

Northern Stripes

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is once again that time of the year to begin thinking about the upcoming hockey season. The main topic of discussion at our clinics this fall will be new rule changes (not significant this year) as well as getting accustomed to a new rulebook format. One area that needs improvement is our report writing, which continued to be a major challenge last year and will be discussed in your clinics. Also, there is a new crest this season and these will be available at the clinic.

I hope everyone has a good season and see you at the rink!

Ray Keller, Chairman
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TREASURERS CENTS

Many changes have happened since last season which have had an effect on our rates. First, at the final General Meeting, the zone members in attendance voted on rate increases to help offset the increased costs of doing business in our zone, our branch (Provincial level) has also approved an increase to cover their increasing costs. Secondly, the branch has restructured their fees, in the past they would collect an amount, our zone would keep some, and the rest would go to them, now that has been removed, the portion that belongs to the zone is included in the zone fee. Although the fees look drastically different, Hockey Alberta fees went up \$7.00 per official, and our zone rates went up from \$3.00 to \$9.00 depending on level. The rates below indicate our new rates (G.S.T. included). Insurance for all participants (unless paid with minor hockey team), has increased to \$33.00 (inc. G.S.T.).

The good news is Game fees have increased this year which will offset your fee increases.

Dave Butler, Treasurer
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REGISTRATION FEES

	Hockey Alberta Fee	Zone Admin Fee	Edm/SR Admin Fee	West Satellite Admin Fee
Level 1	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$3.00	\$11.00
Level 2	\$24.00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$22.00
Level 3	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$35.00	\$32.00
Level 4	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$56.00	\$43.00
Level 5	\$33.00	\$45.00	\$65.00	
Level 6	\$34.00	\$56.00	\$65.00	

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General Meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Edmonton Inn) in the Ridgewood Room. Please note the new room for this season. It is located on the second floor of the Ramada Inn. The dates for this seasons meetings are as follows.

Meeting Dates
October 20
November 24
January 19
February 23
April 20 (Elections)

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.

SUPERVISION PROGRAM

September is here and given the crappy spring and summer, there is likely snow on the ground by the time this goes to print. Some of you have likely already been on the ice already and the rest of us will be shortly. I am looking forward to another great hockey season and am hoping that our supervision numbers for the North Zone continue to improve. Every year sees a number of individuals stepping up to make a difference in the skill sets of other officials, but we can always look to improve on our participation and prior numbers, keeping North Zone officials at the top in the province. Please support fellow officials by spending a few nights a month at the rinks, especially at the start of the season. If you would like to be supervised or are interested in supervising, do not hesitate to contact me. This season again will have three of us looking after the program. I will be coordinating all regular season and exhibition supervisions, Ken Dentzien will be coordinating the provincials and Dean Ziegler will take care of the tournament supervisions. Supervision forms are available on line and will also be available from me during the season. For more guidelines on supervising, please check out our website. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the program. If I can be of any assistance this year please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email. I wish everyone the best of luck this season and look forward to seeing everyone on and off the ice.

Note: When submitting supervisions electronically (i.e. via e-mail), please request a delivery receipt from me to ensure that the forms are received. There have been problems in the past with various providers (e.g. hotmail, etc.). Thanks!

Kevin Adam
Supervisions Coordinator
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SHADOW PROGRAM

Last year was a successful year for the Shadow Program. There were 522 registered Level 1 officials in the North Zone this past season. Of these officials, 125 mentorship supervisions were performed by 33 supervisors on 89 different officials. This translates to approximately 17% of the officials that were seen through the program.

New Shadow Program Supervisors should still be eligible to receive a special windbreaker style jacket, costs for which are usually split between the North Zone and the local centre or official. For the upcoming season, the costs for the jacket will be paid up front by each centre and then reimbursed upon receipt of a minimum amount of shadow supervisions.

Please check the website for details on the program. If you wish to get involved and make a difference for first and second year officials, please contact your local Referee-in-Chief or myself.

