

Northern Stripes

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Wow, where did the season go? It has been an interesting year to date, that is for sure. The good news was that our registration numbers were up this year for the first time in three years! Despite the increase, most of which were at the beginner levels, this still put significant pressure on all of our assignors and RIC's trying to ensure that we had officials at every game especiall for the higher levels of hockey, particularly on most Saturday's after 3 pm.

I hope to see many of you out to the final General Meeting on April 20. We will be holding our elections as well as our annual award night.

This will be my final season as Chairman of the Zone. I have been fortunate to meet many great people whose passion and commitment to the officiating program are amazing. As officials, we often forget that we wouldn't be where we are at without the guidance, support, mentoring and sometimes counselling from these people. It is not what you get out of the program, but what you put into it.

Lastly, I would like to thank your executive in the Zone who work very hard to provide programs and support to local centers in Zone. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to the officiating program and to our officials!

Thank you for your support.

Ray Keller
Chairman
chairman@northzone.ab.ca

TREASURER

This year we had an increase in registrations, last year we had 1420, this year 1560, the increase was mostly with level 1's and 2's in areas outside metro Edmonton.

As a reminder, the next newsletter will be in September, it will contain lots of useful information regarding the coming season, so it is important that you keep me informed of any address/phone number/email address changes you have over the summer (contact info below). However, if your e-mail address doesn't change over the summer, you can have the newsletter e-mailed to you in the fall, just sign up on our web page at northzone.ab.ca. Make sure you keep your contact information up to date.

Because we have no March General Meeting, cheques for playoff hockey will not be available until the April 20th meeting

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General Meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Edmonton Inn). Please note the room for each meeting below. The dates for this seasons meetings are as follows.

Meeting Dates
April 20 (Elections) -
Courtyard B

All meetings will start at 7:30 PM sharp. Please try and make it to at least one meeting over the season and help our Zone to continue its history as a leader in Canada.

FEMALE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those officials working the female program for their dedication and hard work. It has been a great team effort. It's because of you our program is having such positive advancement. As a team, we share in the successes of those we work with and we provide our unselfish commitment in developing those less skilled.

This season, we had a rash of incidents with officials not showing up for assigned games. Please be advised that when you accept a game assignment, we expect that you will honour your commitment to officiate that game. This is inappropriate behaviour and will not be tolerated. You know who you are, and I now know who you are. If you expect to continue working games in this program, you best be advised that you better take corrective action. Moving forward, there will be fines, suspensions and removal from all officiating programs should you continue such behavior. Not showing up for games is absolutely disrespectful to your officiating teammates, players and the game of hockey.

The Midget AAA Female Nationals will be held in Calgary, April 19 to 25, 2009. In it's inaugural season, five (5) teams will be competing (Atlantic, Ontario, West, Pacific, Host). We will cover the officiating duties using Hockey Alberta officials. Those chosen to represent Hockey Alberta will find this tournament a fantastic development opportunity comprising the top Midget AAA club teams from across Canada. Good luck to those officials chosen. You have worked hard and have achieved a level of success and skill in order to be considered for this competition.

We had the privilege of hosting the Sr. A Provincial Championships March 6 to 8, 2009 and we would like to acknowledge those who worked the medal games. Bronze: Randy Honish (R), Arron Best, Mark Henry; Gold: Shauna Wing (R), Luanna Heselwood, Lacey Senuk. To all officials who worked the tournament, you did a fantastic job and you should be proud of your effort.

Hoping everyone has a wonderful summer. Don't forget to join us in our year end ball tournament.

Karen Kost
Female Program Coordinator
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TOFIELD

Here is a review of the season that is quickly coming to a close in Tofield. We had 8 officials this year, and overall I was pleased with the level of commitment. This made covering all of the hockey relatively easy. These officials were all supervised at least once throughout the season. This helped with the overall quality of officiating, as we only had one real incident this year involving our upper Pee Wee team. They were upset about a Match penalty against one of their players. However, after their appeal the referees decision was upheld. This was the same team that appealed a disputed goal in Daysland. Again, the referees decision on the ice was upheld.

We had successful tournaments at all levels this season. Thanks goes out to Don Buskas, Kelly McKenzie, Nicolas Ropchan, Daryl Esch, and his son for helping work the Midget tourney. Also to Daryl for providing referees for our Midgets as they went on an extended playoff run. Speaking of extended playoff runs, our Tofield Satellites also had a good playoff run before bowing out to the Wainwright Rustlers in the Semi-Finals in a 7 game thriller. We are already excited about next season as Dean Ziegler has given us our earliest clinic ever (Sept.19/20). From the feedback that I have received locally, this early date should help get more people interested in officiating.

Larry Suchy
Tofield RIC.

