capacity, so officials who are not registered and show up on their own will be asked to leave and attend a different clinic. Make sure you register online to avoid any problems.

What time does the clinic start at? When will it end?

Information will appear on nmharefs.com, under NMHAOP Clinic when it becomes available.

How do I pay for the clinic?

Officials are required to bring a cheque or cash to the clinic. Cheques should be made out to: NMHA Officiating Program.

AFTER THE CLINIC

What happens if I wasn't successful on my exam?

New Officials:

- New officials will not be tested.

Returning Officials

- Returning officials will have to attend another clinic to re-write the exam, plus you will be required to pay a \$10 fee. Officials who do not pass the exam will NOT be eligible to work for the NMHA.