Kevin Adam
Shadow Program Coordinator
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SOCIAL

Last year was a great year for the Social Committee. As we hosted two major social events last year the first being on May 10th at the Fort Saskatchewan Baseball Diamonds. It was a great day of slo-pitch, a BBQ and the evening included a poker tournament for the adults. It was a great family event and the children had a great time with the inflatable jumping pen. The second event of the year was the Northzone Open which was held at the Athabasca Golf & Country Club. Yet again a great time was had by all.. The winning team consists of Ryan Agar, Darren Spurgeon, Dustin Zelenak and Chris Carlson.

At the present time the social committee is working on new ideas for this seasons social activities. More details will be available later in the season.

Social Committee

REMINDER:

If you're a hockey player & you're under suspension from hockey, you're also suspended from officiating until such time you are reinstated



Chris Carlson at U18 World Championships (Div III) in Mexico City

EMHA AND MINOR COMMITTEE

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2008/09 officiating season. I hope everyone had a great summer but we now have to get back on the ice. There will be a few rule changes this year so try and attend a clinic as early as possible.

I would like to remind all city AA officials of a few rules before the season starts.

1. All officials working the city AA program must be at the rink a minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time.
2. No Hats, Jeans or team jackets. Collared shirt and dress slacks are the minimum expected.
3. You must be professional and courteous at all times. Remember you are representing all officials when you are at the Arena.
4. Report all no shows to your assignor immediately. If there are not 3 officials in the room make the call we might be able to get a replacement. (You should have the assignors number with you)
5. If you have to return a game, you must give your assignor a minimum of 48 hrs notice. You cannot cancel an assignment through e-mail or give it to your friend it must go back to the assignor by phone. If you have an emergency and you can't get a hold of your assignor call the minor committee chair.
6. Return all calls from your assignor within 24 hrs.

Last season we had a problem with **NO SHOWS**. If you can't make it to the game do not take the assignment. This puts undue pressure on the officials that show up and they end up taking the heat from the coaches and fans. If this happens you will be dealt with accordingly and you may lose assignments and/or a monetary fine.

There will be numerous exhibition games as well as the ice breaker tournament in Edmonton. Please help the assignors when they call you, it is a very hectic and trying time for them as many of the exhibition games come on very short notice. If anyone is interested in officiating in the AA Program please give me a call or e-mail me with some information about yourself. Also if anyone is interested in assigning in the city AA Program get a hold of me ASAP.

The EMHA has once again agreed to support the shadow program as well as provide financial assistance to development camp attendees again this season. The Shadow program continues to be a success due to our committed volunteers who give up their free time to work with younger officials. Over the past few seasons this program has become a huge success in the city, as well as in the zone and we hope it continues to get better.

If anyone has any concerns during the season regarding rinks, coaches, fans or teams please contact me ASAP, so we can deal with the problem and find a solution as soon as possible.

Have a great season and I hope to see you in the rinks

Herman Costa
Minor Committee Chairman
EMHA Referee Representative



DISCIPLINE

I would like to welcome everyone back to another season. I hope everyone had a great summer. With the season fast approaching I would like everyone to take a minute to read all the guidelines stated below.

Reminder for all officials in the program

- Read your games back to your assignor
- Write it down in a place where you will not forget it or lose it.
- Show up on time!
- Don't make assumptions that an assignor has got your message. Follow it up
- All cancellations must be called into the appropriate assignor a minimum of 48 hours before game time. Follow-up your phone calls. You cannot cancel an assignment through e-mail or give it to your friend it must go back to the assignor by phone.
- Report all no-shows to your assignors.
- All officials must follow the Code of Ethics laid out by Canadian Hockey Officiating Program
- If you CAN'T do or DON'T want the hockey, DON'T take it!

Policies in place for Edmonton "A" program officials

- Must show up at all games 30 minutes before scheduled game time.
- No jeans No hats. Collared shirts and slacks are the minimum requirement.
- If you have an emergency and you can't get a hold of your assignor call a member of the minor committee
- For all "A" hockey in Edmonton, when one or more officials are not at the game, one of the officials in attendance must call the assignor within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the offending officials.

