



OFFICIALS INFORMATION

2026-27

To be an official for the 2026-27 season, you must be born in 2015 or earlier. To start the 2026-27 season, WMHA will only be accepting officials from the immediate drawing area based on standard house hockey programs (Warman, Osler, and Corman Park) and pending the number of officials registered, may open registrations to the surrounding areas.

Each season officials must re-register and complete their required Hockey Saskatchewan Certifications to officiate that season.

STEPS TO BECOMING A REFEREE WITH WMHA

1. Register at Warman Minor Hockey via the website, <https://warmanwildcats.com>
2. Register at Hockey Saskatchewan under the Officials tab, <https://hockeysask.ca/>
(note, registration for Hockey Saskatchewan may not open until early September)
3. Make note of all officiating requirements and begin the process of completing them by the deadlines provided by Hockey Saskatchewan

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EXPECTATIONS FOR OFFICIALS

Being an official representing Hockey Canada, Hockey Saskatchewan, and Warman Minor Hockey is a privilege, not a right. Officiating is a responsibility and is designed not only to provide monetary compensation, but to allow officials to continually grow as individuals to understand and implement the rules of the game and provide a safe environment for the game to be played in. Officials are expected to uphold the Hockey Canada Officiating Program's Officials Code of Ethics.

Dress Code:

- For all games, please be presentable; no sweatpants, pajama pants, ripped jeans
- For AA games, please wear casual dress pants and a shirt with a collar

Arrival Time:

- For all Saskatoon Minor Hockey and Saskatchewan Female A league games, 30 minutes prior to puck drop
- For all AA games, 45-60 minutes prior to puck drop

Equipment:

- All officials are required to have the proper equipment to officiate the game, which includes the crests for your jersey; cresting is required for insurance purposes and validating your affiliation with Hockey Saskatchewan/Hockey Canada

Arbiter:

- Arbiter is the assigning tool used by WMHA and Hockey Saskatchewan
- Please ensure your Arbiter account is up to date for with your available days or partial days to officiate
- Your best avenue for setting your availability in Arbiter is through the website (either on a computer or on your mobile device) because of settings required to complete the process
- ***The Arbiter app is only suitable for viewing your game assignments, not setting blocks because you cannot find on the "ready to be assigned" area on the app***

Setting Your Availability:

- The Referee Assignor will notify families when/what specific period of time they are assigning; do not wait for the Referee Assignor to send an email before you set your blocks
- Please review the attached Arbiter information at the end of the document for specific instructions how to set your blocks if you need to, however once you have set your blocks it is critical to set your status to "Ready to be Assigned"
- ***This can only be done through the Arbiter website on the DASHBOARD TAB when you first log in; if this is not checked off you will not be assigned games***

Ready to be Assigned

- ☒ Hockey Sask.
- ☒ SMHA-Ref Div
- ☒ WMHA



WMHA ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITIES

Warman Minor Hockey is responsible for assigning all games that are played in U7 and U9, all games in the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association League (SMHA), the U13AA level of the Saskatchewan AA Hockey League (SAAHL), and all games in the Saskatchewan Female Hockey League (SFHL).

Regional assignors for Hockey Saskatchewan assign officials in the U15AA and U18AA levels of the SAAHL as well as any Provincial Playoff Games.

FINDING REPLACEMENT OFFICIALS

- Once officials are assigned games, they are now responsible to find suitable replacements at the proper ranking for their games
- Should you find a replacement official, please email the Referee in Chief/Assignor at ric@warmanwildcats.com and the replacement official and provide the details of the game switch, as this will allow WMHA to track all changes properly

If an official needs to find a replacement, the listing of all officials with their ranks and contact information can be found in Arbiter; replacements must come from an equal or higher rank than the official looking to be changed out unless approved by the Referee Assignor.



DISCIPLINE

- Any issues regarding late appearances, no-shows, and violations of codes of conduct/officials expectations may result in disciplinary measures being taken by Warman Minor Hockey or Hockey Saskatchewan



GAME SHEETS

Game Sheet Procedures:

Before the Game:

It is the officials' responsibility to check the game sheet prior to the start of each game. Please check for the following:

- Has the coach or manager signed the game sheet? This must be done by both teams.
- Are the appropriate number of players marked on the game sheet and are you sure it is the same number as on the ice? (too many on the game sheet is ok, someone might show up late)
 - o *if there are more players on the ice than on the game sheet, please take the game sheet to the coach and have them add the missing players*
- Are the proper # of team officials on the game sheet? If there are four (4) team officials (coaches, trainers, etc.) on the bench, there should be the names of four team officials listed on the game sheet.
- Have you PRINTED your name in the appropriate box?

After the Game:

- Have referees and completed the standard scoresheet items and signed their names?

Game Reports (If Necessary):

Please use the below link to navigate when and how game reports need to be filled out.

