

Northern Stripes



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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Welcome back to another hockey season. I hope everyone had a great summer. Seems like they get shorter every year.

Rule emphasis for the season will be checking to the head. Deliberate checks to the head remain to be a problem in today's game. Ensure we are calling it as required. Rule enforcement that Hockey Canada adopted a few seasons ago will continue. The standard of play will continue to be applied to hooking, tripping, interference, holding, slashing and crosschecking for the season. Remember to bring your 'A' game from the start of the season.

Remember to get registered for a clinic. Don't wait too long or it will be too late. The clinic schedule is posted on the web and in the newsletter.

I would like to take this chance to welcome all new officials to the program. Hopefully you enjoy the game from the officiating side.

I would like to take this chance to thank all of our volunteers in the program, the strength of our program is in our volunteers. The hard work of all of the local referee in chiefs, executive members, assignors, supervisors, instructors and mentors is greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for your commitment to the officiating program.

Have a great season!

Kumail Moledina, Chairman
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CLINIC INFORMATION

Well, we are off and running on another season of clinics. We have had some new volunteers come forward to help out their LMHA with looking after the referee clinics and I have passed those names off to both Dave & Lance to make sure they are updated on our website.

The 1-day clinics scheduled for September 12th & 13th have been going very well to date with about 10 emails a day to me asking to register which I then email back letting them know that they have to print off the registration form and mail it along with their payment to Fraser to get their spots in the clinic. We are closing in on 90 officials for September 12th so we will have now revert the rest of the officials who wanted September 12th to the next day September 13th.

I was however very disappointed with the amount of emails from our members saying that this was the first they had heard of the 1-day clinics. We discussed this at the RIC meeting in the fall, and then we continued to discuss it at each of the General Meetings and again at the RIC meetings held in Sherwood Park and Leduc. We then put it in the March Newsletter and by the response that I have received; it seems that our members do not read their newsletters. Yes there were some communication breakdowns with the RIC's not passing along the information to their respective communities or officials and that is why I think we got the back lash of comments.

On September 3rd we will be holding an instructor's meeting to go over the clinic financial reports with Dave as well we will be also going over the multiple choice exam for any wording mistakes and if we have enough time, we will also be going over the binder which Monty and Arron have revamped. We will also try to go over the MCC material which Gary, Craig, and Tony went through to see what was still useful. There are a few instructors who will be writing their SRD exam that same evening.

We are bringing 3 new instructors on board this year as apprentices (Jim Bassingthwaite, Bob Broomhall, & Darcy Copper) as we have had a few instructors not come back and a few who are not readily available to instruct. We are asking that every instructor be available to try to instruct 3 clinics this year, time permitting. I now that we have a few who are always stepping up to the plate, but remember that the zone watches and comments on the number of clinics that are instructed each season using an average. I have 73 clinics scheduled for this season but that could change depending on the number of communities that may or may not be able to host a clinic.

With all this being said, I would like to say thank you to Kumail, Lance and Ryan for all their support with regards to the emails which I have received in regards to the clinics. I am looking forward to a very good year with the clinics and will try to work closely with Jim Bassingthwaite to make sure we get the correct paperwork out with the clinic kits. Speaking of clinic kits, please remember instructors, that the clinic kits have to be back to Jim no later than the Tuesday following the clinic as he needs to unpack them, balance the inventory, and get the paperwork to Dave, then repack the kits for the next clinic.

In closing we will be looking at the clinic process with feedback from the RIC's to see if there is any way we can improve the clinic process for next year. If anyone has any suggestions or comments, please pass them along to me so that I may have them to pass along at our meetings.

Dean Ziegler

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Chairman Kumail Moledina showing his fine baseball form at the social in Gibbons—photo courtesy of Ryan Dutka

North Zone Referees Committee

2009/2010 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 18 years old before Jan 1/2010.