Policies for Senior Program in the North Zone

- All officials must arrive at arena at least 30 minutes prior to game time. (45 minutes for AJHL)
- Must dress appropriately for the league.
- Linesmen must phone the Referee 48 hours before scheduled game time.
- Referee must call assignor 24 hours before scheduled game time if linesman has not called them.

Remember that being an official is a huge commitment on & off the ice. Please check with your local center for additional guidelines to follow also. Please follow these policies and adhere to the Canadian Hockey Officiating Program code of ethics on the ice also. Watch the reverse abuse & language on the ice. This type of behavior is totally unacceptable in our program. Do not put yourself in this position where you will get a phone call from me. Any officials that are found to be involved in this type of behavior will be suspended. Have a great season and I will see you around the rinks.

Kumail Moledina, Discipline Chairperson
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New pricing on supplies for 2008-09

Rule book (new)- \$10.00
 Hockey Alberta Crest (new)- \$5.00

Case Book (new)- \$15.00
 CHA Shoulder Patch- \$2.00
 All prices include GST

HCOP Manual- \$21.00
 Arm Bands (each)- \$8.00

FEDERATION NOTES

Summer ends and hockey begins. All officials should plan to attend an early clinic if possible. A clinic schedule for the North Zone is enclosed with this newsletter. Again this year there will be one day clinics for returning officials who are at least seventeen years of age before January 1, 2009. Pre-registration is required for ALL Edmonton clinics. Pre-registration generally closes on week prior to the date of the clinic. To pre-register, contact the listed clinic contact person for the clinic that you wish to attend.

All officials must be prepared to continue to enforce Hockey Canada's Standard of Play. This is especially true at the Novice and Atom level where there are numerous complaints that the officials do not assess enough penalties. Consistent application of the rules throughout the season is mandatory at all levels.

Game formats have not changed from last season. The five minute – two minute procedure is to be used when needed to insure all games are completed within the given ice slot. There will be a N-HL (no-hit league) for Pee wee, Bantam and Midget aged players. Know the rule modifications that the N-HL uses. N-HL hockey is a program where fun and safety are paramount. Enforce the rules and use common sense judgment to insure that these objectives are achieved.

There are new rates for 2008 – 2009. Collect the correct rate. Each category has a rate for one, two and three officials. The referee is responsible for knowing and collecting the correct rate. Rate sheets will be available at the Edmonton clinics and at the October and November North Zone General meetings. All league and playoff games are paid cash prior to the commencement of the game in exchange for a signed and dated receipt when the game is played in an Edmonton arena.

Last season the North East District successfully implemented a computer assigning system. Other Districts will try to follow the North East District and implement the computer assigning system this season. If you do not have personal access to the internet you can still receive assignments by telephone.

BE ON TIME for all your assignments. Under no circumstance should a game be delayed because the officials are not ready. **LEGIBLY PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE GAME SHEET.**

No official is guaranteed assignments. It is very difficult to predict how many officials will be needed during the course of a season. The number of teams, the number of games, the schedule, the number of registered officials, the official's ability and the official's availability are factors which impact the number of assignments that an official can receive.

Key attributes of a good official are attitude and effort. Do your best every game, every period and every minute. Work each assignment with enthusiasm. **HUSTLE.** Treat all participants with respect. Have fun officiating.

Duncan MacDougall
Federation Coordinator

FEDERATION DISTRICT REFEREE COORDINATORS

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



Mac's Tournament 2007 representatives from the North Zone (left to right) Stephen Garner, Shelley Knowlton, Scott Knibbs, Brett Babkirk, Ryan Weyland, Stacey de Wynter and Greg Chornohus

FEMALE PROGRAM

Welcome back to what is expected to be, a very exciting season. Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. There are a number of new initiatives this season, both in our zone and in the province. One of the most significant initiatives is the working relationship between the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League (AMMFHL) and the Hockey Alberta Referee's Committee.

