



## Referee-In-Chief - Duties & Responsibilities

### Responsibilities:

The Referee-In-Chief is responsible for:

1. All referees in the MRA;
2. Recruiting new referees;
3. Scheduling referees for home games and MRA tournaments;
4. Training, coordinating the Referee Mentor Program and evaluating referees;
5. Acting as a liaison between the coaches/players for all divisions and the Executive with respect to concerns, complaints, protests and disciplinary action against any referee in the MRA.

### Duties

1. Fulfill the responsibilities as described above on an annual basis.
2. Attend Executive meetings as required to report and advise on matters related to MRA officials including a referee fee schedule and training costs.
3. To liaise with the Regional Officiating Co-Coordinator to advise of any concerns or raise any questions that the MRA might have within the region.
4. Identify and recruit new officials.
5. Co-ordinate the training and development of all MRA officials by:
  - a. Ensuring all officials are aware of the minimum standards and qualifications as required by the ORA and to the extent possible, co-ordinate with the SRRRA/ORRRA to facilitate the delivery of appropriate clinics and evaluations as required;
  - b. Identifying the certification level held by each official and recommending appropriate courses and/or clinics in order to maintain or upgrade their current qualification level;
  - c. Ensuring, to the extent possible, all MRA officials are evaluated as required;
  - d. Identifying appropriate tournaments hosted by other associations for MRA officials to attend to further their development;
  - e. To identify MRA officials to the RIC SRRRA as candidates for the Regional's.
  - f. Assisting and coordinating attendance of the younger MRA officials on courses;
  - g. Maintaining a master record of all officials' qualifications on behalf of the MRA; and
  - h. Maintaining a proper accounting of training expenses for MRA officials.
6. Assign game officials for all MRA home games with reasonable notice.
7. Maintain appropriate records in order to provide payment summaries to the MRA Treasurer for payment of officials on a monthly basis.
8. To ensure that officials receive on a timely basis their monthly compensation along with a summary identifying the dates, times, division level, and game fees for all games officiated during the monthly pay period.
9. To liaise with the Director of Coaching throughout the season, but at a minimum, at least once during the mid-season in order to:
  - a. Review any officiating concerns identified by the coaches and to take any necessary actions that may be required in order to address any concerns raised; and
  - b. To provide the Director of Coaching with any coaching concerns identified by the officials.
  - c. When requested and when possible, make referees available to meet briefly with Mississauga teams to discuss new rules, their applications and provide a referee's perspective to their challenges in doing a good job officiating a game.
10. With the assistance of the MRA Webmaster, create and maintain a Referee Page on the MRA Website. The Referee Page shall include the rules, penalty calls and the reasoning behind them so as to promote increased awareness among MRA participants of the official's responsibilities.
11. At the end of the season and in time for the AGM, prepare a *Referee-In-Chief Summary Report* identifying the accomplishments of the MRA officials as well as identifying any anticipated areas of concern with respect to officials and/or officiating for the next season.