Clinic	Classrooms	Community	Date	Contact	Phone
1-Day	3	Edmonton	12-Sep-09	Fraser Lawrence	780-718-7540
1-Day	3	Edmonton	13-Sep-09	Fraser Lawrence	780-718-7540
2-Day	1	Drayton Valley	Sept 12 & 13, 2009	Brendan Eshpeter	780-898-1570
1-Day	1	Hinton	19-Sep-09	Wade Lavoie	780-817-3222
2-Day	1	Hinton	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Wade Lavoie	780-817-3222
2-Day	1	Devon	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Vicky Baron	780-963-2490
2-Day	2	Morinville/RQB	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Ryan Dutka	780-278-0175
2-Day	3	SWZ	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Gary Greenough	780-913-0249
2-Day	1	Vegreville	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Dane Koster	780-603-8558
2-Day	1	Tofield	Sept 19 & 20, 2009	Larry Suchy	780-662-3359
1-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	26-Sep-09	Tim Rinas	780-790-6812
1-Day	1	Edson	26-Sep-09	Doug Laboucane	780-723-5041
1-Day	1	Whitecourt	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Trent Goudreau	780-778-5759
2-Day	1	Whitecourt	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Trent Goudreau	780-778-5759
2-Day	1	Edson	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Doug Laboucane	780-723-5041
2-Day	1	Andrew	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Luanna Lamash	780-365-3846
2-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	Sept 26 & 27, 2009	Tim Rinas	780-790-6812
1-Day	1	Jasper	03-Oct-09	Glenn Leitch	780-852-4446
2-Day	1	Jasper	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Glenn Leitch	780-852-4446
2-Day	1	Athabasca	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Dustin Pysyk	780-675-9686
2-Day	2	Leduc	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Dean Heck	780-986-2619
2-Day	2	NWZ	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Duncan MacDougall	780-439-3824
2-Day	1	Ft. Saskatchewan	Oct 3 & 4, 2009	Cory Kokotailo	780-966-4549
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND - NO CLINICS					
1-Day	3	Edmonton	17-Oct-09	Fraser Lawrence	780-718-7540
1-Day	3	Edmonton	18-Oct-09	Fraser Lawrence	780-718-7540
2-Day	1	Grande Cache	Oct 17 & 18, 2009	Frank McKinnon	780-827-2007
2-Day	1	Barrhead	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Debbie Kincaid	780-674-6419
2-Day	1	New Sarepta	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Darryl Holt	780-941-3722
2-Day	2	Stony Plain	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Glenna Wagner	780-963-5048
2-Day	2	SEZ	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Ron Oscroft	780-461-8259
2-Day	1	Swan Hills	Oct 24 & 25, 2009	Jason Murrell	780-333-2146
2-Day	1	Redwater	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Doug Hurl	780-942-3212
2-Day	4	Sherwood Park	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Darcy Cooper	780-416-0906
2-Day	2	St. Albert	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Joe Becigneul	780-242-0854
2-Day	1	Sangudo/Mayerthorpe	Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2009	Doris Williams	780-786-4101

Clinic	Classrooms	Community	Date	Contact	Phone
2-Day	1	Warburg	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Trish Lafreniere	780-789-2139
2-Day	1	Onoway	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Rick Wilson	780-967-2034
2-Day	1	Thorhild	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Monty Bauer	780-389.2537
2-Day	3	NEZ	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Bill Clark	780-886-7478
2-Day	1	Fox Creek	Nov 7 & 8, 2009	Mara Murphy	780-622-2683
2-Day	1	Lamont	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Terry Eleniak	780-363-2335
2-Day	3	Wetaskiwin/Camrose	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Dan Anderson/Robb Boos	780-361-9174
2-Day	1	Evansburg	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Dale Hofmann	780-727-2135
2-Day	1	Wabumun	Nov 14 & 15, 2009	Darrel Velichko	
2-Day	2	Beaumont	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Denis Poitras	780-929-8172
2-Day	2	Spruce Grove	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Glenna Wagner	780-963-5048
2-Day	1	Thorsby	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Sherry Knopp	780-999-5669
2-Day	1	Westlock	Nov 21 & 22, 2009	Lila Link	780-349-6677
1-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	November 28th, 2009	Tim Rinas	780-790-6812
2-Day	1	Ft. McMurray	Nov 28 & 29, 2009	Tim Rinas	780-790-6812
2-Day	1	Boyle/Plamondon	Nov 28 & 29, 2009	Peter Lazowski	780-576-2251



North Zone Social in Gibbons—photo courtesy of Ryan Dutka

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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 Ray Keller 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 the North Zone 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!

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SHADOW PROGRAM

The Shadow Program continued to improve last season with a large increase in the percentage of first year officials shadowed throughout the season.

New Shadow Program Supervisors will continue to be eligible to receive a special windbreaker style jacket, costs for which are shared between the North Zone and the local centre or official. As it was last 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.

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Ray Keller

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SOCIAL

We hosted two major social events last year to cap off another great season.

The first was a softball tournament in Gibbons. There was a softball tournament during the day accompanied by some minor activities for kids. The evening was capped off with a BBQ, poker night and silent auction. Attended by approximately 55 adults and 10 children, the event was a success—cumulating with \$1000 being raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation during the silent auction.

