

Application for National Appointment

Requirements

- ABOA members must apply by **October 1st** of the current season.
- Must pay a \$25 application fee to offset Evaluation expenses. Apply on-line to Jake Steinbrenner at refalberta.ca and mail cheque along with hard copy application to ABOA Treasurer, Paul Rocca.
- CIS and CCAA applicants must officiate in minimum 5 regular season games at the post-secondary level.
- Must be **ready and available** for appropriate "evaluation and observation" opportunities to be seen by the Evaluation Committee. There will be more than one opportunity in case of conflicts with personal commitments but those seen more than once increase the comparative information available.
- Must meet all present **ABOA criteria** (see ABOA Policies)
- **It is important that each official is appropriately qualified for the National(s) they are selecting***. Performance and consistency are the highest weighted criteria with personal commitment and potential the other major factors used by ABOA to select nominees. Also, officials applying for their first or second National at one of the Summer Championships will be able to submit in more categories than those with several National experiences.
- A guideline is outlined below for all applicants to observe. **While ABOA cannot anticipate every circumstance, this should provide parameters for most officials**.**
- All applications that are considered by ABOA for any appointment received from CABO are for the **current season only and are non-refundable.**

Considerations

- The number of ABOA officials who have demonstrated proficiency and success at National Championships at all levels is substantial and as such there are **many worthy candidates** every season. One of the **purposes** of this application process is for every official to carefully and **objectively** consider what is required of themselves to improve and further their development. Officials at this level referee for the right reasons with an open and honest perspective. They recognize that officiating is not an individual effort; rather they accept that professionalism and respect for the game, good partnering skills, teamwork and leadership are required to complement a competitive spirit.

Categories

- The National tournaments are **categorized** according to the ability and experience required to officiate at a **high level**. ABOA will receive at least one appointment per season for CCAA and CIS. U15 and U17 are dependent upon the host location and there is no guarantee we will receive an appointment in each category. Therefore, if you apply for a U15 or U17 and ABOA does not receive an appointment, your application can be 'banked' to the following season without further payment of the evaluation fee.
- Category **A** – U15 Girls & Boys (2 person)
- U17 Girls & Boys (3 person)
- Category **B** – CCAA Women (2 person)
- Category **C** – CCAA Men
- Category **D** – CIS Women
- Category **E** – CIS Men
- For an official applying for their....**1st National Appointment** – can apply for Category **A** and can select & specify 1, 2, 3 or all 4 Nationals. For U17 must have 3 person regular season experience.
- **2nd National Appointment** – can apply for Category **A** and can select & specify 1, 2, 3 or all 4 Nationals. If the official has

demonstrated success at a Category **A** National, they can apply for Category **B**.

- **3rd National Appointment** – can apply for only a successive National in Category **A**, plus one of either Category **B or C**. To apply for Category **C**, the official must have demonstrated competency in 3 person and success at a Category **A or B** National.
- **4th National Appointment** – any 2 of Category **B, C and D**.
- **5th National Appointment** – any 2 of Category **B, C, D and E**
- **6th National Appointment** – any 2 of Category **B** (unless already attended 3 times), **C, D and E**
- **7th National Appointment** – any 2 of Category **C, D and E**
- **8th National Appointment** – only 1 of Category **C, D or E**
- **9th or more** – only 1 of Category **D or E**

***ABOA Evaluation Committee reserves the right to deny any first time application or to prioritize applications to meet limited evaluation opportunities. Officials are expected to learn and demonstrate a higher level of skill and competency to be considered for any successive appointment.**

****Canada Games and Western Canada Games are every 4 years and will be announced separately. For 'One time' Appointments ie. Open Men or Women Championships – ABOA will select from current qualified applicants.**