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How do I become a ref?

The first step in becoming an On-ice Official is to contact Ringette Nova Scotia or the Director of Officials for RNS They would be able to provide you with detailed information on the steps you must undertake to become a certified Official.

The basic steps to becoming an official are:

- The minimum age for a person to become a referee is **fourteen (14) years of age** prior to the clinic being held.
- You will need to take part in a Level 1 officiating clinic where you will cover topics such as game duties, on-ice positioning, mechanics, and signals as well as go through the violations and rules of the game.
- You will need to participate in an on-ice clinic held after the conclusion of the clinic. This may or may not be held on the date of the clinic but will be held very close to the clinic date. Your skating skills will also be assessed and some positioning will be reviewed.
- You will need to participate in a shadowing/mentoring program during your first 2 games. For this a senior referee will come on the ice with the novice officials. For the first period the novice referee will follow the senior official who will give them instructions on positioning. During the second period the senior referee will follow still giving instruction. Pay for these 2 games will be at half the normal rate for the division.
- For information on when and where these clinics will take place over the course of the year, contact you Ringette Nova Scotia

What will I need?

The clinic will provide you with a Ringette Canada crest, a rulebook and a participant's manual.

Other required items you will need are:

- Skates
- A whistle
- Black CSA approved helmet
- An official's jersey
- Black pants