The second event of the year was the Northzone Open which was held at the Black Bull Golf & Country Club. Members from all over the zone participated including six officials who made the trip all the way from Fort McMurray.

Big Thanks to Connor LaForge, Greg Chornohus, Ryan Dutka and anyone who donated prizes.

Don't hesitate to call the new Social Coordinator, Colin Watt and suggest new events and improvements for the coming year.

Ryan Weyland on behalf of the 08/09 Social Committee

General Meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Edmonton Inn) in the Ridgewood Room. Please note the 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 19

November 16

January 18

February 22

April 19 (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.

EMHA AND MINOR COMMITTEE

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2009/10 officiating season. I hope everyone had a great summer. It is now time to start thinking about officiating again. Please check the clinic schedule and get to a clinic ASAP so you are prepared for the upcoming season.

The SSAC club icebreaker tournament will be starting on Sept. 14th with the Bantam category; the Midgets will start the following week. This is a very difficult time to find officials to work games as some officials are not prepared to start yet. There will be numerous exhibition games as well, 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.

Last season we had great difficulty assigning games on weekends. Most of our hockey will be played on the weekends. If you are working the AA program you must be prepared to work those days or you risk getting no hockey. 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.

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.

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. If anyone is interested in officiating in the AA Program please give me a call or e-mail me with some information about yourself.

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

Herman Costa
Minor Committee Chairman
EMHA Referee Representative

FEMALE PROGRAM



Hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are ready to strap on the blades for another fun filled hockey season.

We have two (2) pre-season tournaments ready to get underway, NAIT Blue & Gold and Uof A Pandas Presense Cup. Many of you will have received correspondence from me, enquiring of your status for these tournaments. You've responded overwhelmingly of your availability. The exhibition season is a great way to shake out the cobwebs and get into a game rhythm.

With the lead up to the Olympics, we've been very busy over the summer months with Hockey Canada's numerous High Performance Summer Camps held in Calgary assigning officials to work the U18 and U22 summer camp exhibition games that included Team Sweden, Team USA and the National Women's Team (NWT). In preparation for the Olympics, the NWT will be playing a series of games against Alberta Major Midget men's teams and Alberta Junior teams. Make sure you take in a game or two and cheer the NWT on. They have certainly found success in defeating the Major Midget teams over the last couple of seasons. This certainly demonstrates how the female game is progressing.

On this note, with the advancement of the NWT and the U18 teams, the skill at these levels cannot be overstated. In order for our officials to compete at this and other levels, it's imperative that you be in excellent physical conditioning. The time has gone where officials can take the summer off and then expect to get into game shape by working games. If you have the drive to be the best and compete at the same level as the best, physical conditioning is a year round event.

This season, a new provincial Bantam AAA League will commence its inaugural league play. This league will provide the solid base necessary to feed the Mid AAA age group and also provide a training ground for our officials.

We will continue, as years past, to provide supervisions of our officials. We want to assist in your growth and development. If you're lucky enough to have a supervisor come out and watch you, embrace the opportunity to learn and enhance your skills.

Welcome back to all and hello to all of our new officials. Hope to see everyone at the rink. Thank s to all of you, for your continued support and assistance. Our program is only as strong as its membership, and each one of you are contributing to that ultimate goal.

Karen Kost, Female Program Coordinator

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DISCIPLINE

Welcome everyone to another season! I'm proud to announce we have no incidents to date and would love to keep it that way through out the year!!! Hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to another great season. With the season already underway for some and everyone else getting ready to go I thought it would be a great idea to remind you of our guidelines we all must follow. Hopefully we can have a discipline free year, unlike last year. Please take a minute to read through the following:

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF LEAGUE GUIDELINES OR ASSIGNMENTS MAKE SURE TO FIND OUT AHEAD OF TIME!

DON'T FORGET TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR ASSIGNMENTS AND CONFIRM THEM AND ALSO CALL YOUR REF 48 HOURS OR MORE IN ADVANCE FOR SENIOR PROGRAM!

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.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- *Remember that being an official is a huge commitment on AND off the ice. Please check with your local center for additional guidelines.*
- Please follow these policies and adhere to the Canadian Hockey Officiating Program code of ethics on the ice.
- 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.

Also just a reminder that you are not to post anything about your games, coaches, players, fans or fellow refs on Facebook, twitter or any other public chat boards. If you are found doing this it will be forwarded for discipline.

I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT SEASON AND WE WON'T HAVE TO TALK ABOUT ANY DISCIPLINE ISSUES!!!