Karen Kost has been appointed by the Hockey Alberta Referee's Committee to work with the AMMFHL and the Referee's Committee to identify officials for this league. All zones have submitted their lists of officials that have previously worked at this level. The Hockey Alberta Referee's Committee will work with the AMMFHL to select officials for this league, establish rankings and provide supervision and development for league officials. It is important to identify officials that want to work this hockey and are serious about their involvement at this level.

The opportunities for officials within the female program are growing. As officials from other parts of the country develop their skills, the requirements for top conditioned and highly skilled officials becomes a prerequisite for our programs. Long gone are the days when an official thinks he/she can merely show up to the arena to work a hockey game. Being in top physical condition is now the norm and staying at a high level, requires year round training. A well conditioned athlete thinks better, eats better, sleeps better, is more motivated, all leading to more balanced lifestyle. Feeling good about yourself is reflected on how you, as an official, perform on the ice.

There will be a number of development opportunities over the course of the season. There will be numerous opportunities to travel, prestigious tournaments, and national and regional championships. All available for the taking, if you as an official want to work hard to be considered for these events. Alberta, and especially the North Zone, has some of the top officials in the country. Through hard work and dedication, you have the opportunity to be amongst the best.

This is a rule change year. We all have an obligation to read, interpret and understand what our role, as an official is when applying new directives. Change is exciting, and to see how fast our national game has become because of the initiatives implemented is exciting.

If you are interested in officiating in the various leagues within the female program, you are requested to send Karen your updated contact information ASAP. If you officiated in our program last season or you are a new official, we want to hear from you regarding your intentions.

Enjoy your season everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Karen Kost, Female Program Coordinator
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REFEREE IN CHIEF'S

I would like to start by welcoming all of our RIC's to another hockey season. It seems that hockey season at times never ends. I would like to thank all of our RIC's to start for the amount time and effort they put into making our program work as good as it does. There are always a few bumps along the way, but in the end your work is much appreciated. This years first meeting with RIC's from across the zone will take place on Monday, September 29th at 7:30pm at the EMHA office (10618-124 Street). Please note the location change for this season. The objective of this meeting is to share what is happening in the North Zone with Referee in Chiefs from various communities. It is a chance to network with other RICs, share ideas, and discuss ways to improve the program across the zone. Various members from the executive will be there as well to answer any questions you have about the upcoming clinics, supervision program, etc. Please contact me by email to let me know if you will be attending.

Kumail Moledina, Vice Chairman
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AWARDS

Awards Winners for the 2008-2009 Season were as follows:

Ron Panchyshyn Award	Don Buskas
Chairman's Award	Dave Butler
Duncan MacDougall Award	Gary Greenough
Mike Bugaida Award	Arron Best
Supervision Award	Kumail Moledina

Hockey Alberta Awards:	Gary Greenough
	Kumail Moledina
	George Washburn

Congratulations to all winners, including the recipients of the Service Awards. If you know of an official throughout the year who is making a difference, please bring them to the attention of the executive.

Darrin Bauer, Awards Coordinator
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EDMONTON MINOR HOCKEY WEEK NORTH ZONE OFFICIALS RECOGNITION

During the Edmonton Minor Hockey Week Tournament in January 2008 a referee recognition program was run by the tournament committee. This program resulted in 100 North Zone officials receiving jackets. The jacket recipients were selected by random draw. Entry into the draw was based upon volunteer participation as an on-ice official during the tournament. The following officials were selected to receive a jacket.

