



**OPERATIONAL POLICY: OFFICIATING SYSTEMS**

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All games shall be officiated by individuals who are certified in the Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) and who have registered with Hockey Alberta for the current hockey season.

The chart below outlines the HCOP level requirements as well as the Officiating System that has been approved by Hockey Alberta for use at each specific level of hockey.

- All games, except at the Intro to Hockey (U9 & U7) and Recreational hockey levels, must be officiated by at least two (2) officials.
- Officials within all 'Minor Hockey' levels should be at least one (1) year older than the oldest age within the participating division.
- Officials are not permitted to officiate games within the league in which they play or in situations with implications of nepotism, without prior approval.
- If it is not possible to secure the correct levels or number of officials to align with these requirements, through the approval of the League Referee-in-Chief (RIC), exceptions may be granted for an individual game.
- NOTE: Regional and National Championship games may require the use of higher levels of officials, a different officiating system and/ or different versions of playing rules.

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, SENIOR & JUNIOR HOCKEY				
CATEGORY	LEAGUES	REFEREE LEVEL	LINESPERSON LEVEL	OFFICIATING SYSTEM
University Male	Canada West	MHP	MHP	4 Official
University Female	Canada West	MHP	Level 3	4 Official
College Male	ACAC	MHP	Level 3	4 Official
College Female	ACAC	MHP	Level 3	4 Official
Senior Male AAA	Various	MHP	MHP	4 Official
Senior Female AAA	-	-	-	-
Senior Male AA	Various	MHP	Level 3	4 Official
Senior Male A	ECSHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
Senior Female	-	-	-	-
Junior A	AJHL	MHP	MHP	4 Official
Junior B	Various	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
Junior C	NORALTA Hockey Calgary	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
Junior Female	AJFHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official



MINOR HOCKEY				
CATEGORY	LEAGUES	REFEREE LEVEL	LINESPERSON LEVEL	OFFICIATING SYSTEM
U18 AAA	AEHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
U18 Prep	CSSHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
U18 Female AAA	AFHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
U18 Female Prep	CSSHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
U18 AA	Various	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
U18 Varsity	CSSHL	Level 3	Level 2	4 Official
U18 Female AA	AFHL	Level 2	Level 2	4 Official
U18 Female Varsity	CSSHL	Level 2	Level 2	4 Official
U18	Various	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U18 Female	Various	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U17 AAA	AEHL	Level 3	Level 2	3 Official
U16 Prep	CSSHL	Level 3	Level 2	3 Official
U16 AA	Various	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U15 AAA	AEHL	Level 3	Level 2	3 Official
U15 Prep	CSSHL	Level 3	Level 2	3 Official
U15 AA	Various	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U15 Varsity	CSSHL	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U15 Female AA	AFHL	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U15	Various	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U15 Female	Various	Level 2	Level 2	3 Official
U13 (All Levels)	Various	Level 2	Level 1	3 Official
U11 (All Levels)	Various	Level 1	Level 1	2 Official
Intro to Hockey - U9 & U7	Various	Level 1	Level 1	1 or 2 Official
Recreational Hockey	N/A	Level 1	Level 1	1 or 2 Official

PARA HOCKEY				
CATEGORY	LEAGUES	REFEREE LEVEL	LINESPERSON LEVEL	OFFICIATING SYSTEM
Para Hockey	Hockey Alberta	Level 2	Level 2	2 Official



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### **Optional Playing Rules Adopted by Hockey Alberta**

**Rule 6.7d** Hockey Alberta has adopted at all levels of hockey U18AAA, CSSHL Prep, Junior & Senior 'no-change on icing' please refer to [Hockey Canada Playing Rules](#) for further explanation.

**Rule 6.7e** Hockey Alberta has adopted at all levels of hockey U18AAA, CSSHL Prep, Junior & Senior 'Hybrid Icing' please refer to the [Hockey Canada Playing Rules](#) for further explanation.

**Overtime Procedures:** When scheduling and ice time permits, Overtime Procedures can be used, within certain levels of hockey, to determine a winner. These approved procedures have been established to be consistent across levels of hockey and be as efficient as possible.

Applies to:           University (Male & Female), College (Male & Female),  
Senior (Male, Female), Junior (A, B, C, Female),  
U18 AAA (Male & Female), Accredited Schools (Male & Female)

- If a game is tied at the end of regulation time the teams will play one (1) five (5) minute sudden victory 3 vs. 3 overtime period immediately following a three (3) minute break. The teams shall change ends for the overtime period.
- If no goal is scored in the overtime period, then the Game Winning Shots (GWS) procedure shall apply.
  - The Home Team has the option to select which Team shoots first.
  - Three (3) different shooters from each team will take alternate shots, until a decisive goal is scored.
- If the game is still tied after the first stage of GWS (three shots by each team), a tie-break round will continue.
  - One player of each team will take a shot until a winner is determined.
  - The Team that shot first during the first stage of GWS will shoot second in the tie-break round.
  - Any skater, including those who participated in the first stage of the GWS, is eligible to shoot in as many rounds of the tie-break as may occur.
- Only the decisive goal will count in the result of the game.