

# NORTHERN STRIPES

The official North Zone  
Referee's Committee  
Newsletter!

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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I hope everyone had a good summer. This season is shaping up to be a very interesting one as numerous things have come up since the end of the season.

First, the biggest and most important change is the new standard of rule enforcement that Hockey Canada adopted for the upcoming season. A new standard of play will be applied to hooking, tripping, interference, holding, slashing and cross-checking beginning at the start of this season. There will be more information available at your clinic so I encourage everyone to get out to a clinic early this season is possible.

Secondly, an increase of rates was approved at the April General Meeting and subsequent to this, we were informed that we have to collect GST on all supplies and registrations. The GST has been included in all fees for the upcoming season and will be discussed further at the clinic.

Thirdly, at the Hockey Alberta Referees Council in June, the provincial body voted in a change to recertification of Level 3 and higher officials. Beginning this fall, Level 3 and higher officials will be given the option of attending a one-day

clinic every year to recertify their level. The purpose of changing to a one-day clinic for the higher levels is to hope to retain these officials, as they are our most experienced, as well as having the opportunity to get out vital information (such as this year with the new rule enforcement) to them sooner so they can take this information back to their communities and share it with other officials. Clinics for all Level 1 and 2 officials are unchanged.

It is very important to get to a clinic early this season. It is critical that we as officials understand and know the new application of the rules and begin to educate others in the game of hockey. There will be growing pains as we learn the new standard but we saw last season in the NHL the benefits of the change.

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

**Ray Keller**  
Chairman  
[chairman@northzone.ab.ca](mailto:chairman@northzone.ab.ca)

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**G**eneral Meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Edmonton Inn) in the Pitcher Plant Room. The dates for this seasons meetings are as follows.

### Meeting Dates

**October 16**

**November 27**

**January 15**

**February 26**

**April 16 (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.

## ONE-DAY CLINICS FOR LEVEL 3 AND HIGHER OFFICIALS

Officials who are Level 3 and higher can now attend a one-day clinic to recertify every year. This change was passed in June at the Annual General Meeting. As a compromise for going to one day clinics, the length of the clinic will now be seven and a half hours and will not contain an on-ice session. Level 3 and higher officials can still attend a two-day clinic however, you must attend ALL two days.

Due to the change in format for the clinic, it is expected that officials come prepared to their clinic. This involves reviewing the rulebook/casebook prior to the day of the clinic (something you should be doing anyways!) as not obtaining the appropriate pass mark may result in the official having to drop a level.

## SUPERVISIONS - The Road to Success

Another hockey season is upon us, and I hope everybody enjoyed their summer. I am definitely looking forward to another great hockey season and am hoping that we can as a zone improve on our supervision numbers from last season. Every year has been very well supervised but we can always look to improve on prior numbers, keeping our zone's officials at the top in the province. Please support fellow officials by spending a few nights a month at the rinks, and if you would like to be supervised or would like to supervise, do not hesitate to contact me.

This season again will have 3 of us looking after the program. I will continue doing all regular season and exhibition supervisions, Ken Dentzien will be coordinating the provincials and Dean Ziegler running the tournament supervisions. Please contact myself if you want to be supervised during the year or to do supervisions. Supervision forms will be available from me during the season, and for more guidelines on supervising, please check out our website.

Senior Program officials this year will again be assigned supervisions every month, as this program paid great dividends to our supervision program last season. As an improvement to the supervision program we are hoping that the minor program will follow suit and introduce assigned supervisions as these levels were somewhat neglected last season. I encourage all officials to give back time and supervise up and coming officials in Peewee, Atom and Bantam levels, as these officials will be blossoming into our fresh faces moving into the prestigious assignments in the zone and around the province.

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.

**Cory Kokotailo**  
Supervisions Coordinator  
[supervisions@northzone.ab.ca](mailto:supervisions@northzone.ab.ca)

## TREASURERS CENTS

Two 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. Secondly, starting this season, Hockey Alberta is being charged the 6% G.S.T. on all goods and services, including our registration fees. With some of our fees and most of our supplies we were able to absorb the cost of the G.S.T. without changing the price, but others required further adjustment. The rates below indicate our new rates (G.S.T. included) and supply costs. Note that from this season forward, all our goods and services will have the G.S.T. included in the price.