2008 Minor Hockey Week Recognition Jacket Recipients:

Kevin ADAM,	Ryan AGAR	Ivan BAKER
Jim BASSINGTHWAITE	Guy BELLEY	Brennan BELLIVEAU
Stephen BELOZER	Matthew BERGUM	Shaun BOWERS
Joel BRACUK	Chris BRADSHAW	Evan BRAY
Alan BRILZ	Mitchell BURKE	Ric BENNETT
Trevor BURNS	Don BUSKAS	Dylan CARLETON
David CHAN	Michael CHAN	Joseph CHERAMY
Jared CUMMINGS	Paul DAUPHINAIS	David DESJARLAIS
Blake DICKSON	Paul ELIASON	Justin EVANS
Jordan EWASKIW	Matt FERBEY	Coleton GARNIER
James GREENE	James GREGORY	Josh HARKIN
Blake HARRIS	Tim HIBBS	Hayden HORNSBY
Jeff HOWE	Steven HOWSE	Paul HRYNEW
Kyle HUDON	Mark IDELL	Jeremy IRWIN
Curtis JACOBS	Jon JAGERHOFER	Leigh JOHNSON
Ryan JOHNSON	Jesse KLASSEN	Steven KOZICKY
Stefan KRUHLAK	Connor LAFORGE	Mitch LIDDELL
Andrew LINDEN	Matt MACACSKILL	Scott MACKIE
Cory MAH	Scott MAH	Taylor MAH
Michael MARTIN	Skylar MARTZ	Stuart MCDONALD
Rod MCLELLAN	Ben MORLEY	Brian MOSSMAN
Scot NAKONECHNY	Cole NIAWCHUK	Sam NIXON
Braden NORMANDEAU	Parker NOWITSKEY	Cody OBRIGEWITCH
Wayne OBRIGEWITCH	Oscar OMIDIAN	Rob OSCROFT
Paige OUELLETTE	Darren PARKS	Nick PASINI
Matt PETRUK	Lance PHILLIPS	Alex PLAYDON
Roy RAMPLING	Brendan RANDALL	Mike REHILL
Mike SCAMMELL	Terry SCHUBA	Dean SENIO
Mike SHARUN	Mark STURKO	Brad SUGDEN
Ethan TONACK	Darcy TORPE	Kristin UGANECZ
Nolan VARLEY	Nick VEILEUX	Brendan VOLOVICH
Evan VOLOVICH	Christopher WALKER	Kevin WARD
Daniel WATSON	Dylan WHENHAM	Jonathan WHITMORE
Reaghan WILTSE	Justin WONG	Jeremy WOSNACK
Geoff ZEITNER	Tom BRENNAN	

Thank you to all officials who volunteer their time during this tournament!

Duncan MacDougall
Federation Referee Coordinator



SENIOR ASSIGNORS

Welcome back for the 2008-2009 season. Jerry and Guy will both be back again as senior assignors. By the time this is distributed some of you will have already seen some preseason games and hopefully all officials in the senior program have submitted their dark days already for September. It's a rule change year so get to a clinic early (Sr. Program officials must be registered by Oct 15) so you know the new rules when you step on the ice!

As in past seasons Referees are required to have dark days in to Jerry by the 10th of the previous month (i.e. Sept 10th for Oct), Linesmen dark days are due to Guy by the 15th of the previous month. Please make sure you keep us updated if your dark days change as it makes it a lot easier for us when we have changes, cancellations, etc. The 48 hour rule is once again in place, meaning that linesmen must contact the referee at least 48 hours before game time. Referees who have not received this call must contact Guy/ Ryan Petryshn and let them know at least 24 hours before game time. Failure to make necessary calls will result in fines being levied. This system is in place so that we double check that every game is covered.

Rates are up this season for the start of league play and all Sr. Program officials will get new rate information by the start of the regular season. Also, effective immediately mileage rates are now \$0.35/km.

We will be ironing out the supervising expectations early in the season but as always all senior program officials will be required to complete a set number of supervisions. If you can get some supervisions done early in the season before we all get busy and provide some feedback to new officials in the program your help would be appreciated. Gary Tremblay will be taking a lead role for MAAA and Jr. B supervisions so contact him if you can get out to some of the preseason games.

Once again we have a lot of hockey in our zone this season, with 3 of our leagues expanding, meaning more games in the North Zone. As you all know Fridays and Saturdays are always extremely busy so if you can try to stay free those evenings it makes our job a lot easier.

