



Greater Victoria Minor Ball Hockey Association

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Welcome to being a referee with the Victoria Vipers (Greater Victoria Minor Ball Hockey Association) (referred to as Victoria Vipers)! This is a quick guide to help you learn about this important role. Details also posted at: <https://www.victoriavipers.ca/content/information---general---referees>

ANNUAL TRAINING (REFEREE CLINIC)

Referees must attend a clinic each year to be certified. [BC Ball Hockey](#) is the only certified trainer currently approved in BC. Certification will be valid until March 31 of the following calendar year (this allows for refs to be certified during the assessment period).

Check the [BC Ball Hockey site](#) (best to do a web search for BC Ball Hockey Referee Clinic as the page is updated each year) – usually clinic are posted in February and will be held in March or early April. They follow the procedures laid out by the Canada Ball Hockey Association (CBHA).

Please note that the Victoria Vipers do not run the clinics and only have the information posted on the CBHA website.

DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Short sleeve CBHA CRESTED ball hockey official's jersey (Black and White with orange insert)
 - A Black short sleeve or long sleeve t-shirt can be used while you are waiting for your official referee jersey to arrive. (otherwise use a long or short sleeve black & white ice hockey referee jersey if you have one).
 - If you are using a long sleeve jersey, no red arm bands shall be worn.
- Black athletic shorts (preferably with no logos present)
 - There are official CBHA shorts you can also order.
- Whistle (*Acme Thunder metal model strongly recommended*).
- Running shoes.
- CSA Black Helmet (mandatory for all officials) and CSA 1/2 visor (mandatory for all minor officials and strongly recommended for adult officials)
- Jock and shin pads are recommended but not mandatory.
- Official uniforms are ordered directly through the CBHA (you can work with other officials to reduce shipping costs):
https://www.publicationsports.com/ressources/files/1495/2024_REFEREE_-_CBHA_Order_Form.pdf?t=1706480192

VICTORIA VIPERS SHIFT SCHEDULING – RAMP ASSIGNMENT

We will be using the RAMP assignment system to schedule referees. Through this system you can indicate your availability, see games you are scheduled for and accept or decline games. You must register (this is separate from registering for the ball hockey clinic) to enable our referee scheduler to see your contact details. Once you are registered and passed a clinic, you will be approved and in the system. You do not need to register again – but please do update contact information should it change. The link to register for shifts with the Victoria Vipers is: <https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=c7b8174672>

Please note: if you also referee in the men's league (VIBHL), that is a separate process as a separate organization. Please ensure you follow their protocols.

Instructions on how to use the RAMP Assignment app can be found on our website: <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/greatvictoriaminorballhockey/files/referees/How%20to%20use%20RAMP%20Assigning%20-%20INSTRUCTIONS%20FOR%20REFS.pdf>

SHIFT ARRIVAL INFORMATION

- Please arrive at your games, meet your partner and be on the floor ready to go at least 15 minutes prior to game time.
- Most rinks have a referee change room. You (or your partner!) will be responsible for obtaining the key. If a game following yours, you need to make sure you hand off/have them sign out the key as appropriate.
- The key for the ref room (as applicable) should be kept at the scorekeepers booth.
- Please remember no rink, nor can the Victoria Vipers be responsible for any items lost or stolen.

WHAT IF I CANNOT MAKE A SHIFT?

Having referees attend scheduled games is integral! If you realize you may be late, become ill or cannot make a scheduled game for any reason, please email refereescheduler@gvmbha.com. If very last minute, also text to 250-589-5657. Please be considerate to coaches, other referee and the players by not arriving late or unprepared.

Please note that the referee scheduler is not a full time position, so they may not be available at all times.

