

Assigning Officials to Regionals

Here is a brief overview of the process that RAB takes to assigning officials to Provincial Championships. This is just a guideline, and other factors might come into play. Using this to establish something for your U12 Regional events is suggested, and RAB will help with this process.

- December 15: Referee-In-Chiefs send their recommendations for all levels that they assign to.
 - In the north, local associations assign only to the U14B level, and therefore local RICs may only recommend to those levels
 - Late Nov, early Dec, all RICs get guidelines on how to select officials.
- RAB puts those all onto an excel sheet, with associations
- During a provincial championship, you want to get a decent zone representation (I say zone vs association, as we are talking about the province).
- Invitations go out in waves
 - if an official says no to a specific weekend, there may be opportunity for another weekend.
- Ideally, mid-January is when invitations will go out for end of Feb Provincials.

Suggestions for Regional events:

- Recommendations still come to RAB. RAB also has contact information for non-association officials.
- There should be a good mix of local and non-local officials. What this looks like could change based on location of Regionals
- Typically, for U12 Provincials, first and second year officials are still a bit too 'green', there are exceptions to this, but 3rd year officials with a good amount of U12 games under their belts are more appropriate.
- Regionals will still have a competitive edge, and pressure for officials, their training should reflect an ability to handle these.
- Having a certified Evaluator as the Supervisor to these events will be recommended, if not mandatory. RICs potentially could also take up that role, but feedback during the event is key to development of the official, so an Evaluator will be the best fit

Questions for Regional Events:

- Travel, if not able to pull from other close local associations, will there be hotels.
 - Hintons, Westlocks, Drayton Valley situations
- Travel, for the out of town (but still close) officials, will there be any travel compensation?
- Supervisors, honorarium?
- Per Diems for officials?