

Preamble:

There have been internal discussions between Jim Fetter, HNO Executive Director and Bryan Graham, HNO Director of Officiating, of establishing a policy through the Development Committee for board approval, where all associations within the branch, will be required to schedule all officiating assignments on-line through the current Goal-Line platform. This system is currently used to schedule all regular season, tournament, and playoff games in the Central Zone for U-Sport, SIJHL, LJHL (Junior B), Thunder Bay Minor Hockey Association, Lakehead Minor Hockey Association and Northwood Hockey Association. By creating a policy where it is mandatory for all associations to use this platform from all three zones, it will create an easily accessible resource to determine the number of games officials are working and the levels of hockey where they are receiving their assignments. These numbers will be beneficial when determining officials for branch championships, Tournament of Champions, and provincial and national events when HNO is the host branch. The Goal-Line platform also allows for easier scheduling for the officials and assignors as availability is recorded to create the first draft and it is a much simpler format when changes must be made once the final draft is sent out by email. Having a master list of all HNO officials on Goal-Line will also allow for supervisions to be completed where the written feedback and evaluations go directly from the Supervisor to the official and the Director of Officiating. These evaluations can also be filed electronically by the Director of Officiating and through the HCR.

Policy:

Beginning the 2023-24 season it is mandatory that all associations within Hockey Northwestern Ontario access the Goal-Line platform to schedule officials for all regular season, tournament, and playoff games. These assignments will be coordinated and entered into the system through the associations referee-in-chief and/or the scheduling assignor. It is also the responsibility of the associations to upload their respective game schedules into the Goal-Line platform so the officiating assignments can be completed.

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New Policy

Reviewed: Annually