

# REFEREE POLICY



- A. To be a qualified referee, the individual must:
  - a. Be thirteen (13) years of age or older by January of the current season.
  - b. With proper approval, a 12 year old may referee.
  - c. Have successfully completed a level 1 Hockey Alberta Referee Clinic, with proper certification.
  - d. Be capable of handling the specific level of hockey.
  - e. Officiate games in strict accordance with the rules.
  - f. Be level older than the players (check with league rules).
  
- B. If possible a first year referee will be coupled with a more experienced referee.
  
- C. A first year referee will not referee a game by themselves above the Initiation.
  
- D. Clinic fees will be reimbursed after a referee has refereed a minimum of 5 games for WMHA. It is the responsibility of the referee to submit receipts, this is not an automatic reimbursement by the association.
  
- E. Complaints about the level of refereeing:
  - a. All complaints must be made in writing and forwarded to the Referee Coordinator or WMHA Executive. Written replies will follow legitimate complaints at the executive's discretion.
  
- F. Prospective officials 19 years of age and older will need a Criminal Record Check (CRC).
  
- G. Payments will be made according to the HA Officials Fees list.

## **RETURNING OFFICIALS**

- A. **LEVEL 1:** Prepare a young or new official to officiate minor hockey.
  - a. New official (any age) or returning officials 14 years of age and younger
  - b. Minimum age: 12 years; Maximum age: 14
  
- B. **LEVEL 2:** Further enhance the training and skills of minor hockey officials
  - a. Officials 15 years of age or older
  
- C. **LEVEL 3:** Prepare officials capable of refereeing minor hockey playoffs, minor hockey regional playoffs and female national championships, or being linespersons in Junior B, C, D, Senior and U15 or U18 regional championships.
  - a. Fully certified Level 2 official
  - b. Minimum one year of Level 2 officiating experience