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REF-O-GRAM

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Another summer draws to an end and it's time to get ourselves prepared for the 2014-2015 ringette season. I'm happy to announce that this is not a "Rule Change Year", so it should be a little less hectic than last year.

Last season was extremely busy and I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to everyone for making all events run smoothly. Without your contributions, whether it be as an Official, Evaluator, Instructor, RIC, Regional Coordinator, Supervisor or many of the behind the scenes people, these events would not be possible. Great job team and thank you for keeping me sane!

Ontario Winter Games were hosted in Bala February 27 – March 2, 2014 and I had the pleasure of working with Marc Brisson, Chris Faulds, Jeff Graham, Becky Murray and Stephanie Renda. All of these officials worked extremely hard making my position difficult when it came time to assign the semi and final games. Muskoka's JW Marriott resort was by far the nicest accommodations that I have ever stayed at for ringette and our host, "West Muskoka Ringette" was second to none. The hospitality and pride that comes from such a small organization is phenomenal.

2014 saw the largest crews ever at both the A and AA Provincials. Having an expansion of teams required us to have an increase in officials. This year we took 38 officials to the Provincial A's and 26 officials to the Provincial AA's. I believe numbers for this upcoming Provincial season will remain the same. Working with a group this large isn't always easy, but everyone worked well together and new bonds were made. It always makes me proud to be a part of the black and white team, especially on Saturday night when everyone rallies together as a group to watch the mini and the semi-final games. WE'RE BLACK, WE'RE WHITE, WE'RE DYNAMITE!

The U12 Provincial Event, held in Sault St. Marie April 3-6, 2014, was a logistical nightmare for all. Due to the timing of this event and the location, it was difficult getting Officials and Supervisors to attend. A special thank you to everyone who attended and made this event possible.

Every five years, the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships are hosted by Ontario. This year, they were held in Mississauga April 17-20, 2014. Ontario had four officials in attendance; Marc Brisson, Sam Campbell, Melissa Findlay and Margareth Peressutti. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec each supplied 2-3 officials. This group quickly adapted to each other both on and off the ice and worked well as a cohesive group. Needless to say, new friendships were definitely formed.

I know I talk about it every year, but it makes me very proud to be from a Province that continually develops officials at the National level. This year, 13 officials and 1 supervisor were selected to attend the Canadian Ringette Championships in Regina, SK April 7-12, 2014. Congratulations to everyone for your dedication and passion towards officiating.

The upcoming season hosts the Canada Winter Games February 13-20, 2015 in Prince George, BC. Ontario will represent 7 of the 8 officials selected for this event. Congratulations to Brent Bunting, Robert Drury, Natalie Fortin, Danielle Lalonde-Clarkin, Karen Meek, Amy Murray and Mario Periard.

Ringette Canada will be hosting a Level 4 Clinic December 12-14, 2014 in Toronto. Eligible officials must currently hold a 3B or 3A ranking. Selection to this clinic will be made by the Officiating Committee of Ontario and invitations will be distributed by the Chair.

Congratulations to Chris Faulds for being selected as the Provincial Official of the Year! Chris has taken large strides to improving his game. His passion and commitment are reflected in the numerous goals he's achieved and events that he has been selected to participate in.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a great season. Enjoy what you're doing, take pride in your game and come off the ice feeling good about the job you just did.

See you at the rink!

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Western Region

Hey all! It's looking like another great season is about to kick off in the Western Region! Time to dust off your ref pants and sharpen those skates!



Last year was yet another successful season for us. For all the Friday games, time away from family and friends, freezing butts off, and getting out of bed yet again for early morning tournament games – We thank each and every one of you. Without the tireless and selfless dedication to the sport we all love – it wouldn't have been even close to such an excellent year.

Congratulations to all the western region officials who participated in the A's and AA's, U12s and Nationals. Your effort and hard work allowed you to achieve your season's goals as referees. We should all be setting goals for ourselves. Whether it be moving up from a U10 to a U12 game, or taking that step and officiating a provincial level game. We all need to set a goal, be clear with how you can achieve said goal, and go out and get it. I encourage all of you to not only set clear goals for this season but also branch out and travel to other association tournaments. It is a great way to be seen by evaluators from other regions. It is very important for officials to get evaluated on ice. This will give you important feedback and direction for improvement. Evaluators are there not only to give you ratings, but also give you tips on how to improve your on ice performance and assist you with achieving any goals you have for this season.

