

IHUK OFFICIATING LEVEL 1

COURSE INFORMATION

2019-20 SEASON



Who should book on this course?

The IHUK Officiating Level 1 course is suitable for people wanting to begin ice hockey officiating. Attendees may be new to the sport completely or they may have some experience within the sport, either as a referee in an unofficial or untrained capacity for their local club during training sessions, or maybe as a current player, former player as a coach, or in another capacity.

Anyone who is interested in becoming an official and wanting to learn more about officiating of the game should look to attend the level 1 course as an introductory course to officiating. It is the entry level course to starting as an official in ice hockey in the IHUK referee section.

What are the course requirements?

- The **minimum age for officials is 15 years old**. Individuals who are younger than 15 years old on the date of the course can attend but they cannot register or be eligible to be allocated games to officiate until their 15th birthday.
- Attendees must be able to **communicate effectively in English** (this includes listening, speaking, reading, writing and comprehension).
- Attendees must **attend all parts of the course**.
- Attendees must complete the **online rules test within 1 month** of attending the course if they wish to pass the course and register as an official.
- Attendees must have a **basic level of skating and complete and pass the skating test on the course**.

What does the skating test include?

The skating test is designed to confirm that individuals have a basic skating ability. To attend and pass the IHUK officiating level 1 course, attendees must be able to execute the following skills on ice with proficiency and under control. If an attendee is unable to demonstrate their ability to carry out the following skills, they will not be permitted to continue or to pass the course.

- Skate forward
- Skate backwards
- Stop on both feet forward & backward
- Stop moving in all directions
- Carry out tight turn in both directions
- Crossover efficiently forwards and backwards
- Pivot forwards to backwards and backwards to forward

Please note: If an attendee is unable to demonstrate their ability to carry out these skills due to an injury, it may be possible to arrange an evaluation at a later date. However, this is only with the prior consent of the IHUK Level One Officiating Manager. Please also note that it may incur an additional fee and the individual will not be able to register or allocated any games as an official until the skating test component of the course has been completed.

What is the online rules test?

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The online rules test is a requirement for all IHUK registered officials. For level 1 there is no set pass mark. It is just a requirement to do the test and record a score within 1 month of taking the level 1 course if you wish to register to be an official.

Once you are registered as an official then your score in the rules test will be monitored in terms of progressing and improving on it year on year.

What is the course outline?

Attendees will learn the basics of officiating and how the IHUK Referee Section works, which will include the following:

- Qualities of an official
- Responsibilities for referees and linesman
- Basic positioning for the 2 and 3 official system
- Basic Linesman procedures
- Basic Referee procedures
- IHUK officiating standard
- U11 Rules of Competition
- IHUK Officiating Programme
- Fight procedures

Attendees will take part in the following activities:

- classroom theory sessions
- practical ice skating test
- practical in game experience
- post course online rules test

How much is the course?

The cost of the level 1 officiating course is £120 for courses run in England, and £60 for courses run in Scotland, this must be paid to confirm your booking onto the course.

The course fee includes your registration/insurance fee to be an official for the remainder of the 2019/20 season.

What does the cost of the course include and what materials will you be provided with for the course?

The £120 includes your fee for the course and your insurance fee to be an official for the season that you take the officiating course in (remainder of 2019/20 season).

For the course, you will be provided with the following:

- USB with electronic copies of the rule-book and further course reading material
- A whistle

What do you need to bring to the course?

The course is split into classroom theory sessions and on-ice practice sessions.

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For the classroom theory sessions, you need to bring with you:

- A pen and paper for taking notes;
- If you want to follow the course notes during the presentations, then you are welcome to bring a laptop or device that can read a USB (there will not be paper hand-outs provided).

For the on-ice session, you need to bring with you:

- Skates, tracksuit and helmet with a half visor as a minimum
- If you want to wear fuller protective equipment such as girdles, shin pads, elbow pads, then this is also fine but down to your own choice. As a minimum you are required to wear a helmet with a half-visor with a tracksuit and skates.

*Please note that there will be **no food or refreshments supplied on the course**. There will be short breaks throughout the course and only a 30-minute lunch break so you are advised to bring adequate food and drink with you for the duration of the course or to ensure you have money to be able to purchase something from the course venue for lunch.

How do you book a place on the course?

To book a place on a course you need to fill in the online booking form. After completing the booking form, you will be taken through to a payment page to submit your course payment.

