



North Zone Referees Committee Shadow Program On-Ice Guidelines



Objective: To create better first year officials through guidance and supervision on and off the ice. Shadows will work together to increase the knowledge and skill level of all first year officials and help to form a good working relationship between senior officials and first year referees.

Guidelines:

Before The game

- Be at the rink one half hour before scheduled game time start, as if you were working the game itself.
- Find both coaching staffs of the teams and let them know that the shadow operation will be being performed during the game, and ask if they have any concerns over it taking place, also give a brief explanation about the program.
- Do not scold officials if they are not there at the half hour mark too (especially 7am games) but make sure that they are aware of the expectations that we have for arrival at the arena.
- Spend time before the game answering questions about game rules of situations that the officials might have, or have conversation about certain situations that will come up, or what they would do if.

On the Ice

- Before dropping the puck make sure to greet coaches and shake hands in the form of sportsmanship.
- During the game allow officials to work the game, you are just there to help with positioning and show them proper techniques and where to be standing on face-off situations etc.
- After period one have a quick talk at the penalty box about the period, point out any concerns, then for the second period shadows will switch officials and follow the other official for the period.
- After the second period let the officials know that you are now going to leave them and watch from the stands, this is when you will do your supervision form on the game. If one or both officials need more guidance you can stay and continue through the third period with the shadow.
- When leaving after the second period, just let the coaches know that you are leaving and thank them for allowing us to run the shadow program during their game.
- **The Shadow shall allow the official to make mistakes and will not be calling penalties. If absolutely necessary the shadow does have the power to assess any penalty as covered in the current Hockey Canada rulebook.** The shadow will not engage in discussions with the coaches regarding the game except at the games conclusion.

After the game

- When the game is over, enter the room and have conversation with the officials about the game, answer questions, and go through the supervision that you have written and let them know what each point means and how to work on it.
- **When filling out the Supervision form, please write *SHADOW* on the top so proper statistics can be kept.**

HAVE FUN AND MAKE SURE THAT THE OFFICIALS ARE HAVING FUN AND LEAVE THE RINK FEELING LIKE THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB TODAY!

Thanks a lot to everybody involved.