NORTH ZONE EXECUTIVE

Chairman:

Ray Keller

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Kumail Moledina

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Ryan Petryshyn

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Lance Hyndman

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Jerry George

Senior Linesmen:

Guy Doucet

Supervisions and Shadows

Kevin Adam

CIS and AJHL Supervisor:

Mike Rebus

Clinic Coordinator:

Don Buskas

CJHL Liason:

Lance Hyndman

Match Penalties Representative:

Ryan Petryshyn

EMHA Representative:

Herman Costa

Federation Representative:

Duncan MacDougall

Female Hockey:

Karen Kost

MAAA Supervisor:

Gary Tremblay

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Darin Bauer

West Satellite Chairman:

Doug Laboucane

Provincial Chairman:

Wally Popiik

EMHA AND MINOR COMMITTEE

With the season quickly coming to an end I would like to thank all officials that officiated in the city AA program. The feedback from AA Council as well as the EMHA has been very positive so everyone keep up the good work. Congratulations to all officials that received playoff assignments. Officials picked for these assignments showed dedication, commitment and a great attitude throughout the season.

It was another tough season for the assignors with a lot of last minute cancellations and no shows. Some officials like to work Hockey on specific days only. This unfortunately does not work as most hockey games being played in the city are on weekends. Friday, Saturday and Sundays proved to be very hard games to fill and caused the assignors the most headaches. The city AA program needs a commitment from our officials to work games on the weekends. If you have a concern or a question with your assignments please feel free to contact me.

The EMHA continue to support the referee program. They have agreed to once again help financially support the shadow program in Edmonton which continues to get better every season thanks to the volunteers. The EMHA also financially supports Edmonton officials who attend development camp. The EMHA is happy with the job the officials have done this year and the way the games have been officiated and would like to see this continue in the future.

In closing I would like to thank all the assignors Ryan Petryshyn, Derek Crowley, Kumail Moledina, Jonathan Button, Sanjeev Bhagrath and Jay Crockett for a job well done. Thanks to Minor committee (Duncan MacDougal, Kumail Moledina, Ryan Petryshyn, Ryan Weyland and Dwayne Yakubow) for their support, commitment and patience as well as the executive for all their hard work, guidance and support again this season. If you would like to officiate, assign or supervise AA hockey in Edmonton next season, talk to myself, someone on the minor committee or anyone on the executive and they will give you the information you need.

Good luck to everyone in the playoffs and I hope to see you next year.

Herman Costa
Minor Committee Chairman
EMHA Referee Representative



SOCIAL EVENT & 10th ANNUAL NORTHZONE OPEN

The North Zone's two major social functions are now set. The year-end wind-up will be on May 23rd starting at approximately 12:00 noon in Gibbons. The day will consist of a ball tournament, jumpy things for kids, BBQ, social mixer, poker and prizes. Individuals, families and couples are welcome for all or part of the day. Prices for the full event are \$25 for singles, \$40 for couples and \$55 for families. Contact one of the Social Committee members for info on reduced prices if you can only make part of the event. **The deadline for payment to be received is April 15th, 2009 for the wind-up.**

The Golf Tournament will be on June 20th at Black Bull (Pigeon Lake). The \$130 entry fee includes return transportation from Edmonton, golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The golf tournament will be a first come, first serve basis; this year looks like it will be a sell out. If you can help the tournament out with any prizes or would like to sign up, please contact Ryan Weyland or any of the other Social Committee Members.

The Social Committee
Ryan Weyland, Connor LaForge, Greg Chornohus, Ryan Dutka
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FEDERATION NOTES

I would like to thank those officials who made Edmonton’s Minor Hockey Week Tournament a success. Your voluntary contribution is an integral part of the Tournament. 534 teams played in 761 games in the Tournament. In the BB portion of the Tournament there were 60 finals with 138 assignments. Seven officials from Sherwood Park, ten officials from St. Albert and one hundred sixteen officials from Edmonton covered the assignments in the Finals. Overall cooperation of our members was outstanding. The Minor Hockey Week Tournament committee conducted a referee recognition program during the Tournament. 100 officials were awarded jackets. Jackets were given to officials selected by weighted random draw. Each game officiated in the Tournament earned the official one entry in the draw. Jackets will be available in late March. A list of the selected officials is provided in this newsletter

On February 4, 2009 the EMHA in conjunction with the Edmonton Oilers and Edmonton Oil Kings hosted a referee function. This involved a 45 minute mini-clinic, a 45 minute question and answer session with the WHL officiating crew and attendance at the oil King – Saskatoon game. Guy Doucet and Cory Kokotailo conducted the Mini-clinic. The WHL officiating crew were Derek Herman, Derek Zalaski , Brandon Dombroski and Scott Sharun. Attendees at the function were James Greene, Kevin Ward, Connor LaForge, Chris Fox, Fraser Lawrence, Kyle Kowalski, Anthony Kimakowich, Ben Morley, Mathew Petruk, Tyler Sawatski, Brett Niawchuk, Jonathan Whitmore, Tyler Brown, Jesse Klassen, Jeff Howe, Dennis Arski, Jordan Desjarlais, James Black, George Hart, Colin Wass, Kyle Hudon, Steven Cousens, Jason Lang, Josh Tkachuk and Peter Leveille.

