

**Section 2 – National Officiating Certification Program (NOCP)**

- 2.1. Under the direction of the Canadian Broomball Federation, the National Officiating Certification Program operates to identify, develop and accredit Canadian officials for competitive and developmental programs at National and International levels.
- 2.2. The guidance and direction of the National Officiating Certification Program (NOCP) is the responsibility of the Officiating Committee of the CBF. The Committee Chairperson is the VP Technical and with assistance from the Referee in Chief, is responsible for overseeing the operations of the NOCP.
- 2.3. The Committee is responsible for:
  - a. Program planning;
  - b. Development of technical materials;
  - c. Monitoring and maintaining the national database;
  - d. Setting priorities for tasks identified by the committee;
  - e. Budget submissions;
  - f. Communication with ASSOCIATION Referee-in-Chief's;
  - g. Assisting the Master Learning Facilitators in the development of program delivery;
  - h. Recommendations to the Members through the Officials Technical Committee regarding officials development, certification and program delivery;
  - i. Generating funds through specific projects to support the National Officiating Certification Program;
  - j. Recognizing Official's excellence through an Officials Recognition Program.
- 2.4. The National Officiating Certification Program (NOCP) is a comprehensive system of Theory, Technical and Practical information that is intended to provide a basic background to officiate broomball in Canada.
- 2.5. The certification program consists of an ongoing effort to educate and upgrade officials through instruction, observation and evaluation. The goals of the program are to:
  - a. Recruit new officials;
  - b. Develop the abilities of existing officials;
  - c. Standardize the methods and techniques of officiating; and
  - d. Offer recognition for achievements.

**National Database**

- 2.6. The national database is a comprehensive listing of all certified officials across the country. The database will list all pertinent information regarding the officials including:
  - a. Participation at National Championships;

- b. Evaluations at National Championships;
- c. Dates of certification and upgrading; and
- d. Contact information

### **Program Delivery**

- 2.7. The CBF, through the Officiating Committee, is responsible for providing:
  - a. Leadership for the ongoing development, maintenance, and evaluation of the NOCP;
  - b. Consultation and assistance to the ASSOCIATIONS for the implementation of the certification program;
  - c. National registration of certified officials, primarily through the National Database, and a system of recognition of the certification of officials;
  - d. Development and delivery of technical materials to the ASSOCIATIONS;
  - e. Development of standards for certification and course delivery; and
  - f. Training and development of Master Learning Facilitators to serve the needs of the members in the delivery of the certification program.
- 2.8. The ASSOCIATIONS are responsible for:
  - a. Delivery of certification courses to the officials within their jurisdiction;
  - b. Ensuring that the delivery of the certification program adheres to the guidelines and standards established by the Officiating Committee; and
  - c. Ensuring that the administration of the program is completed and that all qualified officials are properly accredited.
- 2.9. The Referee-in-Chief acts as the Chief Official for each National Championship. If the RIC is not available, the Vice President Technical, in collaboration with the host ASSOCIATION's Referee-in-Chief will select a replacement.
- 2.10. The Referee-in-Chief will not work as a game official in the Championship, however, should a situation arise which requires the Referee-in-Chief to participate as a game official, it can be approved by the Board member representing the CBF at the competition.
- 2.11. The Referee-in-Chief is responsible to:
  - a. Coordinate planning with the Host ASSOCIATION;
  - b. Attend pre-competition meetings and respond to all questions and issues pertaining to officiating;
  - c. Handle all communication between the participants and the officials;
  - d. Receive and distribute payments to officials;
  - e. Provide input regarding inquiries or discipline procedures as the representative of the officials;
  - f. Supervise the officials at the competition; and
  - g. Assign officials for all games during the event.

**Officials at National Championship Events**

- 2.12. ASSOCIATIONS are required to identify a list of officials available to participate at the National Championships to the CBF office by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2.13. Each ASSOCIATION sending teams to a National Event must send an official to that event.