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Tennis Alberta acknowledges that the presence of quality Officials within the Province will add to the quality of tennis, helping to improve not only the level of competitive tennis, but also the retention rate.

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DIFFERENT TYPES OF OFFICIALS

ROVING UMPIRE

The Roving Umpire exercises jurisdiction over more than one court at a time. The Roving Umpire's duties are similar to those of a Chair Umpire and include, but are not limited to, the following responsibilities: ensuring that assigned courts are ready for play; enforcing the Rules of Tennis, the Code of Conduct, and the Tournament Regulations; resolving scoring disputes between players; overruling erroneous line calls by the players and calling foot-faults.

CHAIR UMPIRE

The Chair Umpire is responsible for all aspects of the match to which he/she is assigned. He/she applies the Rules of Tennis, the Code of Conduct, and the Tournament Regulations on court. In the absence of some or all Line Umpires, the Chair Umpire assumes all their duties except those that he/she may delegate to another umpire or to the players.

LINE UMPIRE

The Line Umpire's primary role, as a member of the on-court officiating team, is to assist the Chair Umpire in determining if a ball falls within or outside of the boundaries of the court. In addition, a Line Umpire calls foot-faults and net serves (in the case of a Net Umpire), and assists by performing other duties that are assigned by the Chair Umpire (for example, escorting players to the toilet during the course of a match and preparing and performing ball changes).

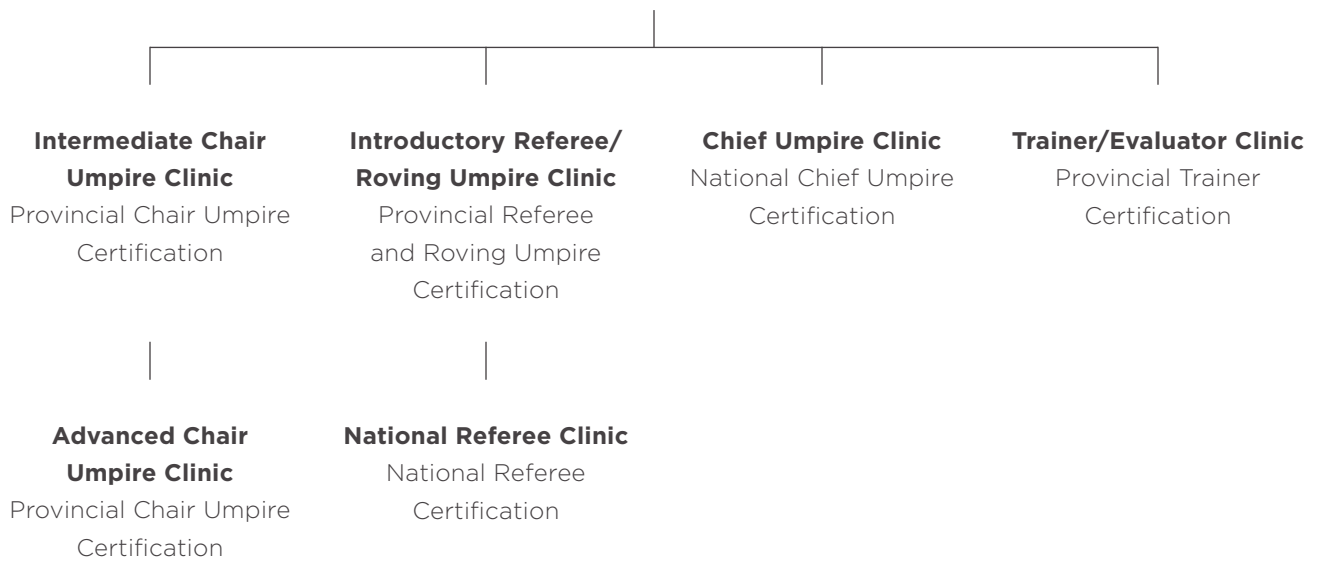
REFEREE

The Referee is the final on-site authority for the interpretation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations, the Code of Conduct, the Rules of Tennis, and for all other matters that require immediate resolution at the tournament site. He/she supervises all aspects of play, including, but not limited to, the conduct and actions of players, coaches, parents, umpires, and ball kids. In collaboration with the Tournament Committee, he/she participates in making the draws and in preparing the daily Order of Play.

