WTHL Referee FAQ Sheet



1) How do you become a referee?

In order to become a certified team handball referee in Manitoba, you must take the beginners clinic which is usually offered annually in the fall by the WTHL. However this depends on level of interest and need. You will need to be observed and be evaluated to begin at level C.

2) How do you move up levels?

- I. You must referee 10 games (high school or adult league counts)
- II. Attend a mandatory recertification clinic every 2 years. If this is not met, you may drop down level(s)
- III. Receive positive evaluation(s), This usually follows recertification but is also for new referees or when there are concerns with performance. Ideally, all referees should be evaluated annually.

3) What is the pay?

Pay per game	Current	New 2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Level A	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$40.00
Level B	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$37.00
Level C	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$28.00	\$31.00	\$35.00

Referees are usually paid three times in a given season. Once in December (1st half), once in March (2nd half), and again in April for playoffs. Pre-season tournament pay may be lumped in with the first half.

4) Is there an expected amount of commitment?

There is no mandatory or expected level of commitment. However, if you refuse assignments regularly then the number of assignments you receive may be reduced.

5) What is the 2023-34 Referee Retention/Incentive Program?

To encourage new referees and retain our current referees, the WTHL is announcing the 2023-34 Referee Retention/Incentive Program of which there are 4 parts:

- I. Increased pay (see #3 for the new pay scale).
- II. All current referees will receive a new referee jersey paid for by the WTHL.
- III. All new referees will be reimbursed for the cost of 2 referee jerseys, cards, and a whistle. This will be honoured after a new referee has completed 4 games.
- IV. The WTHL has made a commitment to facilitate getting all referees up to date on recertification and evaluations by the end of the 2023-24 season

6) When is the next beginners clinic?

The 2023-24 beginners clinic is being held on **Thursday, November 30th, 2023 from approximately 6:30pm-9:00pm.** This clinic is free to attend, there is no obligation to continue with the process.

Please click the link below to fill out your information so we can contact you with further details if you are interested in attending the clinic. *DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 6:00PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2023.*

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7) Where can I provide feedback as to why I don't want to be a referee or I you stopped?

See link below:

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