Hockey Alberta Crests: increased to \$7.00 (inc. G.S.T.)

Insurance for all participants (unless paid with minor hockey team), will be \$32.00 (inc. G.S.T.), there will no longer be an additional fee for levels 4 through 6.



\*All amounts include G.S.T.

	HOCKEY ALBERTA FEE	ZONE ADMIN FEE	EDM/ SR ADMIN FEE	WEST SAT ADMIN FEE
LEVEL 1	\$14.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	\$11.00
LEVEL 2	\$19.00	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$22.00
LEVEL 3	\$29.00	\$14.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
LEVEL 4	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$53.00	\$43.00
LEVEL 5	\$47.00	\$22.00	\$59.00	
LEVEL 6	\$54.00	\$28.00	\$59.00	

## NORTH ZONE EXECUTIVE PHONE LIST

**Chairman:**  
Ray Keller .....

**Vice Chairman:**  
Jerry George.....

**Treasurer:**  
Dave Butler .....

**Secretary:**  
Mitch Carriere .....

**Directors:**  
Ryan Petryshn .....  
Kevin Adams .....  
Cory Kokotailo.....  
Lance Hyndman .....

**Senior Referees:**  
Jerry George.....

**Senior Linesmen:**  
Ken Dentzien.....

**Supervisions**  
Cory Kokotailo .....

**Shadow Program:**  
Kevin Adam .....

**Clinic Coordinator:**  
Don Buskas .....

**CJHL Liason:**  
Guy Doucet .....

**Match Penalties Representative:**  
Monty Wood .....

**EMHA Representative:**  
Herman Costa .....

**Federation Representative:**  
Duncan MacDougall .....

**Female Hockey:**  
Darin Bauer .....

**MAAA Supervisor:**  
John Potter .....

**Past Zone Chairman:**  
Darin Bauer .....

**West Satellite Chairman:**  
Andy LeBlanc .....

**Provincial Chairman:**  
Wally Popik.....

## FEDERATION NOTES

Summer has come and gone. Now another hockey season beckons. For officials it will be a very interesting, and possibly very trying, season. Be prepared.

Plan to attend an early clinic. A list of clinics is enclosed with this newsletter. Pick a date and contact the appropriate person for registration information. Early attendance is very important this year, as Hockey Canada has introduced several significant changes in rule interpretation and application. Rules of note are Holding, Hooking and Interference. You must learn and understand these new interpretations in order to be prepared to properly apply them. Proper application of the new interpretations by all officials will lead to greater consistency and to better and more enjoyable hockey. Every official will have to commit to these changes and to work diligently in applying them.

Game formats have not changed from last season. The five minute – two minute game ending procedure will be used when necessary to end each ice slot. There will again be an NHL (no hit league) for peewee, bantam and midget aged players. If you officiate NHL games be aware of the rule modifications. The NHL is a hockey league where fun and safety are paramount. Enforce the rules to insure that these objectives are achieved.

Rates in some categories have changed for 2006 – 2007. Be certain that you collect the correct rate. Do not over-charge. The referee is responsible for knowing the correct rate. Rate sheets will be available at clinics in Edmonton and at North Zone Referees' Committee general meetings in October and November. All league and playoff games played in Edmonton are paid cash prior to the commencement of the game in exchange for a signed and dated receipt.



LEGIBLY PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE GAME SHEET.

BE ON TIME. Under no circumstances should any game be delayed because of the tardiness of an official.

### FEDERATION CONTACTS

**Duncan MacDougall**

North Zone Referees' Council representative to the Federation of Community Leagues' Hockey Council

*Referee Coordinator North West District*

**Bill Clark**

*Referee Coordinator North East District*

**Dave Kemp**

*Referee Coordinator South East District (SEERA)*

**Darryl Desjarlais**

*Referee Coordinator Knights of Columbus*

**Gary Greenough**

*Referee Coordinator South West District*

No official is guaranteed assignments. It is very difficult to predict how many officials will be needed during the course of the season. Factors involved in making this determination include the number of teams, the number of players, the number of games, the number of registered officials, the availability of an official and the ability of an official.