Lastly, for any of you who have not contacted Jerry or Guy with updated contact information, please do so ASAP.

Have a good season!

Jerry George-Referee Assignor (sr-ref@northzone.ab.ca)
Guy Doucet-Linesmen Assignor (sr-lines@northzone.ab.ca)

SENIOR COMMITTEE

Senior Committee met in mid August to discuss the upcoming season. There are a few new teams in the zone this season and as a result, there will be movement at all levels within the program. The supervision program will continue as it did last season and more information will be coming from Jerry and Guy as we get closer to the season.

Have a good season!

Ray Keller
Senior Committee Chairman

MATCH

I hope everyone enjoyed his or her summer because hockey season is right around the corner again. I will be your new Match Penalty Co-coordinator this season and I am looking forward to this new position. Remember Match Penalties on officials are the most severe penalty in the book so you **MUST** contact me within 48 hours of the incident. Please use the Match Penalty report form as your guidelines, but I will be here to support you. Here's to hoping there are not any issues this season.

Ryan Petryshyn
Match Penalty Coordinator

REPORT WRITING

There is a concern this season over the quality of reports written by officials. This is not a local problem but it is happening throughout the branch. The following penalties must always be followed up with a written report:

- All Game Misconduct Penalties
- All Gross Misconduct Penalties
- All Match Penalties (*Match penalties on officials are reported separately*)
- All Misconduct Penalties occurring within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

In your report the following must be included:

- Name, number, time of infraction, and team of offender – if it is a coach and you do not know his name, ask one of the assistants, or someone from the other team.
- Check the front of the game sheet to be certain the timekeeper recorded the penalty properly – if it isn't listed on the front, you can add it with the time recorded that it happened and initial this.
- The rule number of the infraction – from section 6, 7, 8, and 9 in the rulebook
- Report if anything happened during the game that led up to the incident or if anything happened afterwards.
- Report only the facts of the actual occurrence describing exactly what you saw happen and where you were in relation to the incident.
 - *Was the incident accidental or was it intentional*
 - *If profane language was used you can state “abuse with profanity” or “the player shouted profanities at an opposing player”*
 - *Rule (9.2 f) will need the actual verbal taunt that was used*
 - *Did the injured player come back in the game later or did he go to the dressing room for the remainder of the game*
 - *Do not state what you think is the extent of the injury, this is a doctor's or trainer's job*
- When describing the incident use team names and not team colors as the person reading the report probably does not know the jersey colors of the teams
- Report any other occurrence that may have happened as the penalized player was leaving the ice
- Read your report over and see if you are able to picture the actual occurrence from what you have reported, as this report will end up with a league official that was probably not at the game and will have to visualize what happened by reading this report and then make a decision on suspensions.
- Sign the report and include your telephone number in the event a league official needs to contact you.
- Some leagues supply special write-up books for these reports that are left in the referees room but if there is no report form available it should be written on the back of the original copy of the game sheet.
- Do not make any comment to a team official regarding the length of any suspension a player may receive. If you are asked, your answer should be, “it is up to the league to determine the length of any suspension”

CLINIC INFORMATION

It seems we just finished a hockey season and now the next one is upon us already. The schedule for the 2008/09 season is posted on the website www.nothzone.ab.ca and there will be a few more clinics to add as the season progresses. You will note that at this time there is no Edmonton major clinic scheduled as the level 4/5 camp was in Edmonton this season and took many of the participants who normally would have attended. The SWZ clinic will have extra classes to help take up some of the slack. Thank-you Gary Greenough. There is a change to the minimum age for attending a one-day clinic this season. The new minimum age is 17 years old before Jan 1, 2009 as well as having been registered as an official last season. This year there is an allowance for previously registered officials who have missed a year to possibly attend a one-day clinic with the approval of the zone chairman. Each case will be on an individual basis and will look at the age of the official along with their experience level. If you fall in to this category you must contact the zone chairman for approval before you attend a clinic.

