



What is your favorite thing about officiating?

- I get to be a part of the game and see it from a different perspective than a spectator.
- Calling a big goal.
- Seeing the kids have fun.
- Staying involved in hockey after hanging the player skates up after U15.
- Making friends with coaches and refs along the way.
- I'm new to officiating but looking forward to learning more about the rules of the game.
- Interaction with the players. Helping, mentoring and supporting each other as a team approach to better the game, and to make it an enjoyable experience for everyone.
- Making relationships with other officials, it's a community.
- My favourite thing about officiating is the last few minutes of a close playoff game and the hundreds of hours of work to get there.
- I love to watch hockey...so timekeeping is perfect!
- The camaraderie between officials both on the ice and off.
- Watching the little boys and girls getting so excited after scoring a goal.
- My favorite is when the game is close and the fans are excited but I still need to be ready on the clock!
- Great way to build a resume, make extra money, and learn a new skill.
- My favorite thing about officiating is being on the ice, interacting with the players and coaches and ensuring that the game runs smoothly and safe.
- When I timekept for my high school hockey team I got to involve myself with the team and support my school while learning and developing as a time keeper!
- I guess it would be helping the little kids understand why they get a penalty.
- I love hearing and seeing how much fun the young players are having. It reminds me that hockey is a lot about friendship and fun.
- I've been very appreciative how all the players and coaches have treated me, everyone has been really nice, even when I've made a mistake. The best part is getting to be a part of all the games and watch some great hockey.
- It doesn't feel like I'm working because it's just really fun.



What did you miss most during the cancelled season?

- I missed seeing kids work together as teammates and building each other up on the ice and hearing them encourage each other.
- The excitement of close games.
- Having somewhere I had to be, a schedule.
- Being part of the referee community.
- Seeing the kid have fun.
- I "started" in 2020-2021, but never reffed a game. So I missed getting to learn to ref.
- Being able to hang out with my friends, seeing the players from past seasons.
- I missed, most particularly, the money - my tuition bill stayed the same while my income decreased significantly.
- I missed the thrill of having your skates on the ice, the sounds of the hockey arena.
- Post-game in the dressing room, reviewing the game and "recovering"
- I signed up to TK in fall 2020 then the cancelled season...so excited to learn to TK now!
- Not being able to play or time keep hockey.
- The team bonding on and off the ice and meeting new people and going new places.
- The opportunity to gain more experience timekeeping.
- During the cancelled season I missed being on the ice and skating the most. Not being able to play or officiate hockey was hard for me as it is such a big part of my life.
- I stepped away from time keeping for a couple years (including cancellation) and I came back all these years later to enjoy my time in the rink and join the community again!
- The money. The people I work with. The sport itself.
- The team atmosphere, being around friends, and experiencing the game together.
- The social aspect of the game. Since we have returned, discussions about our lives, the game we worked or games with others have lasted much longer than they have in previous years. Ref room talk is always a great aspect of being an official.
- I wasn't able to get out on the ice.
- Being able to work with so many different people in and out of the community, and the feeling of being on the ice as an official.
- All of it. I didn't realize how much I missed until it was all gone.



What is your favorite story or experience about officiating?

- I feel the best officiating story is being thanked by some coaches and parents for being a referee so that the game of hockey can continue!!
- After a game, there was a knock on the door. it was the wo coaches for the next game asking for the refs as their's hadn't shown. Without even knowing the level, I said sure and had a lot of fun and enjoyed the challenge.
- I like the growth of my referee experience over the years. I like my contributions to the game and seeing the hockey players improve and learn.
- Working in the Female Sports school Challenge, great group of officials to work with.
- My favourite officiating experience on men's U18 flag football national championship gold medal game crew, and specifically the fist bumps I got after the game from all the other tournament officials who were there watching. It's extremely satisfying both to have officiated the "big game" and to have had others affirm that I did a good job. I have lots of good hockey memories too, but that's been my highlight so far.
- I was lining my first Jr C game, and a toe to toe fight broke out. A 'great' fight as far as they go. They went to the ice, my partner and I were aces and dove in to break it up. Players were still struggling a bit (but we had it). The ref leaned his head into the pile and said "I'm good with double minors for roughing if you guys just head to the box now". They did.
- I got to time keep one morning and it turned out that my gym teacher's kid was on one of the teams.
- I really appreciate it when the refs work with me and we work as a team to make the game run smoothly and help everyone have fun.
- I was officiating a game and half-way through a coach from another rink came asking for an official to do their game, as no other officials showed up. Being able to quickly react to the situation and get the game going on the other rink was super fun. Being able to stop the game from having to be cancelled (which as a hockey player I know would really suck) made this experience even better.
- I've only refereed one game but maybe that the coaches we nice to me and the mentor was helpful
- Early in the 2020 season when all the professional players from Winnipeg had not left for their teams yet, I was able to skate with Blake Wheeler, Cody Eakin, Mark Scheifele, Seth Jarvis! Watching those guys play at that level was an unbelievable experience.
- When I was much younger many moons ago, another minor official and I were invited to be "Guest Officials" at a Women's (now called Worlds) Canada vs USA Exhibition Game. We were invited to the pre-game meeting with coaches, dress and skate with the officials during the warm-up/national anthems, observe the game and come to the between periods and end of game debriefing. It was such a unique experience/opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes and listen to the specific challenges officials face at this elite level.