On February 26, 2009 the Edmonton Oilers hosted two officials at a National Hockey League game between the Oilers and Columbus. Sports Central chose Parker Nowitskey to attend the game and the North Zone representative was Tyler Birch. The two officials met with the NHL officiating crew prior to the game.

Playoffs in BB hockey began March 3, 2009 and conclude March 26, 2009. Playoff games will be played in Edmonton, St. Albert, Sherwood Park and Spruce Grove. Games in St. Albert, Sherwood Park and Spruce Grove will be assigned locally. The Provincial BB Tier 1 and 2 Midget and Bantam and Peewee Tier 2 series will be in Calgary March 20, 21 and 22, 2009. The Provincial Peewee Tier 1 playoff will be in Edmonton March 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2009. Ten referees and twenty linesmen will work this playoff.

Clinics will begin in early September. One day clinics will have early registrations. Watch the North Zone web site for schedules and details on registration. All Edmonton two day clinics require pre-registration. There are late registration penalties. Do not procrastinate – get registered.

I would like to thank the District referee coordinators and assignors for their dedicated commitment this past season. Gary Greenough, Frank Fithen, Tim Hibbs, Jeff Howe, Eugene Petruk, Bill Clark, Gary Patterson, Peter Irwin, Ron Oscroft, Angie Mayer, Colleen Fox, Jim Bassingthwaite, Bob Broomhall and Brett Niawchuk have done a great deal of work getting you your assignments this winter.

Rest, relax and enjoy the summer.

Duncan MacDougall
Federation Coordinator



FEDERATION DISTRICT REFEREE COORDINATORS

North East District	Bill Clark
South East District	Ron Oscroft
South West District	Gary Greenough
North West District	Duncan MacDougall
Knights of Columbus	Tim Hibbs
Edmonton Girls	Don Markewich

REMINDER:
If you’re a hockey player & you’re under suspension from hockey, you’re also suspended from officiating until such time as you are re-instated.

SUPERVISION & SHADOW PROGRAM

The North Zone Supervision Program has been fairly successful this season and is on track to exceed the numbers posted last year. The total number of supervisions completed as of March 19, 2009 is 1,427 compared to last season's overall total of 1,399. The number of supervisors performing supervisions this year reached 172 compared to only 123 in 2007-2008. Also, a total of 665 officials were seen this season representing 50% of the registered referees and linesmen. The shadow program has also been busy this year with 188 mentorship supervisions performed, compared to only 112 at this time last season. The top fifteen supervisors so far are as follows:

Amazingly, these 15 individuals have completed approximately 34% of the overall supervisions in the program. This year, as in the past, awards will be given to the top performers in the supervision program. The top shadow supervisor this season has been Peter Irwin of Edmonton, completing 10 shadows so far.

Rural centres contributed greatly to the program this season: Sherwood Park (170), St. Albert (143), Whitecourt (108), and Beaumont (85) have led the charge with strong representation. Good numbers have also been seen in Fort McMurray, Devon, Leduc, Camrose, and Fort Saskatchewan. Keep up the good work!

Check out the North Zone website for additional updates as the season draws to a close. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me by e-mail at supervisions@northzone.ab.ca.

Kevin Adam

Supervisions Coordinator supervisions@northzone.ab.ca

Supervisor	Total
Ziegler, Dean	55
Dutka, Ryan	55
Rebus, Mike	52
Tremblay, Gary	45
Watt, Colin	41
Bhagrath, Sanjeev	39
Poitras, Denis	31
Buskas, Don	26
Crowley, Derek	25
MacDougall, Duncan	25
Mackey, Jared	22
Verret, Sean	22
Cooper, Darcy	19
Theiss, Jason	17
Yakubow, Dwayne	17
Total	491

MATCH PENALTIES

Another hockey season is drawing to a close quickly and unfortunately, there have been more incidents so far this year. Currently in the North Zone there have been 9 match penalties, with four being 9.6 (a), one 9.6 (b), three 9.6 (c), and one 9.7. There were 7 total last year. I would like to thank officials for being prompt in their contact with me in regards to these infractions and for writing excellent reports to aid in the investigations. Keep up the good work and good luck in the play-offs!

Ryan Petryshyn

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North Zone Referees Committee				
Final Registration Numbers - 2008/09				
Level	Total	Edm./Sr.	West Sat	The Rest
1	709	122	116	471
2	680	231	90	359
3	119	52	11	56
4	32	24	2	6
5	8	8		0
6	2	1		1
Associate	6			0
Life	4			0
Total	1560	438	219	893

SENIOR COMMITTEE

Congratulations to all officials who were selected to work the various league playoffs and provincial tournaments in the Zone.

