



Junior Official's Program





Introduction to the Junior Officials Program

The Junior Officials Program is a recognition program, for our youth skaters who give back to their clubs and the sport.

In order to recognize this level of interest we have set up a series of officiating Stages specifically geared to the youth of speed skating.

Stage 1

To encourage Officiating

Stage 2

Recognition of commitment

Stage 3

Demonstration of skills

Stage 4

Enhanced learning of Officiating

Stage 5

Recognition

Description of Stage 1

Stage 1 is designed so that any skater/youth wishing to start Junior Officiating can be on their way to receiving BCSSA Level 1 of Officiating. Skaters/youth entering the program (i.e. completion of Stage 1) should be awarded the **bronze Junior Official's pin** and a Stage 1 certificate.

CRITERIA

- One season of assistant Officiating
- Accumulate 2 days worth of assistant Officiating at meets
- Be recommended by their Club.

Description of Stage 2

Stage 2 is designed so that any skater/youth continuing in the program will be able to help the club in the capacity of an official. Skaters/youth completing Stage 2 should be awarded a Stage 2 certificate.

CRITERIA

- Completion of Level 1 Official's Course
- Accumulate 4 days worth of assistant Officiating at meets
- Be recommended by their Club.

Description of Stage 3

Stage 3 is designed so that the developing Junior Official has achieved Level 1 Certification. Junior Officials completing Stage 3 should be awarded a Stage 3 certificate.

CRITERIA

- Accumulation of 42 hours of Officiating
- Receive Level 1 Certification.

Description of Stage 4

Stage 4 is designed so that the Junior Official is confident in their Official's job. Junior Officials completing Stage 4 should be awarded a Stage 4 certificate.

CRITERIA

- Three (3) seasons as a Junior Official
- Give a mini course to younger skaters on their Official's job
- Be recommended by their club.

Description of Stage 5

Stage 5 is designed so that the Junior Official will be well on their way to becoming a Level 2 Official. Junior Officials completing the program (i.e. completion of Stage 5) should be awarded the silver Junior Official's pin and a Stage 5 certificate.

CRITERIA

- Three (3) seasons as a Junior Official
- 75 hours total of officiating or
- Completion of Level 2 Official's Course.

Note to Clubs and Junior Official's Coordinators

- It is at the discretion of the Clubs' Junior Official's Coordinators/Official's Coordinators to award Stages. Hours included above are for reference.
- Junior Official's pins are available (at no cost) from the BCSSA office. Each Club is responsible for awarding pins. Please contact Lorna to order pins.
- We hope that this program will help our clubs with recognizing Junior Officials and the role that they have to play in our sport.
- This is meant to encourage our youth to give back to their sport in a positive manner and to encourage our senior athletes to be role models for the younger skaters.
- Developed because of the skaters that have given back to the Fort St James Falcons' Speed Skating Club, I wanted a provincial recognition program for all Junior Officials.

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