

Greater Petawawa Referee Association
Recruiting FAQ

1. What does a minor hockey official actually do?
 - Minor Hockey officials are the 3rd team on the ice for every game. We manage game flow according to the Hockey Canada Officiating Procedure and Rulebook and also help to maintain a safe/inclusive playing environment for all participants.

2. What makes a good official?
 - Strive to be consistent, fair and decisive.
 - Able to maintain calm in stressful/pressure situations
 - High levels of integrity and professionalism
 - Good level of hockey sense and skating ability
 - Above all, passionate about the game of Hockey

3. Why should I start officiating minor hockey?
 - If you're a minor aged player, you get extra ice time every week to work on your skating and develop your hockey sense. It's also a great part time job.
 - If you're an adult, you get to give back to the game you grew up playing, and help lead by example for the players on the ice by showing your passion, professionalism and calm.

4. Do I get paid? If so, how much?
 - Our pay rates are set by Hockey Eastern Ontario and updated every 3 years. Depending on your age and level of game you're working, you can make between \$21 and \$44 a game and are usually assigned multiple games in a row.

5. What equipment do I need?
 - Check out the GPRA New Official Equipment Guide at [https://petawawaminorhockey.ca/Pages/1012/Referees Room/](https://petawawaminorhockey.ca/Pages/1012/RefereesRoom/)

6. What training do I require? Is it free?

- Our officials are required to complete Hockey Canada's Officiating Online program the first year, along with Respect in Sport and an in-person full day clinic.
- For the first 4 months of the season, you will complete an online, open book rules quiz designed by HEO to keep your knowledge sharp. This is required for 3 consecutive years, but many of us keep doing it every year.
- As long as you maintain your certification, you will be required to complete the online recertification once per season (at the beginning).
- The training is not free, but if you're available for games it is quickly offset by your pay.

7. What level of games will I officiate?

- As a minor hockey aged player, you can work games below your age group (U18 aged players can work up to and including U15 games). As you develop your skills you will be coached/supervised and recommended to move up to doing Rep B or AA games.
- Adults can work all levels up to and including U18, based on their skill level and recommendations for advancement.
- Our target for junior officials is 2008 age and older, however we may be able to hire limited numbers of 2009 players.

8. How many hours a week do I need to dedicate to officiating?

- How many games you work per week is up to you. Many of our junior officials juggle minor hockey, officiating, school and a part time job.
- You open up your schedule on Horizon based on your availability (we assign games about 3 weeks in advance), so if your schedule is closed for a few weeks straight without letting the RIC know, you'll be contacted to find out why. This is a part time job similar to any other.

9. I'm sold, how do I sign up?

- Great! First step is filling out the form linked here:
[https://petawawaminorhockey.ca/Forms/1316/Petawawa Referee Application/](https://petawawaminorhockey.ca/Forms/1316/Petawawa_Referee_Application/)
- Next you will be contacted to attend a tryout ice time, usually at the end of August. Here we'll have some officiating coaches evaluate your skating ability so that you'll be safe on the ice and teach some basic positioning.
- If successful you'll be contacted with details for clinic sign ups. Once you've completed all the online training, contact the RIC and you'll be told to sign up for the Level 1/2 In Person Clinic that's normally held mid September in either Cobden or Petawawa.
- Once you've passed the rules test at the in person clinic, you're ready for your first assignment. You'll get details on signing up for Horizon and receive your first games. Either a senior official or coach/supervisor will be assigned with you to help you through your first games and get you on the right track.

If there are any questions that weren't covered here, or on the website please do not hesitate to contact the Greater Petawawa Referee Association Referee in Chief – Chris Misztal at gpraric@hotmail.com