Anyone looking to move into the senior program next season, please send me an email stating your intentions to the Chairman no later than August 15. It is very important to get your intentions in early!

Ray Keller
Chairman



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following individuals who are finalists for our zone awards (the winners will be announced at our awards presentation at the annual meeting on April 20):

Chairman's Award – dedication and commitment to North Zone minor hockey:

- o Kumail Moledina
- o Gary Greenough
- o Larry Suchy

Supervision Award – outstanding service to the North Zone supervision program:

- o Karen Kost
- o Kevin Adam
- o Gary Tremblay

Duncan MacDougall Award – outstanding service and commitment – unrecognized:

- o Darryl Desjarlais
- o Ryan Petryshyn
- o Larry Suchy

Ron Panchyshyn Award – dedication to North Zone referee's committee:

- o Ken Dentzien
- o Guy Doucet
- o Jerry George

Mike Bugaida Award – women's outstanding dedication to the referee's program:

- o Luanna Heselwood
- o Brenda Butler-McNabb
- o Lori Uhryan

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to all the officials who were selected to work provincial tournaments in our zone this season. A special thanks to all the officials who volunteered to supervise. Carlson, Trottier, Watt, Yakubow, Chieco, Ziegler, Adam, Spurgeon, Hyndman, Domke, Hayes, Crowley, Weyland, Bhagrath, Huselby, Chornohus, Suchy, Costa, Karen Kost and her female program. A special thanks to the following who committed three full days to supervise Dennis Poitras, Ryan Dutka, Devon Hillyer, Don Markewich, Kumail Moledina and Duncan MacDougall. I apologize if I missed anyone on this list. As you can see it takes a huge commitment from our officials to have these tournaments supervised and once again our zone was a leader in having almost 100% of tournament games supervised this season.

Thanks Again!

Ken Dentzien

BEAUMONT (BAHA)

Things have been very busy this year with the increase of teams, the preparation for the Atom AA Provincials (thanks Ken Dentzien, Lance Hyndman and Jared Mackey) and the resurgence of the Junior C program in Beaumont. Overall, my first full year as RIC has been very rewarding. Many of the new steps I have taken are positive and the results are showing in the quality and retention of our officials. The REF POINTS program is contributing to a competitive yet fun way to encourage the officials in being professional at all times. A small reward at the end of the year will be given to three officials for being the highest point leaders. The criteria is available on the Beaumont website (www.baha.ab.ca in the referee's crease section).

Another initiative was getting the younger officials doing supervisions on each other. I have made this a condition of getting your cheque each month. At first, a learning coop was done with all new officials on supervisions and they were shown how to do a proper supervision. This was followed by them going out and supervising. I didn't expect much from the younger ones, but I have been pleasantly surprised by the numbers AND the quality of most of them. It is hoped that this initiative increases the value of the supervision and carries forth throughout their officiating careers.

Next was the creation of quizzes for every pay meeting. I have found the officials' knowledge to have improved and I even see some officials studying their books a bit more! The last and equally important step was to create a partnership with the surrounding communities in order to progress young talented officials into AAA programs. Special thanks to New Sarepta, Leduc and Devon and Calmar for working with us all year.

Officiating is a value that builds great people! Our role is to guide these young men and women through all these trials and tribulations. For this, I would like to thank ALL officials and volunteers who make this game as great as it is.

Denis Poitras
Beaumont Referee-in-Chief

ELECTION NOTICE

April 20, 2009

Location: Ramada Inn (Courtyard B Meeting Room) @ 7:30 pm

Our Annual Elections and Awards will be held during our last General Meeting on April 20th, 2009. The positions up for election this year are:

Chairman– 2 year term Vice Chairman – 2 year term, Secretary – 1 year term, (4) Director positions – 1 year term

Don't just sit back while important decisions that directly affect you are being made. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact Darrin Bauer at elections@northzone.ab.ca.

2008 - 2009 SERVICE AWARDS

10 Years of Service		
Shane	Hoeber	Riviere Qui Barre
Dane	Koster	Vegreville
Paul	Krueger	Ft. Saskatchewan
Matt	McFadyen	Edmonton
Dustin	Pysyk	Athabasca
Lee	Richard	Spruce Grove
Cindy	Roberts	Edmonton
Geoff	Shantz	Ft. McMurray
Ryan	Wass	Edmonton
Eric	Watts	Spruce Grove
Daniel	Wosnack	Edmonton

20 Years of Service		
Herman	Costa	Edmonton
Jerry	Muise	Edmonton
Ron	Smith	Ft. McMurray
Tom	Trottier	Edmonton
Derek	Zalaski	Edmonton
Dean	Ziegler	St. Albert