INTRODUCTION TO OFFICIATING CLINIC

LINE UMPIRE, CHAIR UMPIRE, ROVING UMPIRE

LOCAL OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION



1. INTRODUCTION TO OFFICIATING CLINIC

This is the first course that someone must take in order to begin on their path to become a certified Official within the Province. The requirements for the course are a fundamental knowledge of tennis rules and procedures, which will be built on within the course. After this course, individuals can begin their training as a **Roving Umpire**.

2. MANDATORY TRAINING

After an individual has completed the Introduction to Officiating Clinic, they must participate in 3 on-court training opportunities working as a Roving Umpire under an experienced Official. Once they have completed this training, and received a satisfactory review, they will become a Certified Roving Umpire.

3. BEGIN WORKING

Once certified, you can begin working and getting paid at smaller level tournaments, working your way up to larger events within the Province, and then afterwards National and International level events. The junior tournament breakdown in Alberta is as follows:

- 3 Star - Competition Tour: An opportunity for players to build a ranking and gain match play opportunities
- 3.5 Star - Qualifying Series: These tournaments act as the Qualifying draws for our Selection Series. The Top 4 players will qualify for the corresponding Selection event.
- 4 Star - Selection Series: These tournaments are used to identify which players will represent Tennis Alberta at Junior Nationals.
- 5 Star - Provincials - Our Provincial Championship. The premier event for Juniors in Alberta. Used as part of the National Selection process.
- 6 Star - Nationals - Players from all across Canada compete in this event to identify the best player in Canada for each age group. Alberta currently hosts U12 Indoor Nationals in March.
- ITF - International Tennis Federation events are for the top Juniors in the world to gain experience and points at an international level.

In addition to Junior Events, Tennis Alberta also hosts adult events, which are broken down as follows:

- NTRP - (3.0, 4.0, 5.0): These tournaments are for recreational adults to play against players of a similar level for competitive matches
- Open - (100, 200, 350, 1000): These tournaments are for high level players to earn a National Ranking, and potentially prize money. The highest level (1000) will garner some of Canada's best players as well as professional athletes.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

After gaining experience as a Roving Umpire, Officials will have the opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of ways. We have in the past offered travel opportunities for our Officials to work larger events in other Provinces. We also periodically host Chair Umpire and Lines Umpire training. Our Line Umpires have worked in events from Junior ITF, all the way up to the Rogers Cup.

OFFICIATING PAY STRUCTURE

Working as an Official in Alberta, individuals will be paid a stipend based on the amount of time they work. Shifts are divided into either a Half-Day or Full-Day, and meals are paid based on the number of hours worked.

| STIPEND | HALF DAY (0-6 HRS) | FULL DAY (6-10 HRS) | ADDITIONAL HOURS (10+) |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Amount Paid | \$55 | \$110 | \$110 + \$11 / hr |

| MEAL PAY | 0-4 HRS | 4-8 HRS | 8-12 HRS | 12+ HRS |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Amount Paid | \$0 | \$20 | \$40 | \$60 |

| HOURS | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Stipend + Meals | \$55 | \$75 | \$75 | \$130 | \$130 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 | \$161 | \$172 | \$203 |

Please note that although some hours pay more on a per hour basis, the tournaments will be scheduled to fit the needs of the event. For example, a day which is running 8am-10pm will be split into two 7 hour shifts.

TRAVELING

Officials who are requested by Tennis Alberta to travel within the province to work will be paid for their traveling. Tennis Alberta covers mileage at a rate of \$0.40/kilometer and will provide individuals with a hotel for multiple nights. In the instance that multiple Officials are requested to travel we will ask them to car pool and share hotel rooms (if applicable) in order to save on costs.

Criteria for Working as an Official in Alberta:

- All Officials must have completed the necessary training for their selected work, and received a Satisfactory Review in order to begin work.
- Officials are responsible for purchasing the proper Tennis Canada Officiating Uniform, including the Official's shirt, as well as khaki pants and appropriate shoes.
- Officials will be responsible for making themselves available to work a minimum of 10 events over the course of the year.
- Officials are responsible for completing the Code Violation report and emailing it back to tournaments@tennisalberta.com after each event.
- Officials are responsible for sending their Work Report to Tennis Canada, as well as complete the necessary Open Book Test each year.