Should you need to cancel your attendance the cancellation policy is set out below:

- If you cancel your attendance more than 30 days before the course you will receive a full refund.
- If you cancel your attendance less than 30 days before the course (for any reason) you will not be entitled to a refund.

To cancel attendance, you need to inform our Level One Course Manager, Tom Stephenson and he will confirm your eligibility for a refund based on the policy outlined above and where required take into consideration any extenuating circumstances as appropriate.

[Please click here to book your place.](#)

Once your place on the course is confirmed, you will be sent a confirmation email.

Closer to the date of your course you will receive full course joining instructions and a welcome email informing you of the exact location and any specific details relating to your course. This will be sent from the course instructor usually 7 days prior to your course.

If you have problems accessing the online booking form or any questions about how to book a place on the course, please email Tom Stephenson, Level One Course Manager at tom.stephenson@ihukreferee.co.uk.

Once you have completed the course how do you register as an official?

Once you have completed the level 1 course in the classroom and the on-ice skating session you will be sent your online log-in to the officials portal.

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Upon logging in to the portal, you must complete your registration tasks and online rules test.

The online rules test must be completed within one month of the course date for you to complete and pass the IHUK level 1 officiating course.

You will not be eligible to register as an official or to officiate games under the IHUK referee section until the online rules test part of the course is complete.

As a registered IHUK Official you will be sent the following:

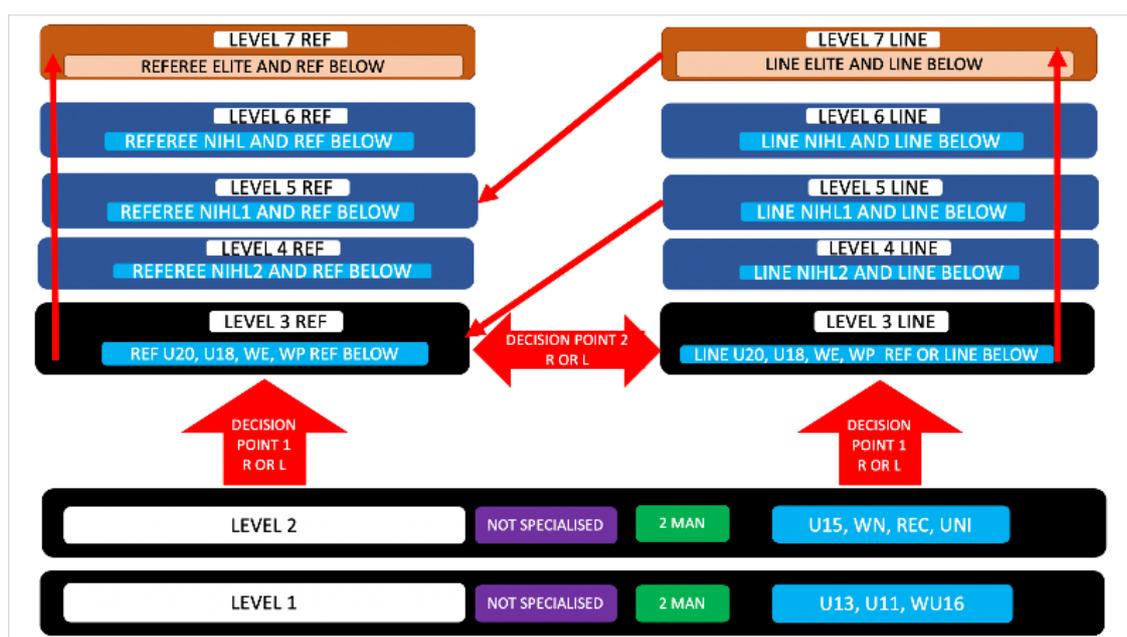
- A level 1 IHUK Officiating certificate;
- A Referee Section ID badge;
- A referee patch for your jersey;
- An email with your personal log-in details for the referee game scheduling software used by the IHUK Referee Section (currently HorizonWebRef);
- An email with your personal log-in details for the electronic game sheet software used by the IHUK (currently fixtureslive).
- A welcome pack from the Level One Officiating Manager with useful information about mentor officials and where you can go for help.

What will the course qualify you to do?

On completion of the course you will be eligible to register for the season and to officiate games as a level 1 official.

Please see the grading/level system for officials in the IHUK referee section below for further explanation.

