

# **Bow Valley Referees Association**

## **Assigning Prioritization Policy**

### **Goal:**

A transparent direction for the prioritizing the order that officiating opportunities are given officials.

### **Stakeholders:**

- Bow Valley Referees Association (BVRA)
- Banff Hockey Academy (BHA)
- Banff Minor Hockey Association (BMHA)
- Canmore Minor Hockey Association (CMHA)
- Non-local Minor Hockey Association(s) (Non-local MHA)

### **Background:**

- The term “Bow Valley” encompasses the communities of Banff, Canmore, Exshaw and Lake Louise
- The BVRA is recognized by the Central Zone Referee Council of Hockey Alberta as the coordinating body for sanctioned hockey officiating in the Bow Valley
- The BVRA is no different that other officiating groups across Canada in that the recruitment and retention of officials remains difficult and officiating rosters are chronically understaffed. Thus outside factors and requests notwithstanding, the BVRA has finite resources available to provide qualified officials.
- Hockey Alberta has mandated that Provincial Playdowns are the priority for every team when scheduling
- The person(s) designated by BVRA to assign officials to referee hockey games shall require that any and all officiating requests be communicated to them at least 4 days in advance.

### **Policy:**

The person(s) designated by BVRA to assign officials to referee games in the Bow Valley shall do so in the following order provided the required advance notice has been given:

1. Provincial Tournaments
2. Provincial playdown games
3. BMHA/CMHA playoff games
4. BHA playoff games
5. BMHA/CMHA League games
6. BHA “Showcase” tournaments
7. BHA scheduled games
8. BMHA/CMHA tournaments
9. BHA/BMHA/CMHA exhibition games
10. Non-local tournaments
11. Non-local exhibition games