A reminder to those of you who are 18 or older. You must have a valid police records check done by November 15th 2014. Police record checks are only valid for 3 years, if you are not sure if yours is still valid – contact your local RIC or the ORA office. Without the PRC you run the risk of not being eligible for provincials or regionals.

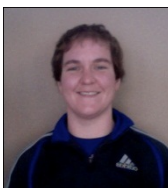
Before you are able to get started refereeing this year, you must be registered. It is your responsibility to make sure that you either fill out the paperwork and mail it in with payment to the ORA or give it to your local association Referee-In-Chief. Information and details can be found on the ORA website under officiating.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the ice this year. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay on your feet and have a fantastic season!

Cheers,

Denise Pelletier
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Central Region

Welcome back to another ringette season – I can't believe summer is over already! It's time to iron our stripes, sharpen our skates, review our casebooks and get back on the ice!



As in past seasons, Central will be assigning an evaluator to each referee. Please take every opportunity to learn from our dedicated evaluators. They have a lot to offer and will do their best to coach you towards becoming a better referee. A list of evaluators/officials will be sent out by mid-October. Please contact your evaluator so that they know your game schedule.

Referee registration is due by September 15th, 2014. Make sure you are registered or you cannot referee. This is your responsibility – don't assume someone will do it for you. If you are over 18, please also make sure that you also have a valid Police Records Check at the ORA before your step onto the ice.

I would now like to congratulate the following officials for their achievements last season; clearly we have much to be proud of here in Central Region:

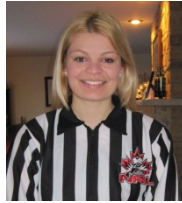
- Canadian Ringette Championships – Robert Drury, Janyce Gunn, Karen Meek, Amy Murray and Becky Murray
- Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships – Sam Campbell, Melissa Findlay
- Provincial 'AA' Championships – Sam Campbell, Robert Drury, Janyce Gunn, Lyndsey Matsumura, Becky Murray
- Provincial 'A' Championships – Dan Bartley, Kelly Campbell, Sam Campbell, Cara Coghlan, Janyce Gunn, Kent Missons, Sue Shantz
- Provincial U12A Championships – Tara Armstrong, Bianca Novielli
- Central Region Ringette Championships - Dan Bartley, Kelly Campbell, Sam Campbell, Katy DeSnoo, Samantha English, Kaitline Fournier, Rachel Gallagher, Lori Hambley, Renay Lessay-Searles, Richard Martin, Kent Missons, Bianca Novielli, Bud O'Connor, Daniel Osborne, Michelle Osborne, Doug Reynolds, Sara Reynolds, Sue Shantz, and Izzy Snowden

Finally, I would like to congratulate Renay Lessay-Searles for winning the Laurie White Memorial Award at this year's Regional Championships. Renay really worked hard this season and showed great improvement. Well done, Renay!

On a final note, please check the ORA website for the 2014-2015 Sanctioned Events List. If there are tournaments you want to attend, apply now to secure your spot!

Enjoy the season!

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Eastern Region

The usual start of season points must be reiterated, as they are crucial to the beginning of each season:



- Ensure you are registered with the ORA as an official; speak with your RIC for deadlines, etc.
- 18yrs & older? Ensure you have a valid Police Record Check. Hint: it is valid for 3years.
- Maintenance evaluations/ Evaluations & Goals: discuss these with your RIC now. Hint: if you required a maintenance evaluation last season, and did not get one, you have until December 15th, 2014.

As promised last season, the pay rate for each officiating level has increased by \$2.00/game effective for the 2014/2015 season.

With officiating development being a major focus, we encourage you to actively participate in your own development, as well as attending tournaments for the exposure we all need. To assist with providing some resources for your development, please refer to the ERRA website, Officiating section, Officiating Development tab, to find a list of the Eastern Region Evaluators. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them to arrange for an evaluation. <http://easternregionringette.ca/index.php>

A huge thank you to the Arbiter Ladies: Patricia Burke and Kristy Bremer. Thank you for your hard work assigning our games. Effective for the 2014/2015 season, Donna Sarazin will be replacing Patricia Burke. The Arbiter Ladies will now be Kristy Bremer and Donna Sarazin.

Michelle will continue as the RIC for the NCRRL. Join me in welcoming Heather Coleman on board in her new role as RIC for GAARA.