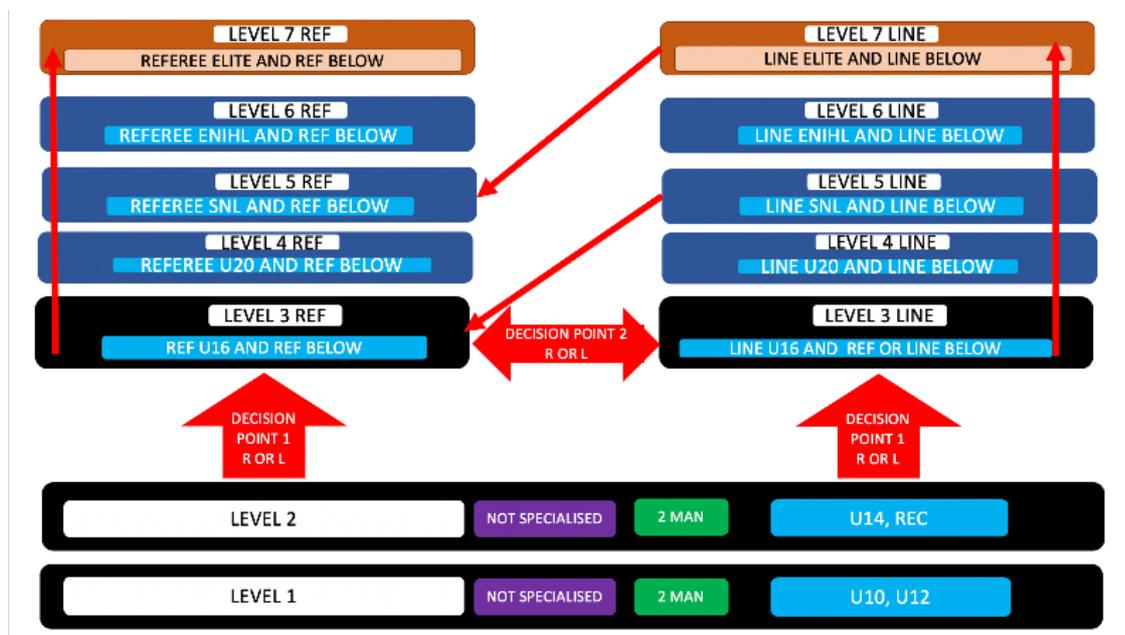
ENGLAND



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SCOTLAND



Please note that there is potential you will be used in level 2 games to help ensure all games under the IHUK have the appropriate number of officials and to help train and develop you.

It is therefore likely you will officiate in level 1 and level 2 in your first season. However, to officially progress through the levels you will be required to pass the necessary requirements to move up to the next level.

You will not be given senior level games in your first season (level 3 or above). However, it may be possible for you to fast-track to level 3 in your second season depending on your performance during games and on your on-ice skating tests times and rules test results.

How many games will you be able to officiate each season once you have done the course?

This will depend on a few factors:

- your availability;
- your location;
- how many games of a level 1 or 2 standard are being played in your area and with a mentor official available for you to work with.

It can be a slower start to officiating than we would like to offer you and largely this is down to your availability and appropriate level games coinciding. We also try to ensure that you work your first few games with an experienced official and that you are aware of mentor officials in your local area so you can meet with them and understand more about your role on the ice.

We will use you as much as possible in the first season but it is important you have a realistic expectation for the number of games you will work and appreciate that you are joining a development programme.

Will you be paid to officiate games and what are the fees?

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You are paid to officiate games and upon registering you will be provided with the details of the fees for all level of games.

What are the future costs to being an official?

All IHUK registered officials are required each year to:

- attend a conference/seminar as set by the IHUK Referee Section;
- complete the required CPD/testing for their level;
- pay for their insurance/registration for the following season.

For the 2019/20 season the CPD will be a National Referee Conference and the cost to attend will include the insurance/registration fee for officials.

We appreciate that starting out as an official can be an expense and so in the season after taking your level 1 course (2020/21) you will be offered a 50% discount to the cost of attending the National Referee Conference and the registration insurance fee.

The National Referee Conference for the 2020/21 season cost has yet to be set, but for reference, the cost for season 2019/20 was £160 – discounted to £80 for those in their first season.

What equipment is required to be an official under the IHUK?

The minimum equipment requirements to be an official are outlined below:

- Skates (with white laces);
- Black trousers;
- Official IHUK approved jersey (non-mesh) with nameplate on the back;
- Black helmet;
- Approved IHUK half visor;
- Whistle (suggested Acme Thunder).

The recommended equipment requirements are outlined below:

- Shin pads;
- Girdle;
- Box/pelvic protector;
- Elbow pads;
- Chest protector.