<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/game-reports/officiating---rules-to-online-reporting>



BANKING AND PAY CYCLES

- WMHA will pay officials using direct deposit
- Once registered, certified, and added to the Arbiter system - all officials need to provide WMHA with a void cheque or document with their direct deposit information
- WMHA will pay officials every 2 weeks during the season on a Friday, with a 1-week lag time

Referee Period	Pay Date
4 on 4/August 24 to September 12	September 18, 2026
September 13 to 27	October 2, 2026
September 28 to October 11	October 16, 2026
October 12 to 25	October 30, 2026
October 27 to November 8	November 13, 2026
November 9 to 22	November 27, 2026
November 23 to December 6	December 11, 2026
December 7 to 20	December 25, 2026
December 21 to January 10	January 15, 2027
January 11 to 24	January 29, 2027
January 25 to February 7	February 12, 2027
February 8 to 21	February 26, 2027
February 22 to March 7	March 12, 2027
March 8 to 21	March 26, 2027
March 22 to April 4	April 9, 2027

Cancelled games:

- Officials will not be paid for cancelled games due to weather, or arena shutdowns, regardless of the timing
- Officials will not be paid for cancelled games providing 4+ hours notice are given prior to puck drop
- Officials will be paid if WMHA fails to notify the officials in time or the cancellation happens within the 4-hour period



RATES (LEAGUE GAMES AND PLAYOFFS)

- WMHA uses the Hockey Saskatchewan standard rate table as the basis for paying officials as these will be the minimum amounts paid to all officials working games
- In the event an official does not show up, and the officials use the 3-official system - the 3-official rates will be used for that game
- If out of town games are assigned, WMHA will pay mileage only if the game is in a location other than Martensville
- The standard Hockey Saskatchewan rates for mileage (\$0.50/km) and ride-along will be used, with the mileage being calculated using round-trip kilometers on Google Maps between the locations (not from the specific house to the specific arena location)

WMHA STANDARD RATES (LEAGUE GAMES AND PLAYOFFS)

	Referee	Linesperson	Officials Per Game
U7 Half-Ice	\$20.00	-	1
U9 Half-Ice	\$20.00	-	2
U11	\$30.00	\$25.00	2 + 2
U13AA	\$55.00	\$40.00	
U13 Below AA	\$50.00	\$35.00	
U15AA	\$70.00	\$50.00	
U15AB	\$60.00	\$45.00	
U15C	\$55.00	\$40.00	
U18AA	\$85.00	\$65.00	
U18A	\$75.00	\$55.00	
U18BC	\$65.00	\$50.00	

	Referee	Linesperson	Officials Per Game
U11	\$35.00	\$30.00	2 + 1
U13AA	\$65.00	\$50.00	
U13 Below AA	\$60.00	\$45.00	
U15AA	\$80.00	\$60.00	
U15A	\$75.00	\$55.00	
U15BC (Rec)	\$65.00	\$50.00	
U18AA	\$100.00	\$80.00	
U18A	\$85.00	\$70.00	
U18BC (Rec)	\$75.00	\$60.00	



WMHA GAME TIMING INFORMATION

Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association

U11 (all tiers)

- 1.25-hour game slot
- 5-minute warmup, no floods until end of game
- 1st and 2nd periods = 20 minutes straight time
- 3rd period = remainder of allotted ice time

U13ABC, U15BC, U18BC

- 1.75-hour game slot
- 5-minute warmup, flood every second period
- All periods = 20 minutes stop time, *except potentially in the 3rd period - unless - where there is less than 5 minutes remaining in the allotted ice time (arena clocks used as standard time) with more than 2 minutes remaining on the game clock, the timekeepers will notify the referee during the first available stoppage in play (by pressing the buzzer) & adjust the clock down to 2 minutes to be played stop time*
- No timeouts in regular season league games

U15A Citywide

- 2-hour game slot
- 5-minute warmup, flood every second period
- All periods = 20 minutes stop time, games are not to be cut down on time
- 1 timeout per team is allowed each game

U18A

- 1.75-hour game slot
- 5-minute warmup, flood every second period
- 1st period = 15 minutes stop time
- 2nd and 3rd period = 20 minutes stop time, *except potentially in the 3rd period - unless - where there is less than 5 minutes remaining in the allotted ice time (arena clocks used as standard time) with more than 2 minutes remaining on the game clock, the timekeepers will notify the referee during the first available stoppage in play (by pressing the buzzer) & adjust the clock down to 2 minutes to be played stop time*
- No timeouts in regular season league games

Saskatchewan Female Hockey League (U15A, U18A)

- Time shown in Arbiter is when teams take the ice for warmups, 5 to 10-minute warmup and then puck drop
- Flood every period
- 1 timeout per team is allowed each game

AA Games: Saskatchewan AA Hockey League/Saskatchewan Female Hockey League

- Time shown in Arbiter is puck-drop, warmups are 30 minutes prior to puck-drop on dirty ice, followed by a flood
- Flood after every period
- 1 timeout per team is allowed each game



OFFICIALS RANKINGS AND ASSIGNING

GENERAL RANKINGS

For all age groupings:

- these rankings are general guidelines and exceptions may apply, especially as officials get older
- new officials - regardless of age - may be placed in a lower category to start
- during the season, officials can ask for an evaluation to determine if they can be considered for a higher level; once evaluated the results will hold to the end of the season



PLEASE NOTE!