15 Years of Service		
Matt	Beaudry	Sherwood Park
Bob	Broomhall	Edmonton
David	Campbell	St. Albert
Chris	Carlson	Edmonton
Jill	Clulow	St. Albert
Brandon	Dombroski	Spruce Grove
Frank	Fithen	Edmonton
Norm	Ford	Gibbons
Brad	Grainger	Ft. McMurray
Bryce	Horbachewski	Ft. McMurray
Kumail	Moledina	Edmonton
David	Moulds	St. Albert
Gerry	Normandeau	Sherwood Park

25 Years of Service		
Darrin	Bauer	Edmonton
Leigh	Crockett	Edmonton
Guy	Doucet	Edmonton
Doug	Laboucane	Edson

REFEREE IN CHIEF'S

With the season coming to a close I would like to start by thanking every RIC for there efforts this season. RIC's and assigners spend hundreds of hours over the course of a hockey season making sure everything runs smoothly in there centre. Without you this program would not be a success. On behalf of all the officials and the Northzone executive thank you for your time and effort into making our program as successful as it is.

If any RIC's have any changes over the summer as to any of there contact information or positions for next season please let me know.

Have a great summer.!

Kumail Moledina
RIC Liason
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MINOR HOCKEY WEEK REFEREE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The following officials were selected to receive a jacket in recognition of the volunteer officiating done by North Zone officials in the 2009 Quikcard Minor Hockey Week Tournament. Officials were selected by a random weighted draw. Each official received an entry into the draw for each game officiated in the Tournament. The officials are:

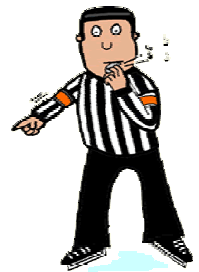
Katrina Acheson, Kevin Acheson, Graham Bakay, Jim Bassingthwaite, Paul Battle, Joe Becigneul, Joseph Belcourt, Steven Billig, Tyler Birch, Sebastien Blaise, Ray Bolin Kyle Boymook, Brett Bradshaw, Ron Brochu, Tyler Carnahan, Mikaeli Cavell, Rob Cavell, Jordan Desjarlais, Blake Dickson, Nicholas Doblanko, Jack Durkin, Drake Dykeman, Mark Farrell, Patrick Farris, James Fasek, Matthew Ferbey, Lee Fithen, Leasure Forbes, Chris Fox, Jon Gaal, Mitch Ganske, Jeff Gore, Darryle Gourley, Cassandra Gregory, Allan Grimstead, Curtis Hardeman, George Hart, Michael Hartikanen, Matt Hough, Jordan Humeniuk, Kent Hygard, Ben Idell, Devin Kohlhauser, Randy Knapp, Kyle Kowalski, Brice Laidler, Kris Laidler, Jason Lang, Zac Langlois, Bill Larner, Chris Leathem, Thomas Lees, Tyler Lees, Dillon MacLeod, Eric Maertens-Poole, Ethan Maertens-Poole, Chris Mah, Luke Manley, Brandon Makarowski, Don Markewich, Sean McBean, Stuart McDonald, Duncan McIver, Matt McLeod, Leroy Mercereau, Keith Moeller, John Moir, Cassidy Monaghan, Robert Moore, Cory Moser, Brian Mossman, Tanner Nesbitt, Brett Niwachuk, Bryce Obrigewitch, Josh Osbourne, Rob Oscroft, Vaughn Pasini, Austin Penner, Jordan Penner, Eric Perrault, Fred Peters, Adam Prochnall, Chris Rebus, Shawn Robinson, Braeden Rockwood, Nico Ropchan, Scott Sagstuen, Ryan Samuel, Dean Schell, Leah Sorken, Brett Steele, Justin Swekla, Justin Urban, Cole Vigor, Jeff Way, Pravin Wedage, Thomas Wishloff, Landen Wolffe, Nick Yekimchuk and Nick Zimmer.



RECLASSIFICATION

A total of 30 reclassifications were received this year. You will be notified in late April as to your application.

Ray Keller
Chairman
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SENIOR PROGRAM ASSIGNORS

Another busy season is coming to a close. Congratulations to all officials that worked into the playoffs of our 10 different Senior Program leagues and 40+ teams. Overall feedback from teams and leagues has been very positive again this season.

With the season winding down its time to reflect on the year and look ahead to the fall. Every weekend in 2008/09 seemed to be a busy hectic weekend. We would like to thank those of you that kept us updated with dark days, pick up games on short notice and changed your plans to help us out. Without your support the job we have to do on a weekend to weekend basis would be impossible.

Every league saw new officials this season and the same will once again be true for next year. If you are interested in getting involved in the Senior Program for 09/10 or would like an opportunity to move into some new leagues you should contact the Zone Chairman by mid summer as these decisions are usually made just prior to things getting going early in the fall. There are rumours that a couple of leagues may be introducing more 4 official hockey to their respective league play which will mean more movement and more opportunities.

