

The health and safety of our hockey referees is of the utmost importance to our association. As such, we have implemented a number of measures to ensure the well-being of all those involved in our organization.

First and foremost, all of our referees are required to complete a comprehensive training program before they are allowed to officiate any games. This training covers a variety of topics, including rules of the game, proper equipment and clothing, and how to handle emergency situations.

In addition, we have established guidelines for the maintenance and upkeep of all equipment used by our referees. This includes ensuring that all protective gear, such as helmets and pads, are in good repair and meet industry standards.

We also recognize the importance of proper nutrition and hydration for the health and safety of our referees. We encourage our referees to eat a well-balanced diet and stay hydrated, during games.

Furthermore, we have implemented a concussion protocol to ensure the proper handling of any head injuries sustained by our referees. This protocol includes guidelines for removal from play and return-to-activity, as well as resources for support and education from Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation.

We also understand the importance of mental health and have resources in place to support our referees, including access to mental health professionals and confidential support lines available on the OHF website.

In addition to these measures, we also have policies in place to address any incidents or accidents that may occur during games. This includes incident reporting procedures and protocols for responding to emergencies.

Our referees should follow the same guidelines for safety as players and other individuals involved in the game.

It is important for our association to stay up-to-date with the latest guidelines from public health officials and to follow the protocols put in place by the hockey league or organizations we are working with.

Overall, the health and safety of our referees is a top priority for our organization. We are committed to providing the necessary resources and support to ensure that our referees can focus on officiating the game to the best of their abilities, while also feeling confident in their own safety and well-being.