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 a successful season.

**Duncan MacDougall**  
**Federation Coordinator**

## NORTH ZONE CLINIC INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2006/2007 hockey season. Every new and returning official in Alberta must attend a full two-day clinic and register by December 15, 2006. There will be approximately 45 to 50 scheduled clinics in the North Zone this season over 11 different weekends starting on Sept 16/17. Please choose a weekend that will allow you to attend the **full two days**. The complete schedule is posted on the website. All clinics have pre-registration and are open to new and returning officials. 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 will continue to be 13 years of age before January 1, 2007.

The Edmonton Major Clinic will be held on September 16 & 17 at St. Francis Xavier High School (9250 -163 St). Classes will run from 8:30 to 4:00 each day. The ice session will be Sunday at Bill Hunter arena. The instructors will notify you of the time. You are to provide your own transportation to the arena and back to the classroom. For the ice session you must bring your skates, whistle, and CSA approved helmet complete with a CSA approved half visor.

Pre-registration for attending the Edmonton major clinic is required by Sept 11. Complete the registration form at the bottom of this letter and return it along with a cheque or money order for \$35 (GST incl), Payable to the **North Zone Referees Committee**. Any registrations for the Edmon-

ton major clinic after Sept. 11 would be required to pay \$45 (GST incl). There will be no refunds after September 11, 2005.

**NO EXCEPTIONS.** 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

**One Day Level 3 Clinic** – The Branch has approved going to a one day clinic for current level 3 and higher officials as well as officials who were reclassified to level 3 at the end of the 2005/2006 season. There will be one of these clinics on Sept 16 held in conjunction with the Edmonton Major at St Francis Xavier High School. There will not be an on-ice session for this clinic and students are expected to come prepared to write the exam. This clinic will be slightly longer at 7½ hours of instruction time. **If a level 3 or higher official decides to attend a regular 2 day clinic they must attend both days at that clinic.**

**Additional Clinic for Female Officials** – With the increase in the number of female participants in the hockey program, the North Zone is conducting a separate clinic for female officials only. This clinic will run in conjunction with the Edmonton Major clinic at St. Francis Xavier High School. The costs and times are the same as the Edmonton Major – Sept 16 & 17, 8:30 to 4:00 both days. The contact person for this clinic is **Carla Johns**. If you are registering for the female clinic, send your payment to the address on the female clinic

registration form.

It is also mandatory for all officials to have a current Hockey Alberta crest for their jersey and a rulebook. The crest can be purchased at the clinic for \$7 (GST incl). As the rulebook is used during the clinic and some items are underlined or highlighted by the student and then taken home to study for the exam, **anyone requiring a new rulebook please bring \$5 (GST incl) cash on Saturday morning to purchase it.** Last years rulebook is valid for this season so any student who has one should bring it. Instructors will go over the amount that each student has to bring on Sunday for registration and other supplies. There is a workbook that all level I and II officials will be given at the clinic. Also available will be rule/casebooks \$10 (GST incl), armbands \$5 (GST incl), procedure manuals \$15 (GST incl) and CHA shoulder patch \$2 (GST incl).

At this time there is no last chance clinic planned for this year. 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**

**Edmonton Major Clinic Registration Form**  
(ONLY FILL OUT IF ATTENDING SEPT 16/17 CLINIC  
OR THE SEPT 16 LEVEL 3 CLINIC)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Dec 31/06): \_\_\_\_\_

New Official: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ 2005-06 HCOP Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Years officiating: \_\_\_\_\_

Return By September 11, 2006 to:

Greg Chornohus  
150 Laurier Drive  
Edmonton, AB.  
T5R 5P9

E-mail vapor44@hotmail.com

\$35 Cheque or money order payable to: **North Zone Referees Committee**



## FEMALE PROGRAM

I have once again been asked by the North Zone Executive to coordinate the Female Program in the North Zone. I believe some very positives steps were taken last season and the program will continue to flourish thanks to many hard working officials within the program. I have been approached by numerous officials working within the program with suggestions to improve the program this upcoming season. I welcome any suggestions, and will try my best to implement as many as possible.

