

## **2016-2017 Officiating Training**

We will be looking for approximately 15 individuals to take into our officiating program for the 2016-2017 season. This is a highly popular program and we have many qualified applicants (last year we had 87 people apply). Sometimes it takes a few attempts to actually get in. You must be twelve years old or turning twelve before December 31.

Before you apply, ask yourself if you are willing to commit to the program. It will involve your time and commitment so if you aren't available to attend all mandatory training sessions and on-ice development due to other hockey activities, i.e. Dryland training, etc. this is not for you. Due to the time requirement and dedication, if you are a rep player, this may not be for you right now. We need dedicated officials and maybe next year might be better for you.

If you are not attending training, you will not progress and improve your skills. You will be looking at a full week's evening training sometime in early September; weekly on ice training sessions three Wednesday evenings every month for the full hockey season; games to officiate early morning on Saturdays and Sundays; purchasing your own uniform and paying for your own courses. If you are willing to dedicate yourself to the program, we will dedicate ourselves to your development.

The application process:

1. Send an email with your name, phone number, age and a brief description of why you want to be a game official and why you think you would make a good official to [ric@surreyminorhockey.com](mailto:ric@surreyminorhockey.com) June 30 no earlier than 8:00am, with the subject line "Official Application". Any applications received earlier than this time will not be considered. Closing date will be July 4, 2016.
2. We will review all applications and select applicants for an interview. These interviews will be held sometime in late July to early August.
3. You will be required to take Hockey Canada's on-line officiating course before we do the week long training and certification.
4. You will attend our week long training and certification course which will be held over 4-5 evenings and include both classroom and on ice training.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [ric@surreyminorhockey.com](mailto:ric@surreyminorhockey.com).

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