



YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

STANDARDS FOR ON ICE OFFICIALS

IMPLEMENTED: Oct 20th, 2016

The association has adopted the following standard for on ice officials:

- 1) The minimum age for an official is 12 years old. YKMHA recognizes that the Hockey Canada standard is 13 years of age and has received approval from Hockey North in 2016 to operate with 12 year old officials. A record of this approval is held with the YKMHA Administrative Assistant.
- 2) Junior officials may only officiate games for divisions two below their age group. (i.e., a Pee wee aged official may only officiate games in the Novice and Initiation Divisions).
- 3) For the Pee wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions, a three official system should be used wherever possible.
- 4) Adult officials only shall be used for all Bantam, Midget and Senior Female games.
- 5) For Pee wee games, at least one adult official shall be scheduled on the officiating team. Midget aged officials may be used to make up the remainder of the 3 person team.
- 6) For Atom and Novice games, a two official system is acceptable at all times for regular league play.
- 7) For Atom games, junior officials can be used from the Bantam and Midget age bracket without a senior official present.
- 8) For Novice and Initiation games, junior officials from the Pee wee, Bantam and Midget age brackets may be used without a senior official present.
- 9) The Referee's Association should make every attempt possible to schedule a senior referee with a junior referee for all games Atom and above, as well as wherever possible with Novice, to serve as a mentor and to ensure standards are being upheld.
- 10) For all tournament games, Atom and above, a three person system should be used.
- 11) Association games that do not meet these standards may be cancelled unless both coaches agree to carry on with a scrimmage game.