- All Level I, II and NEW Level III officials <u>are required</u> to complete the four (4) hour online Hockey University certification course PRIOR TO registering and attending a four (4) hour in class clinic. 4 hour clinics are now able to provide flexibility in dates and times for our officials who participate in other activities.
- The 4 hour in class Level I and II clinics will consist of 3 hours in a classroom setting and a 1 hour mandatory ice session. Total length of the Level I and II clinics will remain 8 hours (4 hours online/4 hours classroom/ice)
- Level II officials advancing to Level III are required to complete the 4 hour online course AND attend any Level III certification clinic. Approval for advancement to Level III is still required by the RIC.
- Level I and II combined clinics will be available (depending on location), Level I III combined clinics will no longer be available. Officials may only certify at their applicable level. Ie: Level III official may not certify at a Level II clinic.
- Current Level III V officials not presently in Hockey Manitoba Officials High Performance Program will be required to attend and certify at a 4 hour Level III clinic.
 SRD Exams will be made available to IV-V officials certifying at a Level III clinic.
- All Hockey University courses will be available through user's existing eHockey
 accounts. New officials will be required to set up eHockey accounts
 https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/Account/login.aspx in order to complete HU
 and register for an in-person clinic.
- The fee, <u>paid by credit card only</u>, for individuals accessing the Officials section of HU is \$23.00. (Hockey Canada \$19.00, Hockey Manitoba \$4.00). Hockey Manitoba's fee of \$4.00 matches the lowest branch fee in the country (average \$10.00)
- Membership fees have increased by \$3.25 for all Level I VI officials as per the 2013-2014 Fee Structure passed at the Annual General Meeting in May
- All officials will be charged a \$3.00 Facility Use Fee to assist host communities in offsetting facility rental costs. This will be collected and rebated back to the <u>Region</u> for disbursement at the end of the clinic season. The \$100.00 Ice Grant will still be available to all hosts who submit an Ice Grant Application Form.
- Registration for ALL in-person Level I III clinics <u>must be done online</u> through user's eHockey accounts once HU is completed (Level I, II and new Level III's only).
- **NO WALKUPS** will be allowed to participate in clinics.
- Registrants must attend the clinic that they have registered online for. If they are unable to attend their clinic they must transfer their registration to an alternate clinic (dependant on availability), they may do so by contacting the Hockey Manitoba office. A \$25.00 transfer charge will be applied payable by credit card only.
- All on-line and in-person clinic registration fees are payable by credit card only, cheques will no longer be accepted. MHA's paying for their officials certification will now be required to reimburse the official directly. Hockey Manitoba will no longer accept payment by associations for multiple participant registrations.

The launch date of Hockey University is still to be determined, but is expected in midlate July. Hockey Manitoba will begin notifying officials directly through email and enewsletters in the next few weeks of the changes to the clinic format and registration procedures. Our website will also serve as a valuable communication tool and will be updated very soon.

With your support as the minor hockey association RIC and the continued support of our Regional Referee Coordinators, I believe the transition to Hockey University can be made without difficulty. Early communication and education on the changes will be the key to a successful implementation. If you have any questions about Hockey University please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your Regional Referee.

Thank you.

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