Gary Tremblay, Discipline Chairperson
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FEDERATION NOTES

September has arrived and with it comes a new hockey season. All officials should plan to attend an early clinic. The Edmonton Districts will each be sponsoring a clinic this season. These District-sponsored clinics will be two day clinics. In Edmonton ALL ONE DAY CLINICS will be at Grant MacEwan College's downtown campus on either September 12 or 13 and October 17 or 18. All other Edmonton clinics will be two days in length. To attend a one day clinic you must be 18 years of age prior to January 1, 2010. ALL EDMONTON CLINICS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION.

Game formats have not changed. The five minute – two minute procedure is to be used when needed to insure that all games are completed within the applicable ice slot. There will be a N-HL (no hit league) for Peewee, 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 uses common sense judgment to insure that these objectives are met.

There are new rates for 2009 – 2010. Each category has a rate for one, two and three officials. The referee is responsible for collecting the correct rate. Do not collect in excess of the listed rate for your game. Rate sheets will be available at the four Edmonton district clinics and at the October and November general meetings of the North Zone Referees' Council. All league and playoff games are paid cash prior to the start of the game in exchange for a signed and dated receipt when the game is played in an Edmonton arena.

Assignments in the Federation program will be on the RAMP computer system. This system works well when you, the referee, participate in a cooperative fashion. You MUST enter and continually UPDATE your dark times. You MUST visit your mailbox regularly. You MUST promptly reply to potential assignments. Accept or decline but do not procrastinate. Officials who do not cooperate with these guidelines may be dropped from the assignment roster.

BE ON TIME for every game. No game should ever start late because of officials who are not ready at game time. 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 factor which impact the number of assignments that an official might receive.

An official's attitude and effort are key factors in the success that an official will have. Always HUSTLE. Do your best every minute, every period and every game. HUSTLE. Treat all participants with respect. Have fun officiating.

Duncan MacDougall
Federation Coordinator

FEDERATION DISTRICT REFEREE COORDINATORS

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North West District	Duncan MacDougall	439-3824
South West District	Gary Greenough	913-0249
South East District	Ron Oscroft	718-9298



Camaraderie extends off the ice for fellow Northzone officials Derek Crowley and Connor LaForge.

SHERWOOD PARK

This past summer has been a very busy one.

Last year we had some major incidents of abuse of some of our younger officials. One official is not coming back this year because of what he faced. To that end, the first week of November all SPMHA on ice officials will be holding an abuse awareness campaign called our Black and Blue fundraiser. It will be a fund raiser for the Strathcona Shelter Society to try to raise awareness about family violence as November is Family Violence Prevention Month. In conjunction with the campaign all on ice officials will be voluntarily donating their fees to the cause. To raise awareness of our fundraiser we will be wearing solid black coats with the referees wearing blue arm bands. This will be for all games played in Sherwood Park including the Kings Club games, our rep hockey program. Thank you to Hockey Alberta, Northzone executive, SPMHA, and the Kings club for approving of our uniform change.

The reason for this campaign is not only to support an important charity in our local community but also to show solidarity against the kind of verbal and physical abuse that some of our on ice officials sometimes face while performing their duties. Thank you in huge part to our corporate sponsors (see sherwoodpark.goalline.ca) to date we have already raised close to \$10,000.00.

Strathcona County has agreed that our promotional poster will be displayed at not only all 8 arenas in the county but also at any recreation and parks facility including the pool.

We will be presenting Strathcona Shelter Society with a cheque at the November 27th Jr. A Sherwood Park Crusaders game. All officials taking part in our campaign will get in to this game for free. If you would like to donate to our cause it is completely tax deductible. Email me at darcy@burchphoto.com for more details.

Congratulations go out to Steve Cicchini on winning our top award for going above and beyond for 2008/09 season. Congratulations also to Craig Husselby for winning our first ever Cornel VanKuppeveld award for the most supervisions for the 2008/09 season.

Thank you to Dean Ziegler for his help with the design of new write up sheets that SPMHA executive approved. Write up books will be distributed at our September 9th SPMHA Officials meeting.

Thank you in advance to Arron Best, Karen Kost and Lacey Senuk for agreeing to help us out with our first ever Female recruitment drive. These ladies have graciously agreed to put on a 30 minute presentation for us on September 17th at 7:00P.M. at the Sherwood Park Arena in the mini gym. All female hockey players from Bantam and up have been personally been invited to hear this presentation. The presentation is free to all that attend and as well SPMHA has donated a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to United Cycle that someone in attendance is going to win.

