

Gary Poteshman

Hi I'm Gary Poteshman and I'm a veteran Level three official who officiates over 300 games a year for this great organization. I started officiating 10 years ago and have been a player and coach for over 40 years in the Chicago area.

Being part of this great family of officials has given me so much pride and joy over the years and now I want to continue to give back to the Hockey community. I've been fortunate enough to be on the ice with many fine officials and I want to be their voice and represent the concerns for the backbone of this organization, "the veteran level three's."

I don't have a long resume like some of the other fine candidates, but my credentials come from the life experiences I have lived on and off the ice as an official. I never in my wildest dreams thought that officiating hockey would be a huge part of my life, but this hobby/profession/passion has permeated my life to the core and has taken me on a great journey.

Never did I think that officiating would put me on the ice with the top twenty High school teams in the state as a ref or linesman that I'd officiate at an international tournament In Israel, officiate Olympic sled hockey players, work with world Class officials from AHL, and international world championships and they would treat me as an equal - a 60 year old guy who can't skate

Without the veteran Level 3, doing everything from house to butcher league, there is no organized hockey, period. And I'm here not as a hot-shot guy banding New Trier Green, but as a mouthpiece and advocate for the hundreds of us veteran Level 3s.

The only promise that I'll make to the rank and file is that I will listen to you and voice your concerns as your representative to IHOA