The Eastern Region will be holding a Level 1 Officiating Clinic, and a Level 2/3 Officiating clinic this fall. Please stay tuned. The ERRA website will be updated as soon as possible.

Some personal achievements attained last season:

- ‘A’ Provincials: Patrick McKee, Patricia Burke, Michelle Bainbridge, Rob Hanson, Paul McBride, Brian Sime, Alex Hanes, Emily Mountjoy, Lauren Sebastian and Shelley Stairs.
- ‘AA’ Provincials: Alex Hanes, Paul McBride, Patrick McKee, Doug MacQuarrie, Danielle Lalonde-Clarkin, Mario Periard, Shelley Stairs, and Rob Hanson
- U12 Provincial Event: Kristy Bremer, Jamie Marchesi, Stephanie Black, Sarah Sime, Michelle Bainbridge, Patricia Burke, and Rob Hanson

ERRA Official of the Year: Patrick McKee. Congratulations!

All the best for the upcoming season!

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Southern Region

Welcome back to a fun and exciting ringette season!! I hope that you all had a fabulous summer, even though there was not much of one. Since there wasn't much of a summer you will all be ready for the nice weather in the rinks.



A Big thank you to those who were supportive and patient with me in my first year as Officiating Coordinator.

I would like to congratulate the following officials for their achievements last season; we have a lot to be proud of here in Southern Region;

- Canadian Ringette Championships –Pat Turcotte, Brent Bunting & Stephanie Renda.
- Eastern Canadian Championships –Marc Brisson, Margareth Peressutti & Melissa Findlay.
- Provincial ‘AA’ Championships –Marc Brisson, Brent Bunting, Stacy Dafoe, Rob Ellis, Paul Hanley, Margareth Peressutti, Stephanie Renda, Chris Bradt, Jeff Evans, Pat Turcotte, Chris Feher & Melissa Findlay.
- Provincial ‘A’ Championships – Stephanie Renda, Margareth Peressutti, Chris Feher, Jeff Evans, Stacy Dafoe, Paul Hanley, Rob Ellis, Dave McFadden, Gerald Lamoureux, Daniel Wigmore, Tom Turcotte & Kristy Mueller.

- Regionals – Paul Hanley, Kayla Hanley, Robyn Seitz, Alex Farmer, Christina Kavalinas, Tracy Farmer, Tom Turcotte, Daniel Wigmore, Taylor McRobbie, Sydney Laliberte, Rob Levely, Alessia Roman, Michela Roman, Cameron McArthur, Scott Haefling, Carley Heimbecker, Ashley Heimbecker, Rebecca To the, Stephanie Black, Rob Evans, Greald Lamoureux, Dave McFadden, Marc Brisson & Melissa Malcolm.

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It is very important as an official to get evaluated on ice. This will give you important feedback and direction for improvements. As always we will try to have an evaluator at every major event in Southern Region. If you are interested in being looked at please contact myself or your local RIC and we will try to arrange it.

There will be a two level 2/3 clinic's hosted in southern region so please check ORA website and to register for a clinic you may go to the Ringette Canada website. Please do this asap as the spots are filling up fast.

On a final note, please check the ORA website for the 2014/15 sanctioned events list. If there are tournaments you would like to attend, apply now to secure your spot.

Have a great season and see you at the rink

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Northeastern Region

Vacant



Evaluations Manager

I would like to go over the following for people using the evaluations process.

Evaluators

Use the Excel file for submitting evaluations and please send them to evals@rogers.com. Make sure that you fill in your personal information so that we know to whom and where the cheque is sent. There is a new date format in use. September 2, 2014 will be entered 2 Sep 14 on the form.

You can only claim for evaluations made in the previous 30 days, but you need to use this form for all of the evaluations you submit. Please don't send in evaluations without having sent the online Excel form. You do not need to send me a hard copy of the online form when you mail your yellow copies. I will email you a copy of the accepted form, when I send it in to the office for payment. If you don't get that copy back within a few days of submitting, send me a note. This will get your money to you sooner, and ensure that the process is continuing.

If an official sends in a request to upgrade, I will need your evaluation(s) to allow that request to proceed. Please submit evaluations as soon as possible to avoid delays to those upgrading.

Regional Coordinators

I will send you monthly updates of all evaluations. This eliminates the need to get the pink copies back to all of you. If any of you would like to see the pink copies, please contact me and advise me to do so. I will get them to you as the season progresses, otherwise, I will not keep them unnecessarily.

