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LEVEL SYSTEM

Level I

**Registration/
Certification** An individual is certified at Level I with attendance and completion of a Level I clinic. Some Branches require completion of a national examination, to be marked and returned prior to the completion of the clinic.

Delivery Minimum of eight (8) hours of instruction
May be presented over two evenings, or on a Saturday and/or Sunday.

Note

1. Upon completion of the Level I requirements, the official should receive a certificate and card.
2. There are over 13,000 Level I officials registered annually.
3. Minimum age guidelines may be set by individual branches.

Level II

**Registration/
Certification** A person must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age to obtain Level II status.
Must attend and participate in all sessions of the Level II clinic.
Must obtain a minimum of 70% on a written national examination, to be marked and returned prior to the completion of the clinic.
Must pass a practical, on-ice evaluation, performed by a qualified Branch Hockey Canada Officiating Program supervisor.

Delivery Minimum of eight (8) hours of instruction
May be presented over two evenings, or all day on a Saturday or Sunday

Note

1. A novice official, seventeen (17) years of age or older, may obtain Level I and II certification in one year based on ability. This is the only opportunity within the Hockey Canada Officiating Program to accomplish two levels in one year. This is designed to encourage persons with playing or coaching experience to consider officiating.
2. Upon successful completion of the clinic, examination and on-ice supervision, the official should receive a Level II sticker (to be affixed to the certificate received with Level I) and certification card.
3. There are over 10,000 Level II officials registered annually.

Level III

Registration/ Certification	Must be fully certified at Level II and referee at least one year at that level Must attend and participate in all sessions at a Level III clinic Must obtain a minimum of 80% on a written national examination, to be marked and returned prior to the completion of the clinic Must be judged capable of refereeing in Minor Hockey Playoffs Must pass a practical, on-ice evaluation, performed by a qualified Branch Hockey Canada Officiating Program supervisor
Delivery	Minimum of eight (8) hours of instruction An official at Level III will have a thorough knowledge of the playing rules and the role of an official Similar delivery options as in Level II although the Level III is usually presented in one day
Note	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upon successful completion of Level III (clinic, examination and on-ice evaluation), the official should receive a Level III sticker and certification card.2. There are over 5,000 Level III officials registered annually

Level IV

Registration/ Certification	Must be fully certified at Level III and referee at least one year at that level Attendance at Level IV will be by Branch invitation only Certification at Level III does not automatically make one eligible for Level IV Must attend and participate in all sessions of a Level IV clinic Must obtain a minimum of 80% on a written national examination Must pass a practical, on-ice evaluation, performed by a qualified Branch Hockey Canada Officiating Program supervisor Must be capable of officiating in any one of the categories as listed under purpose When an official fails the practical on-ice evaluation, certification will not be validated, however, the official may request a second evaluation. The second evaluation will be done at Branch convenience but at no extra cost to the Branch
Delivery	Minimum of fourteen (14) hours of instruction. Usually is presented over an entire weekend. The topic areas for a Level IV clinic are outlined by the Hockey Canada National Office. Branches are encouraged to contact the Hockey Canada Manager, Officiating for assistance in staging a Level IV clinic
Note	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upon successful completion of Level IV (clinic, examination, on-ice evaluation), the official should receive a Level IV sticker and certification card.2. There are over 900 Level IV officials registered annually



Level V

Registration/ Certification

Must be fully certified at Level IV and referee at least one year at that level.
Attendance at Level V will be by Branch invitation only
Must attend and participate in all sessions of the Level V clinic
Must obtain a minimum of 90% on a written national examination
Must pass a practical on-ice evaluation, performed by a qualified Branch Hockey Canada Officiating Program supervisor
Must undergo fitness and skating tests
Must be capable of officiating in one of the categories as listed under A purpose

Delivery

Minimum of fourteen (14) hours of instruction. Usually is presented over an entire weekend. The topic areas for a Level V clinic are outlined by the Hockey Canada National Office. Branches are encouraged to contact the Hockey Canada Manager, Officiating for assistance in staging a Level V clinic

Note

1. All officials reaching Level V are required to pass an annual written national examination and fitness test to qualify for Inter-Branch assignments.
2. Upon successful completion of Level V (clinic, examination, on-ice evaluation), the official should receive a Level V sticker and certification card.
3. There are over 200 Level V officials registered annually.

Level VI

Registration/ Certification

Branch nominations are submitted to the Hockey Canada National Office and are reviewed by an established selection committee
Must be fully certified at Level V (including fitness tests) and referee one year at that level
Must attend and participate in all sessions of a Level VI clinic
Must obtain a minimum of 90% on a written national examination
Must pass a practical on-ice evaluation, performed by a national supervisor
Must complete a written assignment assigned by the Hockey Canada Referee-in-Chief

Delivery

Level VI clinics are held based on national need for Level VIs. The Hockey Canada Manager, Officiating is responsible for the organization of the site and program, establishing criteria and review of the candidates qualifications
Minimum of four (4) days of instruction
Attempts are made to stage the clinic in conjunction with a major training program or early in the season, requesting cooperation from local leagues so officials are able to work scrimmages or games

Note

1. All officials reaching Level VI are required to pass an annual written national examination and fitness test to qualify for Inter-Branch, National and International assignments
2. There are over 70 Level VI officials registered annually.



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