



## George Gadjovich

George Gadjovich started his career as a match official in 1980, becoming Canada's premier referee in the 1990s. Overall, he officiated over 1000 club, regional, provincial, national and international matches over an almost 20 year career.

His first international match came in 1991 in Hartford, when he officiated Scotland versus the USA. From 1991 to 1997 he refereed 14 international matches and three A/B international matches (involving Argentina, Wales, Japan, USA, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay). He was awarded the Plate Final at the 1992 Hong Kong Sevens and the Bowl Final at the inaugural Rugby World Cup Sevens in 1993.

Gadjovich names the 1995 New Zealand versus Japan match at the Rugby World Cup in South Africa, which included meeting Nelson Mandela, and the 1996 Wales versus France match at the iconic Cardiff Arms Park as highlights of his career. He was inducted into the Rugby Ontario Hall of Fame in 2018 and has worked with Rugby Ontario in coaching and mentoring the next generation of match officials.

Gadjovich credits not only his family for their support, but also the countless referees, players, coaches and administrators throughout Canada whose input and friendship over the years enabled him to referee at the international level.

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