

N.W.M.H.A.

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Hello All,

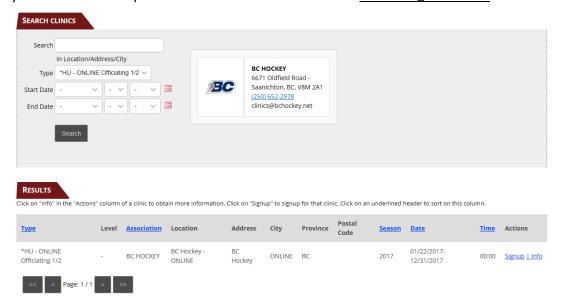
We would like to take this opportunity to invite any individuals, 12 years of age or older as of December 31, 2017, (second year Pee Wee and above), wanting to become involved in our program as an on-ice official for the coming 2017/2018 season. The following outlines the necessary steps involved in becoming an official representing the New Westminster Minor Hockey Association (N.W.M.H.A.).

First of all, please send your name, date of birth, email address, and mobile/telephone number to:

- The Referee-In-Chief Bill Corbett ric@nwmha.ca
- The Referee Allocator Kelly Corbett refereeallocator@nwmha.ca

We will be sure to let you know that we have received your information. Once we have received the required information, we will place your name on a list. When the BC Hockey Officiating Program clinic becomes available, we will contact you with the information necessary for you to register.

Please be aware that there is a mandatory online component that needs to be completed before you will be eligible to register for this clinic. This component is available now and can be found on the BC Hockey website at http://www.bchockey.net/Clinics/Clinics.aspx under Officiating Clinics near the top of the page which will take you to https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/ClinicList.aspx?OID=3 as provided by Hockey Canada. You will need to setup an individual eHockey account for only yourself. Select *HU – ONLINE Officiating 1/2 from the drop down under the section, SEARCH CLINICS. Select the Signup link on the far right and follow the prompts. You are responsible for the initial cost of the course. Successful completion is fully reimbursable through the N.W.M.H.A.; failure is not. Please send a copy of your electronic receipts to the Treasurer – Kurt Bordian at treasurer@nwmha.ca.



The E-Learning modules will take approximately 3 hours to complete. You can pause during this process at any time. It does not have to be completed all at once. Once successfully completed, you must print out the certificate from the end of the online modules and bring a copy to the clinic as proof of completion, no exceptions can be made.



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New officials will be provided an in class session and an on ice session on a day provided by the N.W.M.H.A. Upon successful completion of the clinic, you will become a certified official. Failure to attend this clinic will result in disqualification and you will need to wait until the following season to attend the next available clinic. This is our only session with certified instructors from BC Hockey; rescheduling is not an option. Therefore, when BC Hockey confirms the date for this clinic please plan accordingly.

Upon certification, we will do our best to train you to be a valuable asset in an official's capacity. You can expect the support of our experienced officials and the executive as you carry out your tasks for the N.W.M.H.A. Although much of this decision will be your personal preference, we will do our best to schedule you to the number and level of games we believe you can properly officiate. In addition, we will attempt to team you with individuals whom you are comfortable with and who can assist you in your development as an official.

In the meantime, you can start preparing by getting the following:

- 1) Only Black CSA approved helmets with half visors are permitted to be an official in any game.
- 2) Player skates only (black being the primary colour). Goalie skates are not permitted under any circumstances. White laces are also preferred.
- 3) Acme Thunder Whistle, the Fox 40 is not recommended.
- 4) Hockey Canada certified Official's black and white sweater. Detachable red strips are recommended but not needed right away.
- 5) Black pants without any colour striping on the pants.

These items and all other equipment related to officiating can all be found at the Hockey Shop located at 10280 City Pkwy, Surrey, BC. The costs related to these items are solely your responsibility.

*Please note that all officials age 18 and older (Level II) are required to complete a Criminal Record Check before being able to register for a clinic. The Information that you require for this is also found on the BC Hockey Website, http://www.bchockey.net/Clinics/Clinics.aspx. Please try and take care of this as soon as possible as this process can take upwards of 4-6 weeks. Level II officials may also sign up for a clinic directly through BC Hockey when available, in the same manner as signing up for the online component. You are still required to complete the online component. We will be more than happy to work with you to determine which path makes the most sense for you to take.

If you have any further questions, or if you are having any difficulties with signing up for the online component, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

Bill Corbett / Kelly Corbett Referee-In-Chief / Referee Allocator N.W.M.H.A.