

	<p>Spectators</p> <p>FIRST STRIPES</p> <p>An <u>Optional</u> Officiating Program for Half-Ice games</p> <p>Date Updated: September 2024</p> <p>Updated By: Lauren & First Stripes Working Group (Anne Kokko, Sherri O’Muir, Kim Patten)</p>
<p>Intention</p>	<p>This document was created for SPECTATORS, to explain and describe the optional officiating program happening on half-ice games, how it works, and when this program will be used.</p>
<p>Purpose of the Program</p>	<p>First Stripes is a Pre-level Program, designed for Half-Ice games. It was developed using the Long Term Officiating Development Matrix, and is intended to build officiating skills that can translate into the Full-Ice program.</p>
<p>Duration of Program</p>	<p>This program is optional, meaning that some associations will be running this, and others will not be. If your association is hosting this program, you will see officials on the ice more than an association that is not hosting the program.</p>
<p>SETUP AND GAMEPLAY DOCUMENT</p> <p>This document is in the manual for Half-Ice games and is on the RAB website.</p>	
<p>Age of Officials</p>	<p>First Stripes program will require officials to be age 12 or older by September of that season.</p> <p>This program is a pre-level program to the Full-Ice Program that starts at age 14.</p>
<p>Roles</p>	<p>On Half-Ice games, coaches are normally on-ice; there are 3 roles for coaches: Bench coach, on-ice coaches (2), and a coach-referee. This program only replaces the Coach-referee - all other roles for coaches continue as normal.</p> <p>When there are officials on the ice, coaches will not have to enforce rules with a whistle - but can focus on helping their players develop.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that coaches are always responsible for rink setup and providing timekeepers and a gamesheet, as they would for any game at this level.</p> <p>Coaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up nets, barriers, dots, creases, and gamesheet/minor officials AS normal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officials will not be doing this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-Level Officiating Program is optional - coaches will do this task <u>ALL the time, with or without officials</u> - When Officials are present, coaches should not have to interact with the ring, and are asked to stay out of the paths of the officials and not use their whistles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help their players understand the rules - Interact with the officials in a calm tone, these officials are LEARNING <p>Officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply rules and knowledge learned in this training - Communicate with coaches before the game <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using a gamecard - Manage the game - Ensure safety is a priority - LEARNING is the main role of officials! <p>Mentors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the differences between the half-ice and full-ice program - Provide helpful and constructive feedback <p>Spectators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheer with positive statements - Understand that officials are LEARNING and should NEVER question their calls - Help foster a positive sports environment for all involved <p>Associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decide if this program is being used - Inform the coaches, spectators on the teams, and leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supplemental education as handouts - Monitor this level, check in with officials regularly - Manage game assignments, payment, and appropriate pairings
<p>Skills Officials Will Be Focusing On</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to some positioning and signals - Whistle confidence and reaction time - Communication - Basic violations (crease, passing line, etc.) - Basic penalties (tripping, body, etc.)
<p>Supplementary Documents</p>	<p>This document is created for the information of the SPECTATORS, but there are other documents as part of this program and its education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Stripes Officials Manual - First Stripes Mentoring Manual - First Stripes Coaches Information - First Stripes Gamecard - Code Of Conduct And Ethical Behavior Policy <p>It is also important to recognize that any feedback will be taken into consideration at the end of the season, and used to determine how to improve the program.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PROGRAM RESOURCES: https://ringettealberta.com/content/first-stripes All of the resources are available online.</p>	