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Eligibility to Officiate

With the 2023-2024 officiating season approaching it is imperative for Officials to ensure their eligibility to access the program.

On Ice Officials under the age of 18

Due to changes imposed by the new Police Record Checks Reform Act (PRCRA) legislation, effective November 1st, 2018, a police check for persons under 18 years of age **UNLESS** applying for a position with a government agency (federal, provincial or municipal), will not be processed.

Therefore, applicants under the age of 18 **will not** be required to obtain a Police Record Check OR signing of a declaration form is not required.

On Ice Officials **18 years of age and over are required to submit** a Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV) the first time they make a submission.

Every three (3) years On Ice Officials will be required to submit a Criminal Record Check (CRC). (Example: Year one VSV, year two Criminal Offence Declaration Form, year three Criminal Offence Declaration Form and year four CRC.) All On Ice Officials must adhere to this Policy.

Submission of your record check will be as follows:

1. **Year 1 Initial Submission of VSV** - If you are a first-time official attending a clinic or Officiating School, you would submit at the clinic or Officiating School in a sealed envelope, with your full name printed on front. If you do not have your VSV at the time of your clinic or Officiating School and have initiated the process please submit the **receipt** in a sealed envelope, with **your name and date of birth** on the front at your clinic or Officiating School.
2. **Year 2 Criminal Offence Declaration Form** – Prior to registering online for your recertification you must submit to the OHF a fully completed and signed and dated Criminal Offence Declaration form.
3. **Year 3 Criminal Offence Declaration Form** - Prior to registering online for your recertification you must submit to the OHF a fully completed and signed and dated Criminal Offence Declaration form.
4. **Year 4 Criminal Record Check (CRC)** with investigative data bank and local indices check- Prior to registering online for your recertification you must submit to the OHF your Criminal Record Check (CRC) by either:
 - a. Completing your Enhanced Police Information Check Criminal Record Check through Sterling BackCheck:
<https://pages.sterlingbackcheck.ca/landing-pages/o/ohf/>
OR
 - b. Obtaining your Criminal Record Check with investigative data bank and local indices check- from your local police Department and submitting to the OHF.
5. Year 5 – Repeat Steps 2, 3, 4 over the next three years.
6. If you did not register during the 2020-2021 season you must complete a Criminal Record Check with investigative data bank and local indices check- (CRC).

Methods of submission are a scan by email or mailing of a hard copy. If the scan by email is not deemed a true copy the original will be requested to be mailed. By scan email to recordcheck@ohf.on.ca, or by Mail to address below (**no pictures will be accepted**). **All Receipts must have your Date of Birth or HCR number written on it.**

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Attention: Criminal Record Check Inspector

If the on-ice official is deemed **ineligible** through review of their VSV, CRC or Criminal Offence Declaration Form they will be notified.

Officials are encouraged to create an account through the new HCR 3.0 platform.

How to create HCR 3.0 Account:

- 1) Go to: <https://hcr3.hockeycanada.ca>
- 2) On the log in page, click "Sign Up".
- 3) Sign up with the email you wish to use for your account.
- 4) The system will prompt you to complete your account information – please complete all required fields, then click "Sign Up"
- 5) The system will require a 6-digit verification code. You will receive an email with this code. (Note: Please Check your Junk Mail for an email from HCR Hockey Canada.)
- 6) Once you have completed the set up, you should be able to log into your account by entering your email and password.

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