

Ref-O-Gram

Fall 2000

Report from the Officiating Committee

On behalf of the Officiating Committee, I would like to welcome everyone back to a new and exciting season.

The Officiating Committee does not currently have a Chair. We, as a group, will do our best to ensure that our program runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible and that we do not let the integrity of the program slide.

A special "Thank you" to Chris Bradt. We look forward to seeing you back on skates, Chris, but we'll miss all your contributions as Chair of the Officiating Committee over the past three years.

In previous Ref-O-Grams we have talked about the difficulty of obtaining maintenance evaluations. We have made changes to the evaluation structure for Level 1 and Level 2 officials. They will now require at least one maintenance or upgrade evaluation every two years rather than every year. This additional year will make evaluations more manageable and be a more realistic length of time.

Level 3 and Level 4 officials will still be required to get a maintenance or upgrade evaluation per year.

Sometimes, extenuating circumstances make it impossible to receive your maintenance evaluation in the required time. As a committee, we will review these situations if we receive a written request.

With this Ref-O-Gram is a list of evaluators, to use in arranging evaluations. Another enclosure is the preliminary tournament list so you can try to get more on-ice experience and see different referees in action. Tournaments are usually the best places to be evaluated: games are often more competitive and evaluators may see you in more than one game during the weekend. As well, they may be there to officiate games anyway, and won't have to make a special trip just to evaluate.

Sites and dates for the 2001 Provincials have been announced. The "AA" Provincials will be in Whitby from March 11-14; the "A" Provincials will run in West Ferris from March 15-18. We hope to see some new faces out this year.

Congratulations to our Eastern Region Co-ordinator, Mario Periard, who was named Provincial Official of the Year at the ORA's 2000 Annual General Meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Regional Co-ordinator who will direct you. Have a great season!

Karen Meek
Officiating Committee Liaison

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Western Jeff Clark 519: 642-0564

Registration, 2000-01

Register by November 15, either through your local association or independently.

Registration fees will remain at \$22.50.

Cheques should be mailed to the ORA at:
1185 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 705,
North York, ON M3C 3C6

Please include your name, address and registration number

Membership cards will be sent
with the next issue of the Ref-O-Gram

Regional Information

Karen Meek (705) 953-9271

North East Region

Welcome back! The 2000-2001 season is upon us and this means it's Clinic Time. Officiating clinics have been set as follows:

Level 1	Sault Ste. Marie	October 14
	Timmins	October 21
	Sudbury	October 28
Level 2/3	Sudbury	November
	Sault Ste. Marie	Tentative

All Level 1 and 2 officials must receive an evaluation every second year, effective May 2000. Contact one of the evaluators in our region for an evaluation.

Ken Lajeunesse	705: 983-4126
Harry Hirsimaki	705: 692-7112
Wayne Spencer	705: 759-0644
Laurier Gadoury	705: 268-0420
Denis Laverdiere	705: 566-4820
Pauline Haarmeyer	705: 524-6579

If you have any questions about your rank or how you move through the system, please call me.

Ken Lajeunesse (705) 983-4126

Central Region

Even though it wasn't the hottest or longest summer, it's time to get back on the ice. Hope you had a safe summer and are ready to go.

Clinic details for Central Region are as follows

<u>Level 1</u>	Oct. 21	Pickering Police
Station		
	Oct. 29	Port Perry Hospital
<u>Level 2</u>	Nov. 12	Port Perry Hospital

Pre-registration is a must, so please contact your local Referee-in-Chief to do so.

Evaluations are extremely important. You should try to get at least one each season. Take the initiative and arrange your own; don't wait for someone else to do it. Evaluators in our region are:

Karen Meek	705: 953-9271
Janyce Gunn	905: 725-3402
Kelly Campbell	905: 427-8047
Gord Cogdale	705: 292-5577

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call. Have a good season.

North West Region

Hi and welcome back to another fun-filled year of officiating! My name is Stephanie Renda and I will be the officiating co-ordinator for the Northwest region this season. Although I am new to this position, I have been involved with the sport of ringette for quite some time. This will be my 15th season as a player, 10th as an official, and 3rd as a community evaluator. I look forward to hearing from you and answering any questions that you may have (and if I can't answer your question I'll find someone who can). In the meantime, if you're interested in attending or hosting a Level 1 Officiating Clinic please give me a call ASAP. Thanks

Clinic Dates: Thunder Bay-- Mid to late October

Stephanie Renda 807: 767-7535

Eastern Region

Once again we are getting ready for a new and exciting season. This season, Level 1 officials may take a Level 2/3 clinic which will give you a chance to upgrade.

