



Becoming a Minor Hockey Referee in Cumberland

(District 12 – Cumberland Referees Association)

If you have been actively refereeing within the last 5 years, contact one of the members of the CRA executive directly. The contact information is listed on the CRA website - www.cumberlandrefs.ca. Otherwise, follow the application process for new officials below.

APPLICATION PROCESS - NEW OFFICIALS

To apply to become a new minor hockey referee in Cumberland, you must be at least 14 years of age and attend an on-ice tryout. The date and time for this tryout will be posted on the CRA website (<http://www.cumberlandrefs.ca>) on the News and Events page.

Before attending the tryout, send an email to jdunn@breken.com and ken.gce77@gmail.com. Please notify us of your intention to attend at least 1 week prior to the tryout. You should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time. You must bring with you the following:

1. A completed application form (see below)
2. A completed written assignment (see below)
3. Skates and a helmet (you do not need a referee jersey or other refereeing gear)

If email your completed written assignment to the email addresses mentioned above (before coming to the on-ice tryouts) you do not need to bring it with you.

NOTE – COVID 19 Safety Precautions: Please show up to the rink wearing a mask and fully dressed to go onto the ice (except skates and helmet). You do not have to wear a mask while on the ice.

After attending the on-ice tryout, the CRA will select a limited number of applicants and offer them positions with the CRA. Successful applicants will then need to register and attend an HEO/Hockey Canada referee clinic. After having successfully completed the referee clinic, applicants must notify the CRA so they can be issued a user id and password for the CRA website.

APPLICATION FORM

The application form is included below. You must fill it in, providing answers to all of the questions and bring it with you to the on-ice tryout. **This completed application form must be handed in at the on-ice tryout.**

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

The written assignment will be posted on the CRA website a few weeks before the on-ice tryouts. It will include questions and links to all the reference material you will need to complete the assignment. It is not a long assignment, but you **MUST** read the references and answer the questions based on the material contained in the references. **The completed assignment must be emailed to the people mentioned above or handed in at the on-ice tryout.**



ON-ICE TRYOUT

There will be an on-ice tryout that you must attend. The time and place of the on-ice tryout will be posted on the CRA website once it has been set. For this session, you will need skates and a helmet (you do not need full refereeing gear). You must bring and hand in a completed application form and a completed written assignment.

SELECTION

There are a limited number of positions open each year, therefore, this is a competitive process and only the top applicants will be selected. Following the on-ice tryout, the top applicants will be selected and notified that they are then eligible to attend an ODHA refereeing clinic. Selection will be based on: the responses in application form, the written assignment, and on-ice performance (skating ability, presence, etc).

ATTEND A CLINIC

If you are selected, you must then register and attend a refereeing clinic, at your own expense, hosted by HEO. The cost of this clinic is usually about \$180 and it takes 1 full day. Only those people selected can attend the clinic. More info is available on the HEO website at:

<http://www.hockeyeasternontario.ca/pages/officials/clinicsched.htm>. Do not attend an HEO clinic unless you have been notified by the Cumberland Referees Association that you have been selected as a successful candidate. Every referee must take a clinic every year.

NOTIFY CRA THAT CLINIC IS COMPLETE

Following successful completion of the HEO clinic, you need to **send an email to jdunn@breken.com and cdanielgory@gmail.com**, informing us that you have completed the clinic and telling us what your HCOP (referee number) is – Your referee number is the last 5 digits of your Hockey Canada ID number. This will allow us to create an account for you on the CRA website. **The account cannot be created until you send us this number. You will not be assigned any games until you have an account on the CRA website.**

Police Records Check

All officials involved with minor hockey and who will be 16 years of age or older during the season must have a valid **police records check** and must have attended a **“Speak Out”** clinic. See the website for more information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please read the FAQ section at the end of this document.