In order to help the clinic contacts plan for hosting a clinic with the amount of supplies needed and the number of instructors to have, please let them know of your intentions of attending their clinic by sending in your clinic attendance fee. This will allow the instructors to start earlier and not have to wait to see how many participants there will be while the clinic host is trying to collect money from the people arriving. The clinic attendance fee for the Edmonton clinics will be \$40 and \$50 for late registrations. Any other clinics will have their own attendance fee. This fee that is paid to attend has nothing to do with being registered as an official, it is simply covering the costs of hosting a clinic. Your instructors will inform you of your registration fees at each clinic. For those of you attending a one-day clinic, remember you have to register that day so bring your payment with you, as you cannot officiate until you are fully registered.

This season there will be a different Hockey Alberta crest that must be purchased by officials working the higher levels of hockey in their area. The old crest will still be OK for younger officials. The new rulebook (\$10) or casebook (\$15) must be purchased by all officials with all the rule numbers being changed due to the new format of the books.

Have an enjoyable clinic and a great season.

Don Buskas
North Zone Clinic Coordinator
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North Zone Referees Committee *2008/2009 Referee Clinic Schedule*

In order to be eligible to attend a one-day clinic you must have been a registered official with Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada last season and be at least 16 years old before Jan 1/2008.

Date	Location	Contact	Phone Number
Sept 13	Beaumont – 1 day Sherwood Park -1day Whitecourt – 1 day	Denis Poitras Darcy Cooper Trent Goudreau	
Sept 13/14	Fort Saskatchewan Hinton Sherwood Park Whitecourt	Cory Kokotailo Wade Lavoie Darcy Cooper Trent Goudreau	
Sept 14	Fort Saskatchewan -1 day	Cory Kokotailo	
Sept20	Edmonton SWZ – 1 day Spruce Grove – 1 day	Gary Greenough Glenna Wagner	
Sept 20/21	Drayton Valley Edmonton SWZ Spruce Grove	Brendin Eshpeter Gary Greenough Glenna Wagner	
Sept 21	Edmonton SWZ – 1 day	Gary Greenough	
Sept 27	Camrose/Wetaskiwin – 1 day Jasper – 1 day	Rob Boos Glen Leitch	
Sept 27/28	Barrhead Camrose/Wetaskiwin Fort McMurray Jasper St Albert	Adriana Spreen-Mills Rob Boos Geoff Shantz Glen Leitch Jill Clulow	
Sept 28	St Albert – 1 day	Jill Clulow	
Oct 4	Edmonton NWZ – 1 day Edson – 1 day	Duncan MacDougall Doug Laboucane	
Oct 4/5	Edmonton NWZ Edson Leduc Rivierie Qui Barre/Morinville	Duncan MacDougall Doug Laboucane Dean Heck Shane Hoeber	
Oct 5	RivierieQuiBarre/Morinville 1 day	Shane Hoeber	
Oct 11/12	Andrew Westlock	Luanne Lamash Lila Link	

Oct 18	Edmonton CFB – 1 day	Cole Mackay
Oct 18/19	Athabasca Devon Grande Cache Evansburg New Sarepta Onoway Redwater Tofield	Dustin Pysyk Vicky Baron Frank McKinnon Dale Hofmann Ron Visser Corinne Feth John Yacenko Larry Suchy
Oct 19	Hinton – 1 day Onoway – 1 day	Wade Lavoie Corinne Feth
Oct 25	Edmonton NEZ/SEZ – 1 day	Bill Clark or Dave Kemp
Oct 25/26	Boyle Edmonton NEZ/SEZ Sangudo/Mayerthorpe Swan Hills Fox Creek	Peter Lazowski Bill Clark or Dave Kemp Doris Williams Jason Murrell Contact info to be updated later
Nov 1	Stony Plain – 1 day	Glenna Wagner
Nov 1 / 2	Ft McMurray Stony Plain	Geoff Shantz Glenna Wagner
Nov 8/9	Thorhild	Matt Rosenberger

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