Last season we ran the first Female only clinic in the province with great success. We plan to run another one this season, hoping for enough officials to fill 2 classes. The clinic will once again be run in conjunction with the Edmonton Major Clinic on Sept. 16/17. Carla Johns has graciously volunteered to be the clinic contact. I encourage all female officials to attend this unique clinic. If you are interested, please contact Carla at [cmjohns@hotmail.com](mailto:cmjohns@hotmail.com)



The Senior Female Committee is organizing a power skating session with Stephanie Hanlen during the first week in October. All officials working within the female program are invited to attend. If you are interested or want more information, contact Aaron Best at [Arron.Best@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Arron.Best@gov.ab.ca)

We will once again be holding a Female Program meeting at the end of September. Your assignor will give you more details once the date and time are solidified. (Check our webpage as well.)

I look forward to another successful season for the Female Program in the North Zone. If you have any questions or suggestions for program improvement, please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me.

Don't forget to check out our website: <http://northzone.ab.ca/female.htm>

**Darrin Bauer**  
Female Coordinator  
North Zone Referees' Committee  
[female@northzone.ab.ca](mailto:female@northzone.ab.ca)

<b>Edmonton Female Clinic Registration Form</b>		
(ONLY FILL OUT IF ATTENDING <b>SEPT 16/17 FEMALE CLINIC</b> )		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
Phone: _____	Age (as of Dec 31/06): _____	
New Official: Yes___No ___	2005-06 HCOP Level: _____	Years officiating: _____
Return By September 11, 2006 to:	Carla Johns 9845-81 Ave. Edmonton, AB. T6E 1W4 E-mail <a href="mailto:cmjohns@hotmail.com">cmjohns@hotmail.com</a>	
\$35 Cheque or money order payable to: <b>North Zone Referees Committee</b>		

## SENIOR PROGRAM ASSIGNORS

Welcome back for the 2006-2007 season. Once again Ken & Jerry will be back as senior assignors. Some of you have probably already seen some preseason games and hopefully all officials in the senior program have submitted their dark days already.

Similar to 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 Ken 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 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 Ken/ Ryan Petryshn and let him 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 and we don't embarrass our zone by having games with no officials.

We will be assigning supervisions this season again. Officials will be assigned games to supervise in a specific league.

Each official will be assigned one game per month from Oct to Feb (5 total). Failure to show up for your assigned supervision will result in disciplinary action. All the assigned supervisions are to be handed in to Jerry & Ken so that we can make sure they are done. We will then forward them on to the supervision coordinator.

There will be some tournaments that we will need supervisors for and these can be used as your assigned supervision.

Once again we have a lot of hockey in our zone this season, with the possibility of two more senior teams. 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.

For those of you who have not contacted Jerry or Ken with your updated contact info, please do so asap.

Have a good season!

Jerry George-Referee Assignor  
sr-ref@northzone.ab.ca

Ken Dentzien-Linesmen Assignor



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[www.northzone.ab.ca](http://www.northzone.ab.ca)



### REMINDER:

**If you are a hockey player and you are under suspension, you are ALSO suspended from officiating until such time that you are re-instated.**

## MINOR COMMITTEE

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2006/07 officiating season. I would like to start off by thanking Craig Decoursey who chaired this committee for the past few seasons. His input and knowledge of the Edmonton AA program as well as the officials that have worked in the program has been very valuable. I hope he enjoys his hard earned free time to spend with his family.

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

6. 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.

This season there will be some changes to the way we officiate the games. It is in your best interest to attend a clinic early. Some new guidelines are out and that information will be dealt with at the clinics. 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.

