

The certification levels break down as follows:

- **Level 1:** Beginner officials and younger referees (often 12–14 years old). Required for officiating Intro to Hockey (U9, U7) and recreational hockey.
  - Must complete the “Intro into Officiating” before being allowed to register for a clinic.
  - Must attend an 8-hour in-person clinic which includes a 1.25-hour ice session
  
- **Level 2:** Required for officials 15 years and older. Allows referees to officiate up to U15 and U18 community levels, as well as lower-tier Junior and female leagues.
  - Must complete the online Hockey Canada Officiating Program-Re-Certification Course before they are allowed to register for a clinic.
  - They will be emailed a link from Hockey Canada for registration to access the program.
  - The official may be entitled to attend an online 4-hour clinic if they have a minimum of 3 years experience.
  - If they do not have 3 years experience, they will have to attend an 8-hour in-person clinic which includes a 1.25-hour ice session
  
- **Level 3:** For experienced officials (often 18+ with several years on the ice). Qualifies you to referee Junior, Senior, and elite minor hockey (e.g., U15 AAA, U18 AAA, or Junior B/A).
  - Must complete the online Hockey Canada Officiating Program-Re-Certification Course before they are allowed to register for a clinic.
  - They will be emailed a link from Hockey Canada for registration to access the program.
  - An official must apply to the North Region Chairmen before January 1 in order to be considered to becoming a Level 3.
  - Must attend a 4-hour online clinic.
  
- **Member High Performance (MHP):** Elite provincial officials chosen to referee major Junior, Senior, and top-tier AAA or Junior A leagues.
  - Must have a minimum of 1-years experience as a Level 3 officiating experience.
  - To reach this level, you would have been picked by the Hockey Alberta provincial executive
  - Must complete the online Hockey Canada Officiating Program-Re-Certification Course before they are allowed to register for a clinic.
  - They will be emailed a link from Hockey Canada for registration to access the program.
  - Must attend a 4-hour online clinic.

- **National High Performance (NHP):** Elite national and international referees selected to officiate major junior, university, and IIHF/international events.
  - Must have a minimum of 1-years experience as a MHP officiating experience.
  - To reach this level, you would have been picked by the Hockey Alberta provincial executive & Hockey Canada
  - The official must complete the online Hockey Canada Officiating Program-Re-Certification Course before they are allowed to register for a clinic.
  - They will be emailed a link from Hockey Canada for registration to access the program.
  - Must attend a 4-hour online clinic.