

New Officials' FAQ

How many officials are there in Manitoba?

OFFICIALS	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Male	1,469	1,472	1,525	1,532	1,586
Female	156	157	157	137	150
TOTAL	1,625	1,629	1,682	1,669	1,736

How do I become an official?

If you don't already have one as a player, create a [Hockey Canada Registry \(HCR\) account](#). Once you have logged in, navigate to the "Register for Clinics" page. Select "Official" and find "HU – Hockey University". You must register for Hockey University before registering for your annual clinic. Once you have enrolled in Hockey University, repeat the process above, but find the "New Officials" clinic. After you have registered, you will be contacted via email with further instructions.

How do I get games?

Once you have registered for your clinic, reach out to your local Referee-in-Chief (RIC). Tell them your name, age, and hockey history. Let them know that you are a new official in their area and tell them when your clinic is. Ask if they require any information from you and how they go about assigning games in your area. A list of RIC contact information can be found [here](#).

What equipment will I need?

First-year officials MUST have:

- Athletic support cup (Jock/Jill)
- Shin pads
- Elbow pads
- Black pants
- Hockey skates
- Black helmet with half-visor
- Finger-grip whistle with a pea/ball
- Official's jersey with crests properly attached (see below)
 - Crests will be delivered after you register for your clinic



Officials may also want to carry:

- Riot pad (small pad of paper and pencil)
- Extra laces (for fixing broken netting)
- Girdle (for more protection under the pants)
- Warm-up equipment
- Etc.

How will I know what to do when I get my first game?

Once you've gone through Hockey University and your Clinic, you should have the basic skills needed to tackle your first game! No doubt, you'll be nervous. Contact your RIC and see if they can place you with a veteran official or provide on-ice mentorship for your first game. You could also go and watch a game of a similar calibre that you're not officiating so that you can see how others do the job.

What is a game report?

You will be required to submit a Game Report under certain circumstances – usually when a participant has been issued a Game Misconduct.

To complete a Game Report, ensure that you are using the proper method based on the division and area in which the game took place. For Hockey Winnipeg games, [click here](#). For games played outside of Winnipeg, [click here](#). Some league RICs may have another preferred method for submitting Game Reports, so just ask.

For information on how to complete a Game Report, [click here](#). CREATE A MANITOBA GENERAL ONE!

How do I get more games?

This depends on many factors, such as your age, ability, the area you work in, availability, etc. The more available, reliable, and flexible you are, the more games you will likely be assigned over time.

Can I officiate games outside my association/region?

You can, however, understand that games may be assigned to local officials first. If you do accept a game from another association/region, let your RIC know out of courtesy.

How do I get assigned to higher calibre games?

Instead, it may be more important to ask, “What skills should I improve in order to work towards working higher calibre games?” This is a question that your local RIC should be able to answer. The simplest answer to the original question is to *conquer the leagues you are already working*.