After 10 years of assigning referees in the Sr. Program this is my last season. It has been a pleasure working with many of you and assigning hockey to you the past 10 seasons. Thank you for your commitment and to all of you that have been my 'go to' guys over that time.

As we prepare for next season please make sure your contact information is kept current. The email addresses (sr-ref@northzone.ab.ca) will get to the new Referee assignor and Guy (sr-lines@northzone.ab.ca) plans to be back taking care of linesmen again next year.

Have a good summer!

Jerry George-Referee Assignor
Guy Doucet-Linesmen Assignor

DISCIPLINE

This year has been extremely busy in the discipline department. This is truly unfortunate as we want to keep our incidents down to zero. As of this point we have had 57 incidents. No shows still continue to top the list. Please remember if you take a game, to record the Date & Time correctly and remember to show up! This is a commitment you make and parents, coaches and especially players who are counting on you to make it. Otherwise the game can't go on. We are heading into provincials so let's make sure we show up to our games on-time and on our best behavior.

It is extremely disappointing to see an increase that is surrounding reverse abuse. This type of behavior is totally unacceptable and we will suspend any officials that are found to be involved in this type of behavior. We have rules to deal with unruly coaches or players and instead of using them we are choosing to swear, degrade or humiliate players of all ages or team officials. One of the most important qualifications of our position is to be able to COMMUNICATE. We all made a commitment to this program and are governed by our "code of ethics". We need to ensure that we live by that code.

I would like to thank the members of the executive for there support and guidance this season. Have a great summer.

Kumail Moledina
Vice-Chairman
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Hockey Alberta Referees' Council Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 7, 2009

Location: Holiday Inn

6500 - 67 Street

Red Deer, Alberta

Registration: 9:30 AM

Meeting: 10:00 AM



Golf Tournament Details

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2009

Location: Pheasant Back Golf and Country Club

Stettler, Alberta

Time: 2:00 PM

Bus transportation will be provided from the Holiday inn at 12:00. There will be a barbecue to follow. To register for the golf tournament or barbecue, contact Curtis Nichols at (403)342-6226 or curtis13@telus.net by May 15, 2009. Cost of golf (including carts and barbecue) will be about \$75 (Curtis will have a firm price when you book).

Hotel rooms for Saturday are available by contacting the Holiday Inn (800-661-4961) and indicating you are with the Hockey Alberta Referees. Rooms must be booked prior to May 6, 2009. Hotel rooms for the executive meetings Friday and Saturday should be booked through your Zone Chairman.

DEVELOPMENT AND ALBERTA CUP

The success of North Zone officials within elite hockey throughout the province is a testament to the quality of our development program. Through the shadow, supervision and the Alberta Cup/Development Camp programs we are continuing to produce some of the top officials in the branch.

The awareness of this within our ranks is exemplified by the number of applications received to attend the Alberta Cup Identification Camp this season. At the camp the officials are tested both on-ice and off-ice, as well as being evaluated in game situations as both a referee and a linesman. The officials' performance on these items as well as their attitude and professionalism are considered by the evaluators to select two officials to represent the zone at Alberta Cup. These two officials and four others are also selected to attend Development Camp in July.

This season twenty-two officials between the ages of 18 and 30 submitted applications to vie for the 12 spots at the Alberta Cup Identification camp. Applicants came from various corners of the zone including Devon, Edmonton, Ft. Saskatchewan, Millet, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove, St. Albert, and Westlock. While selecting the officials to attend the camp was not an easy task for the development committee we are confident that officials chosen will meet or exceed the expectations of the camp supervisors. If you are interested in supporting your fellow officials and/or seeing the evaluators in action the Alberta Cup Identification Camp is on March 28/29 at CAC arena in Edmonton.

If you have are interested in attending the camp, contact the Development Coordinator early next season so that there is adequate time for you to compile all the required documentation.

Lance Hyndman
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NORTH ZONE CLINIC INFORMATION 2009/2010 SEASON

I hope everyone had themselves an enjoyable season with as many games as you were able to work. In order to help officials, along with Hockey Associations make plans for next season, the 2009/10 clinic schedule is attached to this newsletter as well as being posted on the website. www.northzone.ab.ca New officials may not officiate until they have attended a clinic and returning officials must register at a clinic by December 15, 2009. You will notice there are some changes to the way the one-day clinic locations and dates are being assigned. The weekends of Sept 12/13 and Oct 17/18 are set aside for one day clinics in the Edmonton area. This was done to better utilize the instructors and clinic kits as well as keep the experience levels of officials more even in each classroom, as most of the officials who attend these clinics have some form of transportation. There are one day clinics at locations that are further than a 1 ½ hour drive from Edmonton. There will be approximately 50 scheduled clinics in the North Zone this season over 11 different weekends starting on Sept 12/13 with no clinics on Thanksgiving weekend. The requirements to attend these clinics are listed below. All clinics have pre-registration for attendance. As space fills quickly, it is suggested that you contact the listed clinic contact person as soon as possible. The minimum age for new officials is 13 years of age before January 1, 2010.

