

LEDUC SPORTS  
HALL OF FAME

## Randy Mitton

Randy Mitton first started officiating at outdoor hockey games in Calgary when he was 12 years old. By the time he was 15 he joined the Calgary Officiating Association. At the age of 17 he was acting as linesman for Alberta Junior Hockey League games while continuing to referee novice, pee wee, bantam and midget games. He also played minor hockey until he was 18.

He began attending referee schools hosted by the NHL each summer in Banff. He worked in the Western Hockey League in 1971-72, and from there he was invited to an NHL camp for rookie officials in Toronto. The NHL hired him in 1972 and assigned him to the American Hockey League. His first NHL game was in Vancouver in 1974.

Randy moved his family to Leduc in 1979. He worked as an NHL linesman from 1979 to 2004, working a total of 2,109 regular season games, 156 playoff games, two All-Star games, the 1988 Canada Cup, several international games and the Stanley Cup final in 1994.

Since his retirement, Randy has been involved with the Leduc Junior Athletic Club, serving on the organizing committees for the 2010 Alberta Cup and the 2012 Telus Cup. He was the director of the Midget AAA and later the Bantam AAA programs. From 2009 to 2015, he served as the NHL's Edmonton video replay official.

He still lives in Leduc with his wife Maureen of 44 years. They enjoy golfing and spending time with their grandkids.