Officials

I cannot stress how easily evaluations can become lost in the process. Always keep your copy of any evaluations that prove that you have upgraded, or maintained your level. Feel free to email me at the end of the season, to check to see if your evaluation(s) have been added to the database.

If you're upgrading and have not heard from your Coordinator (for Level 1 and Level 2 upgrades), or Karen (for Level 3 and Level 4 upgrades) within 2 weeks of submitting, please e-mail me directly at evals@rogers.com. I can advise as to what may be holding the request back. Most often, 1 of your evaluations was not found, and I have to confirm with the evaluator that he or she has their copy of the form needed.

Don't forget that it is up to you to make sure that an evaluator is planning to see you, especially during tournaments. Some are skating as well as evaluating, or you may have been overlooked in advance. So verifying that they will be at your

game to see you is very important. This will help to avoid disappointment in advancing through the system.

Have a great on-ice season,

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POD: The Year in Review

Congratulations to the 2014 P.O.D. Graduates. Last season P.O.D. had a lot of graduates and several were invited to their first "A" Provincials as well. Congratulations to Brittany Flowers, Jocelyn Goldhawk, Kristie Jones, and Kristy Mueller on earning their 3C upgrades!



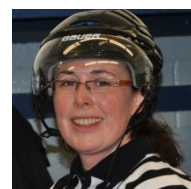
What is the P.O.D. Program, and How Can You Get Involved? I am thrilled to be working again with some of Ontario's young referees this season through the Provincial Officiating Development Program (P.O.D.). Each region in Ontario nominates approximately two referees to participate. The program usually takes two years to complete so some years regions might not be in a position to nominate any new referees. Other years they may be able to nominate two. The goal of the program is that over two seasons, participants will first earn their 2B/2A level, and then enough 3C evaluations to apply for upgrade.

Referees are generally between the ages of 17 and 30 years old. They have officiated for a minimum of two years, but in many cases it is about four years. They usually enter the program at a 2C level, and have only minimal experience officiating U12PP. The ideal candidate is a newer referee who is eager, regularly makes time to officiate, and has taken the evaluation process seriously to move up to a 2C. The time commitment for P.O.D. makes it quite feasible for fulltime university/college students to participate.

If you are interested in being nominated for P.O.D. you need to contact your Regional Coordinator and express your interest. In the season leading up to being nominated, it is suggested that you have officiated at a few tournaments beyond your home association's, and that you officiate at Regionals.

If throughout the season you see me at a tournament, and you have further questions, please feel free to ask me about the program, or you can email me.

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The Ontario Winter Games Experience

By: *Stephanie Renda*



Every two years, the province of Ontario hosts the Ontario Winter Games (OWGs). Every region selects its best U19AA players to form their own AAA team. Just as the athletes undergo a selection process, so do the officials. In order to be chosen to officiate at this prestigious event, I was first selected to attend one of three Challenge Cup tournaments that took place during the season. I attended the Challenge Cup in Sudbury. Each Challenge Cup had

4-5 different officials attending. At these events, we were being observed by our supervisors quite closely as it was from these 15 officials that we would eventually be whittled down to the final five.

I was extremely proud to be selected to officiate at the OWG's and even more so when I was selected to referee the gold medal game. It was the culmination of ALOT of hard work and dedication to a sport that I love. To be told for years that I would never ref higher than a 4C ranking and then to be selected to ref the final at OWG's was AMAZING!

The entire process was an interesting and rewarding experience. At most events we attend as officials, we are members of a very large crew (ie. tournaments, regionals, provincials) and are spread out over numerous sheets of ice. It often feels like we never even see some members of the crew!

At this event I was one of five on-ice official's reffing on one amazing ice surface! The players, coaches, fans, and possibly even the rink attendants knew us by name at the end of the event (they even let us sit on the zamboni). It truly was a ringette family, slightly dysfunctional at times, but definitely a family :-)

Work hard in silence. Let success be your noise. – Author Unknown

So you want to be a referee? Prepare for the worst!

Courtesy of skoda-hockey.com

The following article was taken from skoda-hockey.com and is a good reflection of what we go through as officials.

There are many unrewarding occupations and being a referee is one of them. To some extent, it is quite a courageous deed to put on that striped shirt. It is as if you have joined forces

with the Devil or turned to Evil. Once you decide to become a referee, you must count on everyone hating and cursing you. You might even lose your friends. So, what could possibly make you choose this most unpopular path?