All referees will be expected to attend monthly meetings and new referees must complete a series of online quizzes. Officials who do not display a reasonable level of commitment will not be asked to return the following year. More details are provided in the CRA Statement of Understanding



Referee Application

(must be filled in and brought to the tryouts)

Name:

Birth date/age:

Address (you must live in the D12 area):

Phone number (both day and evening):

Email address:

Last level of hockey played (e.g. major bantam AA, midget house league A, etc.):

What level of hockey you expect to play (if any) in the upcoming season:

Any relevant previous experience (e.g. soccer referee, etc.):

Why do you want to be a hockey referee? (attach a separate page if necessary):



Becoming a Minor Hockey Referee in Cumberland FAQ

How old do I have to be?

All applicants should be at least 14 yrs old.

What if I can't make it to the tryouts?

We only hold 1 tryout each year. This is a competitive process and there are a limited number of positions open each year. Some applicants will be turned down. It would not be fair to allow a referee who did not attend the tryouts to take the position away from a referee who did. Therefore, to be fair to all new applicants, you must attend the tryouts to be considered.

How do I get assigned my games?

To be assigned games, you must have an account on the CRA website (www.cumberlandrefs.ca). Once you get an account, you need to update your profile (contact information). This will allow our assignor to contact you (normally by phone) and assign games to you.

How do I get an account on the CRA website?

After you have taken your clinic (do not take a clinic unless you have been notified that you have been accepted into the CRA), you must contact the webmaster (email and phone are on the CRA website) and he will create an account for you.

Do I have to take a clinic?

Yes. All referees must attend a clinic every year. The clinics are put on by HEO. After you have been accepted by the CRA, you must register to attend the HEO (Hockey Eastern Ontario) refereeing clinic. For more information, go to

<http://www.hockeyeasternontario.ca/pages/officials/clinicsched.htm>.

How much does it cost to take the clinic?

The cost is set by HEO (Hockey Eastern Ontario), but historically has been about \$150.

When can I take the clinic?

The clinics are in the fall during September and October. The exact schedule is published by HEO in late summer at <http://www.hockeyeasternontario.ca/pages/officials/clinicsched.htm>. Note: you must sign up for the appropriate level.

What level of hockey will I start with?

Most referees will start at the lowest levels (novice house league). For the first few games, you will be paired with a more experienced official. There may also be a senior official on the ice to supervise/assist. Once you have done a number of games and the supervisors feel that you are ready to progress, you will receive games with other first year officials. Those officials that demonstrate the ability and desire to officiate higher levels of hockey will be rated for higher levels.



How many games will I get?

Unfortunately, there are a limited number of novice games. This means that most first year officials will not receive a large number of games. Historically, most first year officials get 4 to 6 games per month to start. This will usually increase around Christmas. Depending on availability, second and third year officials usually get 10 or more games per month.

What is the pay?

Current pay rates vary by game level and duration. They are listed on our web site.

What equipment will I need?

As a new referee, you will need:

- Skates with white laces (must be player skates - not goalie skates or figure skates)
- Black helmet with a CSA approved half visor (a full face mask does not work as you can't blow the whistle)
- A hockey referee whistle (2 recommended)
- Referee jersey (can be purchased at local sports stores for \$75 to \$100 – make sure you get the style for minor hockey and NOT the NHL style used by many men's leagues)
- Black pants (large enough to fit the shin pads under them; they must be solid black with no stripes or other pattern)
- Shin pads
- Jock/Jill
- Small elbow pads (not required, but a good idea)

You do not need actual referee pants to start with, but if you progress to higher levels of hockey, you will want them (and some form of padding under them for protection).

I have refereed in the past, but was not in the CRA last year.

Returning referees and referees transferring in from other districts will be considered on a case by case basis, however, as a general rule, anyone who has not refereed within the past 5 years will be considered as a new referee and will have to attend the on ice tryouts. If you already have an HCOP number from Hockey Canada and you have been actively refereeing within the last 5 years, contact one of the members of the executive directly. The contact information is listed on the CRA website - www.cumberlandrefs.com. Otherwise, follow the application process for new officials.