



Program Criteria:

# Junior Officials Program

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## Introduction

The Speed Skating BC (SSBC) Junior Officials Program, updated in 2022, provides structure and recognition for young SSBC members assisting with officiating at competitions. The program is locally administered at each club. Clubs can request recognition pins for candidates at each level by filling in the following form: [Junior Officials Pin Order Form](#).

## Junior Official A

This level is about recognizing, encouraging and cultivating the interest in the skater to give back to the club and to younger skaters. These entry level candidates should be exposed to a positive officiating environment. They must be directly supervised.

## Criteria

- Encourages skaters with a fun and positive attitude
- Follows the directions of the chief officials
- Volunteers in one official role at any level of competition
- Contributes 1 to 2 hours to officiating.

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## Junior Official B

This level recognizes a young official's responsibility and continued interest in officiating. At this level they will be encouraged to try multiple (2 or more) official positions.

### Criteria

- Demonstrates positive attitude
- Follows the directions of the chief officials
- Volunteers in officiating positions with guidance from another official: Refereeing, Starting, Recording, Lap counting, Timing, Place judging, Marshalling, or Track stewarding
- Contributes 1 to 3 hours in different positions.

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## Junior Official C

Officials at this level should now be pursuing their Level 1 Official's Clinic. Appropriate opportunities under indirect supervision should be given.

### Criteria

- Encourages skaters with a fun and positive attitude
- Completes a one-day competition in the chosen position
- Attends an educational session about speed skating
- Keeps a record of competitions in which they have officiated
- Begins working on requirements to complete Level 1 Official's certification.



## Junior Official D

This level recognizes Junior Officials who have taken the Level 1 Official's Clinic and are comfortable officiating under indirect supervision.

### Criteria

- Officiates in a new area of officiating
- If possible, officiates at a competition hosted by a club other than their home club
- Completes one of the following supplementary courses:
  - First Aid Course
  - Speed Skating Canada presentation on Racing Rules and Language
  - Speed Skating BC required clinics such as Safe Sport or others
- Completes requirements for Level 1 Official's certification.
  1. Completes Level 1 Official's Clinic
  2. Assists in a position at a minimum of 2 events (at least 1 must be SSBC-sanctioned)
  3. Submits an online upgrade request to SSBC ODC by March 31<sup>st</sup> annually. ODC may request a performance evaluation. Note – An upgrade is not guaranteed in the first application. By completing these 4 levels of the Junior Officials Program, the Junior Official will have met the necessary criteria to be upgraded in the future. Consultation with a mentor and getting more guidance is the best way to ensure success in your next upgrade request.

