



The Officiating of Private Hockey (Non-Sanctioned Hockey)

There are several Non-Sanctioned Private Hockey Programs operating in the Province. These league games are considered non-sanctioned by Hockey Canada and Hockey NL. This poses a problem within the Officiating Program.

- Registered Officials are not to represent Hockey NL and or Hockey Canada if they choose to officiate this brand of hockey.
- The official will not be covered under the Hockey Canada Insurance Plan
- The official, if they choose to officiate this brand of hockey, shall not wear the Hockey Canada patch or the Hockey NL Crest on their jersey.
- The official, if they choose to officiate this brand of hockey, misses an assignment for registered games, may face disciplinary action from the Branch.

It is our understanding that many insurance companies have implemented Communicable Disease/COVID 19 exclusions in their respective policies.

Hockey Canada insurers have agreed to waive this type of exclusion until at least September 1, 2023, therefore, when officiating Hockey NL sanctioned games, you could be covered for liability should you be named as being negligent in your duties that may concern COVID-19.

This coverage is not available to most if not all of the non-sanctioned programs in our branch, therefore, you would be officiating non-sanctioned hockey on the understanding you would have to cover your own costs if such litigation was initiated against you.

I would strongly request that all registered officials in the Hockey Canada Officiating Program and registered with Hockey NL, refrain from officiating all private hockey league games.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Flood", is written over a grey rectangular background.

Ed Flood
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