



OPERATIONAL POLICY: OFFICIATING GAME FEES
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BACKGROUND

All games shall be officiated by individuals who are certified in the Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) and who have registered with Hockey Alberta for the current season. Officials are paid (by the teams, MHA or League) an Officiating Game Fee based on the level of hockey, the system of officiating used and the duration of the game.

Game Fees are established by Hockey Alberta to be implemented for all levels of amateur hockey under the governance of Hockey Alberta and its members. Game Fees are established as maximum rates that are not to be exceeded.

POLICY

PROCESS: Hockey Alberta will conduct an annual review to determine if adjustments to the Officiating Game Fees are required. The establishment of any new and/ or adjusted Game Fees will be determined through the following process:

- Game Fees for all Collegiate and University hockey (USport, ACAC) will be negotiated directly with the respective league by Hockey Alberta's Manager, Officiating and Chair, Officials' Committee (or designate);
- Game Fees for Senior Male and/ or Senior Female hockey will be determined by Hockey Alberta through consultation between Hockey Alberta's Manager, Officiating and Chair, Officials' Committee (or designate) with respective League Presidents (or designate);
- Game Fees for Junior 'A' hockey will be negotiated directly with the Alberta Junior Hockey League by Hockey Alberta's Manager, Officiating and Chair, Officials' Committee (or designate);
- Game Fees for Junior B and C Male and/ or Junior Female hockey will be determined by Hockey Alberta through consultation between Hockey Alberta's Manager, Officiating and Chair, Officials' Committee (or designate) with respective League Presidents (or designate);
- Game Fees for all levels of Minor Hockey will be determined by Hockey Alberta through the establishment of a sub-committee. This process will be led by Hockey Alberta's Manager, Officiating and will include the Chair, Officials' Committee (or designate), MHA Presidents (or designates) from Hockey Edmonton, Hockey Calgary, one Tier II or III MHA and one Tier IV or V MHA.

CRITERIA: In determining new and/ or changes to Game Fees, consideration will be given to the following factors:

- the level of hockey;
- the officiating system used for the level of hockey;
- the total duration of ice-time (game length);



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- inflation rates determined by the Government of Alberta;
 - officiating game fees set by BC Hockey and Hockey Saskatchewan;

TIMELINES: Hockey Alberta will complete the annual review process by March 31 each year and will notify the membership of any changes for the following season by April 30.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Member MHAs and Leagues can submit recommendations for changes to the Officiating Game Fees to Hockey Alberta to be considered within the annual review. Any submissions must be received in the Hockey Alberta office by January 31 of each year to be considered for the following season. Submissions must also include detailed rationale as to why the change is being proposed.