

## **THE HOCKEY CANADA OFFICIATING PROGRAM (HCOP)**

The Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) is structured into **6 levels**. The program caters to all referees from the novice Level I to a national/international Level VI referee.

The objectives of the HCOP are:

- to standardize the methods and techniques of officiating in both the two and three man systems
- to acquire uniformity throughout the country with respect to rule interpretations
- to offer participants recognition for their achievements.

### **Level I**

- to prepare a young or new official to officiate minor hockey
- an individual is certified at Level I with attendance and completion of a Level I clinic (8hours of instruction, minimum)
- completion of a national exam to be marked and returned prior to the completion of the clinic
- minimum age is 12 years old on or before December 31 of the current season

### **Level II**

- to further enhance the training and skills of the Minor Hockey Official
- person must be a minimum of 16 years old as of December 31 of the current season
- must attend all sessions of the Level II clinic (minimum 7 hours in duration) and obtain a minimum of 70% on a written national exam to be marked and returned prior to the completion of the clinic

### **Level III**

- to prepare officials capable of refereeing Minor Hockey playoffs, minor hockey Regional Playoffs and Female National Championship or being linesmen in Junior B, Senior, Bantam or Midget Regional Championships.

### **Level IV**

- to prepare hockey officials capable of refereeing Senior, Junior A, B, Minor Hockey Regional and National Championships, Female Hockey National Championships and designated Minor Hockey IIHF competition or being a linesman in Major Junior, Junior A, Senior, CIAU, CAAA, Inter-Branch and IIHF competitions.
- must be fully certified at Level III and referee one year at that level
- must attend a Level IV Branch clinic
- must attend and participate in all sessions of the Level IV clinic (minimum 14 hours), obtain a minimum of 80% on a written national exam.

### **Level V**

- to prepare competent officials to referee Major Junior, Junior A, Senior, CIAU, CCAA, Inter Branch playoffs, Minor Hockey Regional or National Championships
- must be fully certified at Level IV and referee one year at that level
- attend the Branch Level V seminar and participate in all sessions obtaining a mark of 90% on a written national exam
- must be on ice evaluated by the BC Hockey Referee in Chief to complete certification

#### **Level VI**

- to prepare competent officials capable of officiating at National championship finals and designated IIHF competition
- Branch nominations are submitted to the National office

**Note:** The above are brief outlines of the progression of the HCOP. Further policies have been developed both by the Branch and Nationally to govern the operation of the HCOP. Inquiries can be directed toward a Referee Committee Member, BC Hockey Referee in Chief, or the BC Hockey office.

#### **Clinic Fee Structure**

The fee structure is on a "per participant basis". Prices do not include insurance.

Level I \$40.00

Level II \$60.00

Level III \$85.00

Level IV \$130.00

Level V \$155.00

Level VI \$205.00

Liability Insurance \$20.00