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## **Hockey Manitoba Level IV - VI Re-Certification Policy**

There will be two certification clinics in “non-rule change years” (even # years) for Level IV-VI officials.

These clinics will be held:

- 1) Winnipeg Region
- 2) Westman Region

In rule change years (odd # years) a branch-wide High Performance Seminar will be scheduled to include a Level IV-VI Re-Certification clinic and a Course Instructors’ Seminar. The High Performance Seminar will be scheduled on the last weekend in August of even # years.

Each Hockey Manitoba invitee should be mentally and physically prepared to participate in all aspects of the Re-certification Clinic.

### **Written Examination Policy for Re-certification**

Each participant will write and achieve the necessary passing mark on the State Referee Decision exam and complete all components of the Hockey Canada Skate and Fitness testing to be certified as a Level IV, V or VI official.

In all cases where a re-write is needed, the State Referee Decision exam will be used. Failure to achieve the necessary mark will negate certification until such time as the participant makes arrangements to attend a Level III Seminar and re-write the State Referee Decision exam. Failure to achieve the necessary mark will negate certification until such time as the participant makes arrangements to attend a second Level III Seminar (or Level II if there are no Level III Seminars remaining) and certify as a Level III official. All SRD Re-writes will be subject to a \$50.00 Re-write Fee.

A Level IV, V or VI official who cannot attend either of the Level IV - VI re-certification clinics (or High Performance Seminar), should notify the Hockey Manitoba office, in writing, requesting to attend a Level III Seminar and write the SRD exam. Officials requesting to attend a Level III Seminar to certify will be granted a leave from the Hockey Canada Skate and Fitness testing for that season. All requests are subject to approval by the Director of Officiating and Hockey Manitoba.

No Level IV – VI official will attend a Level III Seminar for two consecutive years and not more than twice in five years. Officials requesting to certify at a Level III Seminar within the five year time frame must notify, in writing, Hockey Manitoba who may deny the request.

## **For Officials Participating in the High Performance Program**

### **Physical Testing Policy**

It will be the policy of Hockey Manitoba to include any and all physical testing required for advancement in the re-certification clinics each year. Each participant will participate in all aspects of the physical testing required for re-certification. Each participant should be physically prepared for all physical testing; both on and off-ice. All on-ice testing will occur with the participant clothed in game uniform.

Any participant not able to participate in physical testing should have a medical exemption in writing; any medical exemption should be presented to the Branch prior to testing.

### **Extenuating Circumstances**

There may be situations that fall outside of what has been described above. It is the sole responsibility of the official to ensure that they have done everything possible to complete the requirements as listed above. At no time will an official officiate before completing the necessary requirements, and receiving written permission from Hockey Manitoba. Officiating without the written permission of Hockey Manitoba will subject the official to disciplinary action.

### **Level IV – VI officials not participating in the High Performance Program**

Level IV to VI officials not working elite hockey are not required to attend the Hockey Canada Skating and Fitness testing sessions.

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