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11.1	Added “registration”	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.3.3	Added piece about registration	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.4.1.2	Add age restriction for Half-Ice Program	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.4.2	Updated fee information, added registration fees	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.4.4.3	Removed zone - replaced with region	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.4.4.6	Removed rates and fees mention	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.4.5	Updated Evaluation information	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.1-11.4.2	Added Registration	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.4.1.2	Half-Ice Added	3	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
11.2	Removed Playdowns and added Regionals	4	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
11.4.4.2	Removed Ad Hoc Committee	4	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
11.4.4.3	Added Officials Availability form	4	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
11.4.6	Added Screening to align with screening policy	4	06/17/2025	06/17/2025

## 11.0 OFFICIATING POLICY

### 11.1 Purpose

Officiating development includes the promotion, planning, organization and implementation of officiating programs, including the National Officiating Certification Program (NOCP) as set out by Ringette Canada as well as registration.

### 11.2 Applicability

All Ringette Alberta-sanctioned games, including league play, sanctioned tournaments, regionals and provincial championships.

### 11.3 Principles

**11.3.1** Ringette Alberta will use and follow the National Officials Certification Program (NOCP) requirements for its officials.

**11.3.2** Games shall have officials trained according to the NOCP.

### 11.4 Requirements

#### 11.4.1 Age:

11.4.1.1 New officials must be a minimum of 14 years of age when they attend their first clinic.

11.4.1.2 Half-Ice games, using the Pre-Level program (First Stripes), new officials must be a minimum of 12 years of age by September of that season.

#### 11.4.2 Fees:

11.4.2.1 Fees are applied for officials' training sessions as outlined in Appendix A - Rates and Fees.

11.4.2.2 Registration fees may be included, where all registration is mandatory:

- Officials who hold any player or coaching role will not have an official's fee, as their fee is included in the other registration fees.

- Officials who hold no other role will have a registration fee associated.

**11.4.3 Selection of Officials:**

11.4.3.1 Canadian Ringette Championships (CRCs) and Canada Winter Games - as defined by Ringette Canada.

11.4.3.2 Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRCs) – appointed by the Officials Development Coordinator as per WCRC guidelines.

**11.4.4 Playdowns, Provincial Championships, and Alberta Winter Games:**

11.4.4.1 The League and/or Association Referees in Chief shall submit names of recommended officials to the Officials Development Coordinator by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

11.4.4.2 The Officials Development Coordinator shall select a sufficient number of Officials and an Officiating Supervisor to work each of the designated Provincial Championship Tournaments based on recommendations.

11.4.4.3 The Officials Development Coordinator will provide a form for Officials to show what weekends they are available for.

11.4.4.4 All efforts shall be made to ensure there is representation from at least three different Alberta regions on each of the selected officiating crews.

11.4.4.5 The Officials Development Coordinator shall contact each of the selected officials to ensure their participation in the assigned Provincial Championship Tournament.

11.4.4.6 The assigned Officiating Supervisor shall be responsible for all game assignments, while the Officials Development Coordinator will arrange hotels and communicate standards to officials (meals, travel, payment and code of conduct).

11.4.4.7 The referee honorarium, travel and accommodation expenses will be paid promptly after the event.

**11.4.5 Evaluation of Officials:**

11.4.5.1 ALL evaluations will be formally submitted to the Ringette Alberta office at the end of the season.

11.4.5.2 Association Referee-In-Chiefs will receive an updated list from Ringette Alberta at the end of the off-season.

**11.4.6 Screening of Officials:**

11.4.6.1 Officials over the age of 18 must complete a Vulnerable Sector Check to register.

**11.5 References**

Appendix A - Rates and Fees