To become the person in the striped shirt is quite easy. But it is usually an involuntary act. It is just about being in the wrong place at the wrong time. "The pupils are playing a friendly game, however, there is no referee. But you play hockey, don't you? So, let's go and referee the game," is often heard at the start of a refereeing career.

You are fifteen or sixteen years old when someone puts a whistle in your hand and you put on the black and white shirt. You start to feel a little bit excited, but nervous as well. You were in the line-up a hundred times, but as a player, not as a referee. You got upset whenever a foul on you remained unpunished or when you had to take an early shower. You really felt like lynching the referee at that moment. And now you are one of them! Should I hold the whistle in the left or the right hand? Should I face the bully or have my back against the boards? Should I blow the whistle for off-side straight away or play an advantage? But this is only a fraction of all the things swirling through your head when you referee a game for the first time. The game is strewn with your errors, but, as it only is a friendly match, everything is fine. You just leave with a small financial reward in your pocket and you tell yourself: "This is a great part-time job!"

Going through purgatory

So, finally, you decide to get a license. It is not difficult to do. Practically, you get it just by taking part in the training. You won't learn a lot, but you learn most of it on the job anyway. Every single game raises your self-confidence. But it won't be painless of course. You will have to go through purgatory where there are no free rides. The most unrewarding games are the ones in the schoolchildren category. It is not the players themselves, but their parents who become the most annoying part of every match. You even wonder how parents can use such dreadful language, not just directed at the referees, but even at their own kids. "How can you play like that?! You should be killing him by the boards" a father is shouting at his son who is doing his best to follow his father's advice. So, during his next time on the ice, he seriously fouls his opponent and goes crying to the changing room. Whose fault is it? Yes, it is referee's fault! "Just you wait until after the game, I'll be waiting for you in front of the stadium!" an infuriated parent threatens the referee.

Some games just don't go your way

But a referee must always refuse to be provoked by the spectators, even when they are right. Some games just don't go your way. A referee is just a person who errs, particularly when it is him- or herself refereeing the game. And it also happens that, at times, a single person must do a job usually done by three or four people together. To be present by the goal, keep an eye on the blue line at the same time, and pray

with all your heart that there won't be a breakaway, because you would never make it to the opposite goal in time. In such cases, it is always up to the referee to make that instant decision and all on his or her own, and without hesitating, if possible. How easy, then, is it to referee a match in higher competitions where your colleagues can help you or where there is the technical support.

Study Programme "The referee of team sports"

In Europe, matches are refereed by several thousands of referees. In the Czech Republic alone, there are about 1800 referees registered, according to information from the Czech Ice Hockey Association, of which 20 are women. The minimum age limit for getting a license is 15 years. Anyone, who would like to take the role of a referee really seriously can go for the Bachelor study programme "The referee of team sports", focused on ice hockey. Since 2011, more than 70 applicants for this study programme have been admitted at the Masaryk University in Brno. But, you can become a good referee even without a university education.

A kind word tends to be more effective

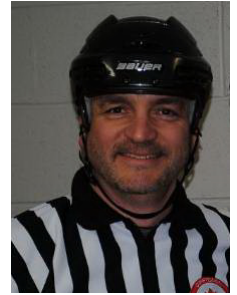
If a young referee is skillful he or she can work their way up the ladder and, in time, start to referee ever higher-quality competitions. But, they must start from scratch. They must learn how to read the game and, more importantly, how to communicate with players and trainers, to show them their human side, but be able to earn their respect as well. He or she should be more sensitive with younger players, because a kind word tends to be more effective than the penalty itself. On the other hand, with men, a young referee must adjust the rule and frequently ignore the criticisms of older players, one of whom might even be his father.

Not only by rules, but by intuition

As time goes on, the referees realize that they don't referee only by the rules, but also by their own intuition. It is often the ref keeping a rein on the match. Refereeing is an affair of the heart and one is stricter now and then more benevolent. There is much fondness, apathy and keenness for the game, excitement and adrenaline inside. "What are you looking at?! That was way off-side!" resounds quite often through ice hockey stadiums. And no sooner does the referee make his mistake, than a goal is scored. So now what? The referee at fault just wishes the ice would open up and swallow him, but there is nothing left to do but to act like a man. You either spill the beans and just say that you saw no off-side because you were looking elsewhere or better still say it straight that there was no off-side. Annoying decisions make for even more annoying emotions. But you must be able to snap out of every annoying situation, even though the crowd doesn't agree with your decisions. But, apart from goals, passes, fouls and body-checks, hockey is also about emotions without which, this game just wouldn't be the same.

