



2023 OMHA REFEREE SCHOOL

September 23-24, 2023

STRATHROY

**GEMINI SPORTS COMPLEX, 667 ADAIR BLVD.,
STRATHROY, ON N7G 3H8**

OVERVIEW

The extremely successful and popular school format provides NEW officials with an opportunity to acquire officiating skills and rule knowledge while completing OMHA and Hockey Canada certification requirements. The intensive, action-packed agenda features classroom instruction including audiovisual presentations, as well as on-ice training.

*This Strathroy Referee School will accommodate 80 new officials. Participants must be 14 years old by December 31, 2023. This means that the candidates for the 2023 OMHA Referee School in Strathroy must be born between 2006 and 2009. **There will be no exceptions to this!***

SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

- To teach the methods and procedures of officiating in both the 2 & 3 official systems, as well as the new guidelines for modified ice hockey
- To instruct uniform interpretation of the rules
- To provide each official with two on-ice sessions to acquaint them with the duties of officiating
- To provide each official with an opportunity to improve overall officiating performance
- To learn effective communication strategies and techniques



OMHA REFEREE SCHOOLS ARE PRESENTED BY:





PROCESS TO REGISTER FOR THE STRATHROY SCHOOL

The OMHA Referee School—Strathroy functions in cooperation with the Centres in Area B in Region 1 of the OMHA. Associations in these areas have their teams play in the following leagues: BlueWater League, Shamrock League, Lambton Local League and the 4 Counties Local League . Each of the Minor Hockey Leagues and Associations has committed to finding their own candidates for the school as they will be officiating house league hockey from their sponsoring Association this season. Each sponsoring League/ Association will be allocated a certain number of seats at the School.

**Contact your Local Association or Referee-in-Chief for more information.
For Contact Names, please look at your Association’s website or contact the School Registrar listed at the bottom of this document.**

Once a candidate has been selected, the sponsoring Minor Hockey Association will forward the candidate contact information by e-mail to the school co-chair. The co-chair will then forward all information to each candidate by early July. Complete the steps outlined in the email in order to be able to pay and register online.

Total number of seats available is 80

In the event that a Minor Hockey Association does not fill the seats allocated to it, a waiting list will be utilized to fill any remaining spots. Each Minor Hockey Association is requested to maintain a waiting list in the event seats become available.

Registration is on a first come-first-served basis. All cancellations on or prior to the registration deadline date of August 31 are subject to a minimum \$100.00 administration fee.

Any cancellation made after registration deadline date of August 31 will not be eligible for a refund.

If a registrant becomes ill or is injured, and the School confirms that the registrant should not continue, the School will rebate on a pro-rata basis. Withdrawals for voluntary or disciplinary reasons will not be eligible for refund.





*2023 OMHA Referee School Fee:
\$200.00 (Plus HST)*

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 31, 2023

Online payment and registration will only be accepted and if payment has not been received by August 31, 2023, your seat will be given to the next person from the Minor Hockey Association's Waiting List.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICIATE:

All new HCOP Officials registered with the OMHA shall be required to produce a copy of their Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Screening in a sealed envelope at the OMHA Referee School that they will be attending for the 2023-2024 hockey season.

On Ice Officials under the age of 18 are NOT required to submit a Criminal Record Check (CRC). On Ice Officials 18 years of age and over are required to submit a Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS).

NOTE: *This document may take anywhere from 4-6 weeks to generate. If Participants do not receive their Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Screening prior to the school, they will be able to attend the school but will not be allowed to officiate until they are received.*





PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

The following will be supplied in your packages:

- Hockey Canada Rule Book/Casebook
- OMHA Membership Handbook for Officials
- Referee School Workbook
- OMHA Crest
- OHF Crest
- Hockey Canada Crest
- Fox40 Whistle

EQUIPMENT LIST

Participants are to bring the following:

- Skates
- Referee Sweater (optional)
- Referee Pants (optional)
- BNQ Throat Protector
- Shin pads (optional)
- Athletic support (optional)
- Towels
- Personal Hygiene Items
- T-shirt
- Running Shoes
- Sweat socks
- Jacket
- Shorts
- Sweat Suit
- Helmet and Visor (CSA approved)
- Writing/note pad



NOTES:

- An approved CSA helmet, visor and BNQ Throat Protector are mandatory for all on-ice sessions.
- All other on-ice equipment is recommended but optional.
- The School will supply participants with a Whistle courtesy of Fox40

STRATHROY SCHOOL CONTACTS

For more information and to register please contact:

REGISTRAR	refschool-windsor@omha.net
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