Requirements to attend a One Day Clinic

- Must be a minimum of 18 years old before Jan 1, 2010 (Please note the minimum age has been increased from last season and this will be the last increase based on an executive motion made after the first season with one-day clinics. This was done to help get younger officials a chance to get more on-ice experience by participating in the on-ice session that is part of the two-day clinics)
- Must have been a registered official with Hockey Alberta or another branch of Hockey Canada in the 2008/2009 season. Instructors will verify this.
- Must attend the complete 8 hr classroom session at one of the scheduled one-day clinics as listed on the clinic schedule. These clinics are completely separate from the regular 2-day clinics so you may not just take one day at a regular clinic. This clinic has no on-ice session.

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NORTH ZONE CLINIC INFORMATION (con't)

Two-Day Clinics

- Attended by all officials who will be 13 to 17 yrs old before Jan 1, 2010
- Also attended by officials who were not registered in the 2008/2009 season, regardless of age, including officials who have not registered for one or more years. (The zone chairman may give approval to officials who have missed only one year to attend a one-day clinic. This would be based on the age, years of experience, as well as the officials on ice abilities and each request would be on an individual basis)

The Edmonton Major One-day Clinics will be held on Sept 12/13 and Oct 17/18 at Grant MacEwan College (10700 – 104 Ave). Classes will run from 8:00 to 5:00 each day and officials will have a choice of attending any one of the four scheduled days. If you are unable to attend any one of these days or a one-day clinic in one of the locations that are set up at a location more than a 1 ½ hr drive from Edmonton, you will still be able to attend a complete two-day clinic at any location that you decide to. Each of the Edmonton quadrants (NWZ, SWZ, SEZ, NEZ) will be hosting two-day clinics only.

Pre-registration for attending the Edmonton major clinic is required by June 1. Complete the registration form in this newsletter and return it along with a cheque or money order for \$30, payable to the **North Zone Referees Committee**. Any registrations for the Edmonton Major Clinic after May 31 would be required to pay \$40. It is recommended that you attend a clinic early in the season to get your name on the new roster; space is limited so get your registration form in as soon as possible.

All officials must have the current Hockey Alberta crest for their jersey next season as well as the Hockey Canada shoulder patch. The crest can be purchased at the clinic for \$5, the shoulder patch for \$2, casebooks for \$15, and armbands for \$8 each. For anyone attending the one-day clinics, please remember to bring a cheque for your Hockey Alberta registration as you are not fully registered until your registration is paid. Last years rulebook/ casebook is valid for this season so any student who has one should bring it.

In closing, I would like to thank you for showing an interest in the North Zone Officiating program and wish you good luck at the clinic. If you have any more questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the appropriate clinic contact.

Thank you

Don Buskas
North Zone Clinic Coordinator clinics@northzone.ab.ca

****CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 14****

TYLER BIRCH'S NHL GAME EXPERIENCE

If I had to say one word about my NHL referee experience that word would be "amazing". It was just so surreal. The refs and linesmen were all very nice when meeting us. We went into the dressing room and talked about things like how long have they been officiating, where they grew up, their families, how long I had been refereeing and other things. The coolest part of the whole ordeal was when we put on their jerseys and walked onto the ice to take pictures. All in all it was a pretty cool night.

Tyler Birch

In photo from left to right:
Darren Gibbs, Dennis Larue, Mark Wheler,
Tyler Birch, and Tim Peel



