

The Hockey Canada Officiating Program

Official's Code of Ethics, provides guidance to registered officials across Canada. Hockey Canada Branches and their members should expect from Hockey Canada Officiating Program officials the highest possible standards of personal integrity, competence, sound judgment and discretion. Developed by the former Hockey Canada Referees' Committee, the Official's Code of Ethics is its public declaration of an official's obligation to himself, his peers and the game.

- do the best job I can in each game, no matter what the category of hockey.
- always show respect for my fellow officials, the players, coaches and fans.
- study and continue to improve my knowledge of Hockey Canada playing rules, the Hockey Canada Officiating Program policies and procedures.
- represent myself and the rules of the game as fairly and as accurately as possible at all times.
- always be unquestionably impartial, keeping a professional and appropriate distance from teams.
- understand that the use of alcohol is not encouraged and is totally unacceptable on game days. The use of illicit drugs is against the law.
- uphold the philosophy and right of all hockey participants to "Fair Play" and penalize accordingly all violent acts.
- raise the standard of play in each game that I officiate.
- be supportive of my fellow on-ice and off-ice officials at all times, even when I am a spectator.
- accept the fact that I will make mistakes, but I will not get frustrated or let this learning process affect my performance or my professionalism.
- contribute to the continuing growth of the Hockey Canada Officiating Program and its officials within my Branch through support, encouragement And positive attitude.
- respect and accept constructive feedback from supervisors and the assignments I receive from my administrators. By registering with your Branch in the Hockey Canada Officiating Program implies that you understand and will comply with the Official's Code of Ethics. Officials not complying will be subject to disciplinary action.

The officiating program plays an integral role in the sport of hockey. Officials must recognize their impact on the game, its participants and their fellow officials. Program leaders must recognize the need for instilling the highest values and the impact they have on aspiring officials. The following officiating code of conduct has been developed to aid the officiating program in achieving a level of behaviour which will allow all officials to become self confident and productive human beings.

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
2. Direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the individual if this is part of your role.
3. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of their sport and officiating.
 - a) Refrain from public criticism of participants and fellow officials.
 - b) Abstain from the use of tobacco products.
 - c) Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when officiating and working with officials.
 - d) Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language.
4. Educate and ensure high standards of risk management are maintained.
5. Treat all other hockey participants with due respect and encourage all officials to maintain a high standard of self discipline.
6. When in a leadership role ensure the safety of the officials with whom they work.
7. At no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with other officials. This includes requests for sexual favours or threat of reprisal for rejection of such requests. Respect participants' dignity, verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
8. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned substances.
9. Never provide under age participants with alcohol; never encourage its use.

I have read and understand the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the officiating code of conduct.

Official's Name