

Field Hockey Canada – Policies and Procedural Standards

POLICY NAME:	Selection and Nomination Policy for Officials to National and International Competitions
POLICY NUMBER	FHC09-DEV-001
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REFERENCES:	Appeals Policy

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy outlines for umpires, technical officials, and those most directly working in the officiating area the selection as well as the operating policies and procedures for the selection or nomination of officials to national and international events.

This policy will apply to:

- Membership/Insurance
- Selection
- Funding

PROCEDURE

National Criteria

The FHC Call for Officials will be sent out from the national office via email and posted on the FHC website using the following dates as guidelines:

Outdoor:	1 March	Officials notified by 25 March
Indoor:	1 November	Officials notified by 1 December

Only Officials submitting their applications on time and with all necessary documentation (pictures, activity logs, etc.) will be considered for selection to national events or approved by FHC for international consideration. Unless there are extenuating circumstances and ass approved by FHC' Officiating Committee, officials unavailable for domestic competitions will be automatically considered unavailable for international competitions in the same year.

To be considered for selection, an official must:

- Be a member in good standing with FHC;
- Be at a level of competence as defined by FHC rating and current performance;
- Be an active official, i.e., must be officiating (umpiring or technical table) on a regular basis at the level of tournament for which selection is being considered;
- Be available if requested to officiate at all levels and genders of tournaments to assist with the overall development of hockey in Canada;
- Be prepared to assist financially with their development as an official; and
- Be committed to assisting with the development of other officials locally, provincially, and nationally, i.e., active on committees, running clinics, coaching or mentoring, etc.

International Criteria

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In addition to the above National considerations, the official must:

- Have successfully completed their Canadian rating;
- Meet the necessary national and international age and fitness standards;
- Inform the National Office prior to accepting an international appointment;
- Have made themselves available if requested to officiate at all levels and genders of tournaments to assist with the overall development of hockey in Canada;
- Be prepared to assist financially with their own development as an international official;
- Make themselves available for advancement opportunities, i.e., national team involvement, test series, FIH/PAHF events; and
- Be committed to assisting with the development of other international officials nationally, i.e., active on committees, running national clinics, coaching or mentoring of other Canadian officials.

Appeals

Appeals will be dealt with under the Field Hockey Canada Appeals Policy.