



Referee-in-Chief – Minor Hockey Association – Job Description

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide individuals insight into some of the roles and responsibilities of being a Minor Hockey Association (MHA) Referee-in-Chief (RIC). This position is often part of your Minor Hockey Association Board.

Qualities & Competencies

- Familiarity with the Vision, Mission, Values, Regulations, Policies and Procedures of Hockey Alberta.
- Passionate about hockey, a positive attitude and ability to collaborate with coaches, board members, players and the community in general.
- You don't need to be an official but having experience is certainly an asset.
- Ability to organize and set schedules; a good understanding of the rules is also not necessary but an asset.
- Willing to be a community leader and role model, and a "Coach" for officials.
- Regular access to a mobile phone and email.

Recruitment & Retention

- Work with your local MHA and your community to identify individuals who would be interested in officiating, including former players, current players, assistant coaches, officials from other sports, board members etc. A rule of thumb would be 3-4 officials for every minor hockey team you have in your MHA.
- Work with your **Regional Clinic Coordinator** to host an Officiating Clinic in the fall.
- Engage your senior officials to help you with certain tasks, not limited to supervisions, evaluations, assigning and coaching officials.

Responsibilities

- Provide day to day support for the officials in your Minor Hockey Association.
- Provide shadows, mentors, evaluations and coaching to officials to help aide in their development.
- Assign or have a designate to assign officials to hockey games on either a weekly or monthly basis.
- Ensure officials are assigned games that they can both competently and confidently officiate.
- Provide updates, with/without the help of your senior officials, to the **Regional Coordinator** as to the ability of who can move to a higher level.
- Develop relationships with neighboring RIC's in order to share ideas, hold joint clinics and, if necessary, share officials.
- Attend Regional meetings and MHA meetings, generally held monthly throughout the hockey season.

The position of the MHA RIC is critical to the ongoing development and success of your community's officials and of your Minor Hockey Association. The RIC provides a vital perspective about the contribution and concerns that officials and MHA's have during a hockey season.

The RIC is a rewarding position and plays an integral role in the mentoring and spearheading of initiatives within your community.

For more information about becoming an RIC in your MHA, you can contact Brett Kelly, Manager, Officiating at Hockey Alberta at bkelly@hockeyalberta.ca or 403-967-0056.