RankID	Grouping	Notes
100	Adult	Adults with experience to work all minor hockey levels
150	Young Adult	Aged 19+ with less experience
200	U18-3rd Year	
250	U18-2nd Year	
300	U18-1st Year	"or equivalent age" applies, if the official does not play hockey
350	U15-2nd Year	
400	U15-1st Year	
450	U13-2nd Year	
500	U13-1st Year	

Please note that the Referee-in-Chief is responsible for the rankings of all officials. When officials are younger, they can be grouped similarly however as they get older there will be a separation between stronger and weaker officials. Some officials at a certain age may have a higher rank than others that age and some may have a lower rank, especially if their years of experience vary.

Any officials without a referee ranking have indicated that they do not wish to referee and just be a linesperson. If any officials' status needs to be changed in that regard, please let the Referee-in-Chief know and we can adjust accordingly.



REFEREE RANKING TABLE

R1 = Senior Referee, comfortable handling all circumstances for the applicable age grouping, and assisting R2

R2 = Second Referee

SASKATOON MINOR HOCKEY

	Grade 12		Grade 11		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 8		Grade 7		Grade 6	
Division	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500					
U18A	R1	R2	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18B	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18C	R1	R1	R2	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15A	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15B	R1	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15C	-	-	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13A	-	-	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13B	-	-	-	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13C	-	-	-	-	R1	R1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11A	-	-	-	-	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11B	-	-	-	-	-	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11C	-	-	-	-	-	-	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11D	-	-	-	-	-	-	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-
U9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R1	R1	-	-	-	-	-
U7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R1	R1	-	-	-	-	-

SASKATCHEWAN AA HOCKEY LEAGUE

	Grade 12		Grade 11		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 8		Grade 7		Grade 6	
Division	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500					
U13AA	-	-	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SASKATCHEWAN FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE

	Grade 12		Grade 11		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 8		Grade 7		Grade 6	
Division	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500					
U18AA	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18A	R1	R1	R2	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15AA	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15A	-	-	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13AA	-	-	R1	R1	R2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13A	-	-	-	-	R1	R1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

****Exceptions may be made due to availability of officials*****

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LINESPERSON RANKING TABLE

L1 = Senior Linesperson, comfortable handling all circumstances for the applicable age grouping, and assisting L2

L2 = Second Linesperson

SASKATOON MINOR HOCKEY

	Grade 12		Grade 11		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 8		Grade 7		Grade 6	
Division	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500					
U18A	L1	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18B	-	-	L1	L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18C	-	-	L1	L1	L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15A	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15B	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15C	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13A	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13B	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13C	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11A	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11B	-	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-
U11D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-
U9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SASKATCHEWAN AA HOCKEY LEAGUE

	Grade 12		Grade 11		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 8		Grade 7		Grade 6	
Division	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500					
U13AA	-	-	-	-	L1	L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SASKATCHEWAN FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE

	Grade 12		Grade 11		Grade 10		Grade 9		Grade 8		Grade 7		Grade 6	
Division	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500					
U18AA	L1	L1	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18A	-	-	L1	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15AA	-	-	L1	L1	L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U15A	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13AA	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U13A	-	-	-	-	-	L1	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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REFEREE AND LINESMAN - RANKING BY GAME TYPE

SASKATOON MINOR HOCKEY				
Division	Referee 1 Rank	Referee 2 Rank	Linesperson 1 Rank	Linesperson 2 Rank
U18A	100-100	100-200	100-200	100-200
U18B	100-150	100-200	100-200	100-250
U18C	100-150	100-250	200-250	200-300
U15A	100-150	100-200	200-250	200-250
U15B	100-200	100-250	250-300	250-300
U15C	200-250	200-300	250-300	250-300
U13A	200-250	200-300	300-350	300-350
U13B	250-300	250-350	350-400	350-400
U13C	300-350	300-350	350-400	350-400
U11A	300-300	300-350	350-400	350-400
U11B	350-350	350-400	400-450	400-450
U11C	400-400	400-450	450-500	450-500
U11D	400-400	400-450	450-500	450-500
U9	450-500	450-500		
U7	500-500			

SASKATCHEWAN AA HOCKEY LEAGUE				
Division	Referee 1 Rank	Referee 2 Rank	Linesperson 1 Rank	Linesperson 2 Rank
U13 AA	200-250	200-300	300-350	300-350

SASKATCHEWAN FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE				
Division	Referee 1 Rank	Referee 2 Rank	Linesperson 1 Rank	Linesperson 2 Rank
U18AA	100-150	100-200	100-250	100-250
U18A	100-150	100-250	200-250	200-300
U15AA	100-150	100-250	200-250	200-300
U15A	200-250	200-300	250-300	250-300
U13AA	200-250	200-300	300-350	300-350
U13A	300-350	300-350	350-400	350-400

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