NORTH ZONE CLINIC SCHEDULE 2009/2010

Clinic	Class-rooms	Community	Date	Contact	Phone	E-mail
1-Day	3	Edmonton	September 12, 2009	Fraser Lawrence		hockeycanuck2000@hotmail.com
1-Day	3	Edmonton	September 13, 2009	Fraser Lawrence		hockeycanuck2000@hotmail.com
2-Day	1	Drayton Valley	Sept 12 & 13, 2009	Brendan Eshpeter		beshpeter@keyera.com
1-Day	1	Hinton	September 19, 2009	Wade Lavoie		
2-Day	1	Hinton	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Wade Lavoie		
2-Day	1	Devon	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Vicky Baron		vbaron@dancoequipment.com
2-Day	1	Morinville/RQB	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Ryan Dutka		ryan.dutka@capitalhealth.ca
2-Day	3	SWZ	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Gary Greenough		ggreenough@greenoughcons.ca
2-Day	1	Tofield	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Larry Suchy		lars_jo@telusplanet.net
1-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	September 26, 2009	Tim Rinas		timrinas@yahoo.com
1-Day	1	Edson	September 26, 2009	Doug Laboucane		edson@exheng.com
1-Day	1	Whitecourt	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Trent Goudreau		aquaclear2@xplornet.com
2-Day	1	Whitecourt	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Trent Goudreau		aquaclear2@xplornet.com
2-Day	1	Edson	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Doug Laboucane		edson@exheng.com
2-Day	1	Andrew	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Luanna Lamash		alamash@telusplanet.net
2-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Tim Rinas		timrinas@yahoo.com
2-Day	1	Vegreville	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Heather Koopman		HEATHER.KOOPMAN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
1-Day	1	Jasper	October 3, 2009	Glenn Leitch		deliman@telus.net
2-Day	1	Jasper	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Glenn Leitch		deliman@telus.net
2-Day	1	Athabasca	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Dustin Pysyk		dustin@town.athabasca.ab.ca
2-Day	2	Leduc	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Dean Heck		dpheck@yahoo.com
2-Day	2	NWZ	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Duncan MacDougall		dunmac@telusplanet.net
2-Day	1	Ft. Saskatchewan	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Cory Kokotailo		corykokotailo@hotmail.com

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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND - NO CLINICS						
1-Day	3	Edmonton	October 17, 2009	Fraser Lawrence		hockeycanuck2000@hotmail.com
1-Day	3	Edmonton	October 18, 2009	Fraser Lawrence		hockeycanuck2000@hotmail.com
2-Day	1	Grande Cache	Oct 17 & 18, 2009	Frank McKinnon		
2-Day	1	Barrhead	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Marry Rynie		kbmryrie@telusplanet.net
2-Day	1	New Sarepta	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Darryl Holt		dholt@artisticstairs.com
2-Day	2	Stony Plain	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Glenna Wagner		cowfarm2@canadasurfs.ca
2-Day	2	SEZ	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Ron Oscroft		roscroft@trailblazerrv.com
2-Day	1	Swan Hills	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Jason Murrell		
2-Day	1	Redwater	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Doug Hurl		dlhurl@telus.net
2-Day	3	Sherwood Park	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Darcy Cooper		darcy@burchphoto.com
2-Day	2	St. Albert	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Joe Becigneul		joe.becigneul@exel.com
2-Day	1	Sangudo/ Mayerthorpe	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Doris Williams		
2-Day	1	Warburg	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Trish Lafreniere		stang91@telusplanet.net
2-Day	1	Onoway	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Rick Wilson		rwillson@telusplanet.net
2-Day	1	Thorhild	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Matthew Rosenberger		mattros@telus.net
2-Day	3	NEZ	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Bill Clark		bill.clark@police.edmonton.ab.ca
2-Day	1	Fox Creek	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Mara Murphy		maraq@telus.net

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2-Day	1	Lamont	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Terry Eleniak	teleniak@mcsnet.ca
2-Day	3	Wetaskiwin/ Camrose	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Dan Anderson/ Robb Boos	refswetaskiwin@hotmail.com
2-Day	1	Evansburg	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Dale Hofmann	hofmanndale@hotmail.com
2-Day	2	Beaumont	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Denis Poitras	denisp@graham.ca
2-Day	2	Spruce Grove	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Glenna Wagner	cowfarm2@canadasurfs.ca
2-Day	1	Thorsby	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Darcy Jackson	rdcc@ocii.com
2-Day	1	Westlock	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Lila Link	llink@westlock.ca
1-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	Nov 28th, 2009	Tim Rinas	timrinas@yahoo.com
2-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	Nov 28 & 29, 2009	Tim Rinas	timrinas@yahoo.com
2-Day	1	Boyle/Plamondon	Nov 28 & 29, 2009	Peter Lazowski	plaz@telusplanet.net

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This will be the last newsletter that will be delivered to officials via mail.
All future newsletters for the upcoming 2009 / 2010 season will be distributed by e-mail and available on our web-site at www.northzone.ab.ca. Be sure to keep the executive updated with your current e-mail address! If you can not access a copy on the internet please notify our secretary at secretary@northzone.ab.ca to have one mailed to you.

Edmonton Major One-day Clinic Registration Form

(ONLY FILL OUT IF ATTENDING THE EDMONTON MAJOR ONE-DAY CLINIC at Grant MacEwan College)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

2008-09 HCOP Level: _____ Years officiating: _____ Age: (as of Dec 31, 2009) _____

I will be attending the Sept 12/13 weekend on: Sat _____ Sun _____ Either day _____ and notify me

I will be attending the Oct 17/18 weekend on: Sat _____ Sun _____ Either day _____ and notify me

Return By June 1, 2009 to:

Fraser Lawrence
181 Dechene Rd
Edmonton, AB T6M 2M8
Telephone: Cell 780-718-7540

\$30 Cheque or money order payable to: **North Zone Referees Committee**
(\$40 after May 31)