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## 11.0 OFFICIATING POLICY

- 11.1 Purpose**                      Officiating development includes the promotion, planning, organization and implementation of officiating programs including the National Officiating Certification Program (NOCP) as set out by Ringette Canada.
- 11.2 Applicability**                All Ringette Alberta sanctioned games including league play, sanctioned tournaments, playdowns and provincial championships.
- 11.3 Principles**
- 11.3.1 Ringette Alberta will use and follow the NOCP requirements for its officials.
  - 11.3.2 Games shall have officials trained according to the NOCP.
- 11.4 Requirements**
- 11.4.1 Age:  
New officials must be a minimum of 14 years of age when they attend their first clinic.
  - 11.4.2 Fees:  
Fees may be applied for officials training sessions. These fees are set by the organizer in conjunction with Ringette Alberta and are typically for cost recovery of materials and space rentals.
  - 11.4.3 Selection of Officials:
    - 11.4.3.1 Canadian Ringette Championships (CRCs) and Canada Winter Games - as defined by Ringette Canada;
    - 11.4.3.2 Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRCs) – appointed by the Officials Development Coordinator as per WCRC guidelines.
  - 11.4.4 Playdowns, Provincial Championships, and Alberta Winter Games:
    - 11.4.4.1 Referees in Chief shall submit names of recommended officials to the Officials Development Coordinator by December 15<sup>th</sup>;

- 11.4.4.2 Officials Development Coordinator shall select a sufficient number of Officials and an Officiating Supervisor to work each of the designated Provincial Championship Tournaments based on recommendations from a qualified ad hoc committee;
  - 11.4.4.3 All efforts shall be made to ensure there is representation from at least three different Alberta zones on each of the selected officiating crews;
  - 11.4.4.4 Officials Development Coordinator shall contact each of the selected officials to ensure their participation in the assigned Provincial Championship Tournament;
  - 11.4.4.5 The assigned Officiating Supervisor shall be responsible for all game assignments, while the Officials Development Coordinator will arrange hotels and communicate standards to officials (meals, travel, payment and code of conduct);
  - 11.4.4.6 The referee honorarium, travel and accommodation expenses will be paid at the rate in the amount specified in Appendix A - Rates and Fees.
- 11.4.5 Evaluation of Officials:
- 11.4.5.1 Level 1 evaluations are sent to the association Referee in Chief who makes an annual report to the Ringette Alberta office. The report includes each active official, the recommended level, and the date of their last evaluation;
  - 11.4.5.2 Level 2, 3, or 4 evaluations are sent to the Ringette Alberta office by the Evaluator.

## **11.5 References**      Appendix A - Rates and Fees