Waterloo's Chris Faulds Wins Provincial Official of the Year

After years of multi-tasking as an official and a Coach, Chris Faulds made a conscious decision to pursue an officiating career.



Once, content to ref local games at the "B" level and a few "A" games, he soon found himself eager to achieve a higher level of officiating. For Chris, traveling to tournaments and other associations opened up more opportunities to be seen by multiple evaluators and Referee in Chief's.

As the evaluations came in and his officiating level continued to rise, he set his goal on attending Provincials. He attended his first Provincial in 2011 and has never looked back since. Having achieved his goal of Provincials, it was time to set new sights. His next aspiration would be the Ontario Winter Games and the Canadian Ringette Championships. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Chris has now obtained both of these goals, as well. He attended his first CRC's in 2013 in Fredericton, NB followed by Regina, SK in 2014 where he was selected for the U16 semi-final. Last season, Chris was also selected for the OWG's in Bala where he earned the gold medal game.

Congratulations on achieving these milestones. It just goes to prove that if you set your mind on something and work hard, you can succeed.

All the best in your next conquest!

2013/2014 Regional Official of the Year Award Winners

Central Region – Bianca Novielli

Bianca began her officiating career 10 years ago, out of the Whitby Ringette Association. She referees almost every weekend and has excelled as part of the Provincial Officiating Development (POD) program. Bianca has officiated at numerous Central Region Ringette Championships and also the last two Provincial U12 Championships.

Bianca recognized that she needed to improve her skating and become faster if she wanted to improve as an official. She works out at the gym on a regular basis and always welcomes feedback about how to make her skating more smooth and efficient. Perhaps the best thing about Bianca is her positive attitude. She loves refereeing and is well liked by coaches, players and her on-ice partners. She will never turn down a game if she is available and always referees with a smile on her face!

Eastern Region – Patrick McKee

This past season, Patrick started the season as the Nepean RIC. Constantly professional and timely in his duties. On the ice, Patrick had a solid and consistent officiating season.

Patrick is receptive to feedback, by both his peers and supervisors. He demonstrates a genuine interest in his role on and off the ice. Patrick is respectful and accommodating with regards to bench staff; yet able to keep his focus on the game at hand.

Patrick is always looking to improve his game, while at the same time, carries himself in a confident, yet humble fashion. This season, Patrick was invited to both the “A” Provincial championships, and the “AA” Provincial championships. After his unforgettable performance at the previous years’ “A” Provincials, we all know him as “Captain Overtime”. Should you find yourself reffing with Patrick in a game where a tie is not an option, bring your overtime legs!

Not only is Patrick bright, professional, and consistent, he represents the Eastern region in a way we can all be proud of.

Ringette Canada Issues Memo on Move it or Lose it Rule

Ringette Canada recently issued a memo to all officials regarding the assessment of penalties due to play along the boards. The memo states the following:

With the implementation of the move it or lose it rule last season, it has been observed that the play along the boards has become more aggressive.

As such, the Ringette Canada Officiating Development Committee would like to emphasize the following for the 2014/2015 season:

A player, with no intention of playing the ring that forces and pins the ring carrier into the boards to cause a stoppage must be penalized for holding.

A player that legally plays the ring, but uses excessive force to pin the ring carrier into the boards must be penalized for boarding.

Random Reminders

1. Anyone 18 years of age or older, must have a valid Police Records Check by November 15 of the current playing season
2. Registration is due by September 15 or before stepping on the ice.
3. Applications for the Outreach or National Scouting Program funding can be found on the ORA website and are due by October 31. Applications are to be sent to the ORA office.
4. In order to upgrade, you MUST fill out an on-line “Upgrade Form” and send it to the Evaluations Manager (Pat Turcotte). This applies for all levels. This form is found on the ORA website under the “Officiating Development”
5. Be proactive: don’t wait until the end of the season to ask for feedback and evaluations.

