KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Thank you for registering your child for the Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Development Program's Level 1 certification clinic. This clinic is open to officials 14 and under as well as any officials 15-17 in their first season. Note that local Minor Hockey Associations set the policy for their minimum age of officials, which may be 10, 11 or 12 years old.

To ensure you and your young official are ready for the clinic and the season ahead we wanted to share some key information with you…

Before you go:

1. All officials who have signed up to attend a clinic must have paid the registration fees prior to attending.
    - Fees are:
        - $67.00 if the official is also registered as a player with a sanctioned team, or
        - $134.00 if the official is not registered with a sanctioned team.
2. All officials either this season, or season's prior, must have completed either the Hockey University 1/2 Online Course or the Intro to Officiating Course.

Note that only if your official is new this season would they need to complete the Intro to Officiating Course

What to Expect:

The classroom portion of the clinic is 3.5 hours followed by a 1.5-hour ice session. Everyone is expected to attend the entire portion of the clinic. If the official cannot attend the entire time they will be required to attend another clinic for their certification.

**Note those officials who attended a Hockey Saskatchewan Officials Summer Power Skating Session do not need to stay for the ice session, however they are welcome to if they choose.*

At the clinic, officials will receive a green armband as part of the new green armband program. More information on this can be found here: https://hockeysask.ca/officials/getting-started-officiating/green-armbands-initiative

Officials will also receive a workbook that they can take home and complete on their own and should carry with them in their referee bag to games during the season as a resource.

What you need for the clinic:

- Pen or Pencil – all officials will be required to write in the workbooks during the classroom portion.
- On-ice equipment – Officials are required to bring skates, helmet with a visor, neck guard and if they have it already, they should bring their whistle as well. They don't need to wear their official jersey though they are welcome to if they would like, and it is optional to wear other protective equipment like shinpads or elbow pads on the ice.
    - Visit https://hockeysask.ca/officials/getting-started-officiating for more information about required equipment for officiating.
- Most clinics do not provide food during the clinic, but participants are welcome to bring snack/drink and water bottle.

After the clinic:

Hockey Saskatchewan receives the list of names that attended and confirms their certification.

You can reach out to notify your local minor hockey association's referee-in-chief or assignor to notify them if you are certified and ready to start working games.

Please take some time to visit Hockey Saskatchewan's "Where Fun Wins" initiative that was launched last year. It is an excellent resource for training, certification, and ongoing support. You can find more information here: https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins/officiating

Crests:

Along with their green armbands, all officials are required to have a Hockey Saskatchewan and Hockey Canada crest on their officiating jersey. These may be purchased through the Hockey Saskatchewan website and can be mailed out. To order crests click here: https://hockeysask.ca/shop

Resources:

The Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Development Program has a lot of information on the website under the OFFICIALS tab that is a great resource for more information about programs and development information.

All officials should have access to the Hockey Canada rulebook, either by purchasing a hard copy through the SHOP on the Hockey Sask. website or by downloading the app on a mobile device. You can view the rule book here: https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/officiating/downloads