GAME LEVELS AND COMPENSATION

| Division | Ages of Officials | Rate of Pay |
|--------------------|---|---------------|
| Tykes | officiated by coaches | n/a |
| U8 Peanut | officiated by two junior officials at least 12 years of age | \$30/official |
| U10Pup | officiated by officials at least 12 years of age | \$30/official |
| U12 Pee Wee | officiated by officials at least 13 years of age | \$35/official |
| U14 Minor | officiated by officials at least 15 years of age | \$35/official |
| U16 Major | officiated by officials at least 17 years of age | \$40/official |
| U19 Junior | officiated by officials at least 19 years of age | \$45/official |

Notes:

- U13/U15 WCC practice games will be \$30/official
- U17/U19 WCC practices games will be \$40/official
- Senior officials will be paid a minimum of \$35 per game, regardless of level; \$40 only for major, junior and U17 or U19 WCC games
- Youth referees will receive reimbursement for the ref clinic registration fee assuming they officiate at least three (3) games. This will be received at the end of the season.
- New or relatively inexperienced officials under the age of 15 will be paired with experienced or adult partners to start the season.
- Mentor shifts (i.e., a 3rd referee scheduled to assist with training) will be paid \$25 if under 19 years or \$35 if 19 years of age or older.

Officials will be paid via e-transfer by the 15th of each month.

Rink locations (arena codes)

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| (AB) Archie Browning | Esquimalt |
| (ER) Eagle Ridge | Westshore/Langford |
| (JD) Juan De Fuca | Westshore/Colwood |
| (NA) Naden* | Esquimalt |
| (PA) Panorama | Central Saanich |
| (PG) Pearkes, Green/Gold | Saanich |
| (Q) Q Centre | Westshore/Colwood |
| (SO) Save On Foods | Victoria |
| (WE) Westhills | Westshore/Langford |

*valid photo ID required for entry for all 16 years of age or older

GAME FORMAT (IN BRIEF)

- Use the rink clock (if available) for all game start/end times. Game to start on time.
- All levels receive a 3 minute warm up (regardless if team on the floor).
- No time outs or overtime in the regular season.
- Game must end with two (2) minutes left on the wall clock before the end of the scheduled time – game to be whistled “over” at this time no matter how much time left on the game clock.
- Players and under age coaches must have a CSA approved hockey helmet with a cage on all times – this includes on the bench, on the floor and during handshake.
- **Game timing:**
 - There are changes in 2024 regarding the length of games. This is to adhere to CBHA

revised game times. The Victoria Vipers is still confirming this, and further

adjustments may occur. As of right, now please see the below options for each division and time slot:

U19

1 hour 30 minutes for game

3 x 15 minutes stop time periods with 2 minute break

1 hour 15 minutes for game

2 x 20 minutes stop time with 1 minute break

U16

1 hour 30 minutes for game

3 x 15 minutes stop time periods with 2 minute break

1 hour 15 minutes for game

2 x 20 minutes stop time with 1 minute break

U14

1 hour 30 minutes for game

3 x 15 minutes stop time periods with 2 minute break

1 hour for game

1 x 20 minutes run time and 1 x 20 minutes stop time

U12

1 hour 15 Minutes for game

3 x 12 minutes stop time periods with 2 minute break

1 hour for game

1 x 20 minutes run time and 1 x 20 minutes stop time

U10

1 hour for game

3 x 10 minutes stop time periods with 1 minute break

All should be one hour

U8

1 hour for for game

3 x 10 minutes stop time periods with 1 minute break

(extra ten mins (+/-) can be use for warm up, etc upon discussion between coaches)

All should be one hour

APPROVING THE GAMESHEET

Victoria Vipers uses the RAMP game sheet system. Work with the team managers and scorekeeper to ensure the game is set up, roster verified, and all goals and penalties properly recorded. There is an official logon to approve the games.

RULES

This is just a quick sheet. The official rule book has gone digital! Please bookmark the below web site on any mobile device or home computer to familiarize yourself with its rules and have it available during games if needed: http://www.bcbha.com/files/cbha_rulebook_eng_2024.pdf