These female hockey players will then be invited to our Female only class at our clinic that is being held in Sherwood Park on October 31st and November 1st. All other classes for our clinic are now full. I have now heard from all our returning officials and I am happy to report that we have an 87% return rate from last year.

As you can see it was a busy off season but I for one am very happy to see the 2009/10 season well on it 's way.

Remember without officials it is just recess.

All the best,

Darcy Cooper
RIC SPMHA



SENIOR ASSIGNORS

Welcome back for the 2009-2010 season! There has been one change with our assignors for this season, as Jerry George has stepped down as senior referee assignor after many years of service and Dwayne Yakubow has taken over this position; Guy Doucet is returning as Senior Lines assignor.

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. This season already has seen a lot of movement in the Senior Program with referees and linesmen. If you wish to move up into the program be sure to work hard in your games, be prepared with rulebook knowledge and league rules and help our young officials with our supervision program.

Just a reminder that all Senior Program officials must be registered by **October 15th** and Level 4, 5 and 6 officials must write their SRD exam before October 15th as well.

As in past seasons Referees are required to have dark days in to Dwayne by the 10th of the previous month (i.e. Sept 10th for Oct), and 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 / Brett Babkirk (City Midget 'AAA' and Junior 'B' lines assignor) 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. Mileage rates are the same as last season at \$0.35/km.

The supervision program will be the same as last season with their being a head supervisor for all the leagues and that person will assignor supervision games to a group of assignors for that particular league. Senior officials are required to have 3 games supervised by the November general meeting and another 3 games by the January general meeting. 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.

Once again we have a lot of hockey in our zone this season. 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 Dwayne or Guy with updated contact information, please do so ASAP.

Have a good season!

Dwayne Yakubow-Referee Assignor (sr-ref@northzone.ab.ca) & Guy Doucet-Linesmen Assignor (sr-lines@northzone.ab.ca)



North Zone official, Darren Spurgeon in action at the World Under 17 Championship

ALBERTA CUP / DEVELOPMENT

Alberta Cup/ID Camp

Hello everyone and welcome back to the hockey season. My name is Cory Kokotailo and I am in charge of the Alberta Cup development opportunity in our zone.

The ID camp is held annually in March, where approximately 12 North zone officials are supervised in hopes of reaching the Alberta Cup. This years Alberta Cup is set to go in Leduc, right here in the North zone, so making it to that tournament will be great for the selected officials.

Applications this year will be due by the January general meeting which will give our committee time to get out and see each individual applicant. This process will allow us to select the best fit officials for the ID camp.

Please contact myself through the North zone website if you are interested in attending this year's camp and I look forward to watching you work in the New Year.

Have a great start to the season.

Cory Kokotailo, Alberta Cup Coordinator
development@northzone.ab.ca



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

TREASURERS CENTS

We have new rates again this year, fortunately they have gone down. Both our zone rates, and the Hockey Alberta registration fee has gone down, we both over estimated the increase in costs last year, so we adjusted them back down. The rates below indicate our new rates (G.S.T. included). Insurance for all participants (unless paid with minor hockey team), stayed the same at \$33.00 (inc. G.S.T.).

RECLASSIFICATION

A reminder to all officials who are looking to be reclassified for the 2010-11 season, to get their information in by January 1, 2010. Details are available on our website, www.northzone.ab.ca.

Kumail Moledina, Chairman
chairman@northzone.ab.ca

	Hockey Alberta Fee	Zone Admin	Edmonton/SR Admin
Level 1	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$2.00
Level 2	\$22.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
Level 3	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$33.00
Level 4	\$28.00	\$29.00	\$56.00
Level 5	\$28.00	\$42.00	\$65.00
Level 6	\$28.00	\$53.00	\$65.00

*The above amounts all include G.S.T.

Now that we no longer mail out the newsletter, the only way you can get it is by email, it is very important for you to notify me of your current email address, we will use it several times during the year.

Dave Butler, Treasurer
(treasurer@northzone.ab.ca)

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”

SHERWOOD PARK MINOR HOCKEY
OFFICIALS PRESENT



BLACK & BLUE

Abuse Awareness Campaign

NOVEMBER 1-8

The biggest reason both players and officials leave hockey is verbal and physical abuse.

Abuse in any form hurts. To raise awareness of this serious issue, all SPMHA Officials will be donating their fees from all games for a full week to A Safe Place Shelter for Abused women and their families.

SHARED RESPECT - IT'S A CHOICE, YOUR CHOICE.



A Safe Place