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Ice hockey throughout the world is played by men, women, boys and girls. Within this publication the alternating application of gender in grammar is utilized. Any masculine reference shall also apply to female hockey and any feminine reference shall apply to male hockey. This is to encourage the widest possible involvement in our great game!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the International Ice Hockey Federation, I would like to welcome you to the IIHF Family of Officials.

Your decision to participate in the IIHF Official's Development Program will enable you not only to enhance your officiating skills, but also to meet people from around the world who are as passionate about officiating as you are and establish life long friendships with them.

The role that you play as an official is very important in the development of world hockey. Whether you are a Level I official who is interested in officiating at the grass roots National Association level of hockey, or you are an official who is participating in the IIHF Career Path Development Program, your participation will be equally as gratifying.

The level of your dedication and commitment to officiating will determine at which level, be it club, national or international, that you will participate in. You can be assured that at whatever level you choose, it will be a challenging and educational experience and you will have fun.

The IIHF Hockey Family needs dedicated people like you to help us grow the sport of hockey worldwide. We would like you to know that we are always here to support you in your endeavours.

Finally, officiating is a big responsibility, so I encourage you to prepare yourself for the exciting position of a game official by participating in all of your National Association activities. Your participation in your National Association will enable you, if you so choose, to take part in IIHF events and activities.

Good luck, have fun and enjoy the challenges of officiating! Sincerely,

René Fasel

President, IIHF

THE ART OF OFFICIATING

To become a competent, respected hockey official at any level requires patience, discipline, dedication, courage and hard work.

It's not usually something that comes naturally, nor can the skills be taught or mastered overnight; yet the demands for perfection are immediate. Hockey is a fast paced, emotionally charged, exciting sport and officials are an integral part along with players, coaches and spectators. Hockey officiating is an apprenticeship process and one of the main tools is learning through actual game experience.

To assist individuals in development of the "Art of Officiating", the International Ice Hockey Federation presents the IIHF Official's Development Program - Officiating Procedures Manual. It is hoped that this publication will be an excellent resource for all developing hockey officials.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our challenge is to support each member National Association in the growth and development of hockey within their country in order to foster and develop the game of hockey around the world.

We will teach National Associations to educate their own hockey membership.

In our quest to develop coaches, hockey players, and medical officers and game officials our aim is also to develop life skills in the youth of the world through the game of ice hockey.