2014/2015 Major Events

Feb 13-15	Canada Winter Games – <i>Prince George, BC</i>
Mar 12-15	Provincial AA Championships - <i>London</i>
Mar 19-22	Provincial A Championships - <i>Newmarket</i>
Apr 3-6	
Mar 29-April 4	Canadian Ringette Championships – <i>Fort McMurray, AB</i>
April 9-12	U12 Provincial Event – <i>Oshawa</i>
April TBD	Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships - <i>New Brunswick</i>



Central Region

Melissa Findlay, Whitby	Community
Becky Murray, Whitby	Community
Amy Murray, Sunderland	Community
Tara Armstrong, Oshawa	Regional
Dan Bartley, Ajax	Regional
Kelly Campbell, Ajax	Regional
Janyce Gunn, Oshawa	Provincial
Rob Drury, Whitby	Provincial
Karen Meek, Bowmanville	Provincial

Eastern Region

Michelle Bainbridge, Carp	Community
Dan Cockburn, Ottawa	Community
David Hanes, Kingston	Community
Marie-Catherine Laframboise, Gloucester	Community
Paul McBride, Ottawa	Community
Jennifer McInnis, Ottawa	Community
Shelley Stairs, Ottawa	Community
Patricia Burke, Stittsville	Regional
Marie Shinmoto, Gloucester	Regional
Brian Sime, Kinburn	Regional
Nathalie Fortin, Ottawa	Provincial
Rob Hanson, Cumberland	Provincial
Laura Knowles, Ottawa	Provincial
Danielle Lalonde-Clarkin, Ottawa	Provincial

Northeastern Region

David Bretsznajder, Timmins	Community
Brent Robinson, North Bay	Community
Harry Hirsimaki, Sudbury	Regional
Andre Labelle, Massey	Regional
George Seymour, North Bay	Regional
Wayne Spencer, Sault Ste. Marie	Regional

Southern Region

Doug Cope, Mississauga	Community
Rob Evans, Richmond Hill	Community
Paul Hanley, Ayr	Community
Bob Huygens, Cambridge	Community
Kerri Mahy, Oakville	Community
Dave Mcfadden, Newmarket	Community
Margareth Peressutti, Toronto	Community
Stephanie Renda, Toronto	Community
Marc Brisson, Brantford	Regional
Geri Lamers, Barrie	Regional
Lyndsey Matsumura, St. Catharines	Regional
Rick Thomson, St. Catharines	Regional

Chris Bradt, Hamilton	Provincial
Brent Bunting, Barrie	Provincial
Jeff Evans, Richmond Hill	Provincial
Pat Turcotte, Caledonia	Provincial

Western Region

Sarah Ewing, St. Mary's	Community
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Mark Goldhawk, London	Community
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Lorie Grant, Kitchener	Regional
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Steve Blacklock, Guelph	Provincial
Tania Pettitt-Tracey, Wellesley	Provincial

Community level evaluators can evaluate up to 2A, Regional level evaluators may evaluate up to 3A and Provincial level evaluators may evaluate up to 4A.

For information about, or to contact an evaluator, please contact your Regional Coordinator.





September 19, 2014

RE: Emphasis on the Move it or Lose it rule

With the implementing of the move it or lose it rule in the last season, it has been observed that the play along the boards has become more aggressive.

As such, the Ringette Canada Officiating Development Committee would like to emphasise the following for the 2014-2015 season:

A player, with no intention of playing the ring that forces and pins the ring carrier into the boards to cause a stoppage must be penalized for holding.

A player that legally plays the ring, but uses excessive force to pin the ring carrier into the boards must be penalized for boarding.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pete Smit
Chair of the Officiating Development Committee
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September 19, 2014

RE: Clarification on rule 4.2 – Ringette Stick

There has been some confusion on the required stickers and labels on Ringette sticks.

As a reminder:

4.2.b The Ringette stick may be made of wood, plastic, aluminum or any similar material. In the case of composite sticks that employ more than one material in their construction, only shafts and tips that are specifically manufactured for each other may be used.

Labels/stickers applied post-manufacture are not considered a manufacturer's marking and will be considered illegal for play.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pete Smit
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July 8, 2014

Memorandum

To: PSO Presidents
Directors of Officials
PSO Executive Directors
PSO Technical Directors
Ringette Canada board
Officiating Development Committee members
Program Committee Chairs

CC: Ringette Canada Staff

From: Nathalie Müller, Technical Director

SUBJECT: Reebok TCPRE Model Goaltender Neck/Throat Protectors Recall

This is to inform you of the initiation of a recall process by Reebok-CCM Hockey for the TCPRE model goaltender neck protector. Please see the attached recall notice from BNQ.

Further details regarding the recall is available through these websites:

[Reebok CCM](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this matter.

Nathalie Müller
Technical Director