Thank you,  
Herman Costa  
Minor Committee Chairman  
[hermancosta@shaw.ca](mailto:hermancosta@shaw.ca)

## RIC MEETING

How quickly a new season seems to arrive!! This years first meeting with RICs from across the zone will take place on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 at the Ramada Inn (same location as General Meetings). 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. Some of you will not be hosting your clinic until later in

the fall so we will try and spend some quality time outlining Hockey Canada's expectations regarding the new standard of play and emphasis on tightening up of the rulebook. If there is anything else in particular that you would like to discuss please let me know and I will make sure it makes it onto the agenda. Also, if there is interest from RIC's looking at assigning software please let me know and I may try and get someone in to make a presentation to us. Please contact me to let me know you are able to attend.

Jerry George  
vicechair@northzoneab.ca

## AWARD WINNERS FOR 2005-06

**Supervision Award-** Ken Dentzien

**Duncan MacDougall Award-**

Doug Laboucane

**Ron Panchyshyn Award-**

Craig Decoursey

**Mike Bugaida Award-**

Carla Johns

**Chairman's Award-**

Craig Decoursey

## EMHA REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2006/07 hockey season. I will be returning as your EMHA Referee representative. I would like to encourage all City officials to attend a clinic as soon as possible. There are some new guidelines that all officials need to know. If you are interested in officiating or assigning AA Program hockey in Edmonton, Please contact my self or someone on minor committee.

With tryouts, exhibition games and preseason tournaments just around the corner, I would like to remind all officials to help out their assignors. This can be a very tough time for assignors, as games come with very little notice and sometimes it takes many phone calls to cover a game. Also before you take an assignment make sure you check your schedule closely. If you take an assignment keep it, if you must turn it back the assignors require a minimum 48hr notice.

I would also like to remind all officials working the AA program that you must dress appropriately (collared shirt and dress pants). You must also show up a minimum of 30 minutes before game time, **late attendance** and **no shows** continue to be a problem and are unacceptable. If this happens in one of your games, one official will call Monty Wood (Discipline Committee chairman) and their assignor within 48 Hrs. All officials who do not abide by these rules will be turned over to the discipline committee.

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 you're interested in helping out contact Kevin Adam the shadow program coordinator.

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  
EMHA Referee Representative  
hermancosta@shaw.ca



## North Zone Referees Committee 2006 Referee Clinic Schedule



Date	Location	Contact	Phone #
Sept. 16	Edm Level 3	Greg Chornohus	
Sept 16/17	Edson – Senior Camp Edson Edm Major Edm Major Female Whitecourt	Mike Mennings Mike Mennings Greg Chornohus Carla Johns Trent Goudreau	
Sept 23/24	Drayton Valley Edm SWZ Ft McMurray Ft Saskatchewan Hinton Whitecourt – Senior Cam	Brendin Eshpeter Gary Greenough Brad Grainger Cory Kokotailo Todd Erickson Trent Goudreau	
Sept 30	Camrose/Wetask Level 3	Rob Boos @ Camrose	
Sept 30/Oct1	Camrose/Wetaskiwin Fox Creek St Albert	Rob Boos @ Camrose Brett Marple Dave Bell	
Oct 1	St Albert Level 3	Dave Bell	
Oct 7/8	Evansburg Leduc Stony Plain	Dale Hofmann Dean Heck Glenna Wagner	
Oct 14/15	Edm NWZ Jasper Morinville/Bon Accord Tofield Warburg	Duncan MacDougall Glen Leitch Peggy Martin Larry Suchy Janet Sarvas	
Oct 21	Sherwood Park Level 3	Darcy Cooper	
Oct 21/22	Grande Cache Lamont Sherwood Park Thorhild	Chris Ritchie Denise Ostapowich Darcy Cooper Carol Kassian	
Oct 28/29	Athabasca Beaumont Devon Mayerthorpe/Sangudo New Sarepta Swan Hills Vegreville Westlock	Dustin Pysyk Craig Miller Vicky Baron Allan Chittick Kelly Vandenberghe Jason Murrell Robert Wilson Chuck Keller	
Nov 4/5	Edm NEZ/SEZ  Ft McMurray Riviere Qui Barre Thorsby	Bill Clark or Dave Kemp Brad Grainger Henry Kieftenbeld Dan Abt	
Nov 11/12	Spruce Grove	Dean Mumby	
Nov 18/19	Edm CFB	Cole Mackay	