Special congratulations to officials from our region who worked their first provincial championships:

Adult Provincials: Alain Boudreau and Eugene Winer, both from Ottawa.

"A" Provincials: Dan Cockburn (Gloucester), Cindy Roy (Nepean) & Chad Weatherall (Cumberland).

And welcome back to Ron Gallinger who returned to the "A" Provincials after a long absence because of his job at Ringette Canada.

Clinic details (subject to change)

<u>Level 1</u>	Sept. 7	Kingston
	Oct. 8	Gloucester
	Oct. 15	Cumberland
	Oct. 22	Pembroke

<u>Level 2/3</u>	Nov. 12	Nepean
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See you at the rinks.

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Regional Information (continued)

Southern Region Clinics

Level 1 Oct. 14 Mississauga
 Nov. 18 Hagersville

Level 2 November TBA

Carol Liscombe (905) 768-5911

Western Region

Here we go again. I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to start yet another busy ringette season.

This season, the region will be offering both Level 1 and Level 2/3 clinics. If you are interest in moving up from Level 1, the Level 2/3 clinic is part of the requirements.

Level 1 October 20 London
 November 4 Kitchener

Level 2 October 21 London
 October 29 Hanover
 November 5 Kitchener

If you're interested in attending a clinic this season, please contact your local referee-in-chief to register.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me.

Jeff Clark (519) 642-0564

Rules case book

The new case book, complementing the current rule book, arrived in March. Get your copy for only \$17.00 from your Regional Co-ordinator.

Helmets on the bench; Yes or No?

At the 2000 Provincials, teams from more than one region asked whether players on the bench had to wear helmets; apparently, officials in their areas had enforced this rule.

Well, it is a rule, and rules have to be followed, but it's a hockey rule, NOT a ringette rule.

Hockey probably has this rule because someone could get hurt by a puck coming over the boards. Ringette doesn't have a similar rule as there's little likelihood of injury from a ring coming into a team bench.

Where's my Ref-O-Gram?

Please remember to advise the ORA if you move.

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Hey, good lookin'...

If you look like a referee and act as though you know what you're doing, you've won half the battle of selling yourself to the teams and to the crowd.

What do evaluators look for when they judge an official's appearance?

- Sweater: clean, good fit, RC crest
- Skates & laces: clean, black or white
- Pants: black, proper length, clean
- Helmet: black, clean, CSA-approved
- Grooming: neat
- Conditioning: fit

Pants shouldn't be skin-tight, nor should the pant legs be too long or too short. A pant cuff riding up over a tendon guard or skate tongue often detracts from how you look.

Solutions to a pant leg riding up? Some refs use tape around the top of the tendon guard and tongue, so there's no space for the cuff to get stuck; others have stirrups which go under the skate boot and are held together with Velcro.

Avoid the Lost & Found Department

Did you ever look around the referees' room at a tournament and realize that almost every equipment bag was black? Obviously, skates, sweaters, pants and other gear will all look alike, too.

Think of identifying as much of your stuff as possible:

- Equipment bag: attach a luggage tag.
- Sweater, pants, etc.: attach a pre-printed name label (like going to camp) or write your name on a label that's on the article.
- Whistles: stick on a black Dymo tape label with your name or initials, or etch a metal whistle.

Some refs claim they can identify their stuff by smell, but this is not appreciated by others. Please wash and air your equipment frequently.

Congratulations! You're the Tournament Ref-in-Chief!

How do you find out your duties for the actual games? Get the Tournament Guidelines for the Referee-in-Chief, either from your Tournament Chairman (it's part of the Tournament Package issued by the Games & Tournaments (G&T) Committee), or from the ORA. You should be able to download it from the ORA website: www.ontario-ringette.com.

In the Guidelines, what will affect the referees who'll be doing the games in the tournament? Note all the requirements, especially the limit of 4 games per day and no more than 2 consecutive games. Some referees will want more games so they'll get more fees, but remember that fatigue will affect their performance. Have you ever wondered why games late at night often seem to get out of hand?

How can you be sure to have the right officials for the games? You're supposed to get in touch with your regional Co-ordinator at least 3 weeks before the tournament; you could ask then for names of referees. You should submit a draft officiating schedule to the Co-ordinator for comments at least one week before the first game. Earlier would be even better, especially if revisions are needed, so you could still let your refs know in good time.

And, let out-of-town referees know where they'll be staying so they can leave a number when they leave for your tournament.

If you have input into game scheduling, what would you want? Try to avoid games at one level (e.g. Belle A) being played simultaneously on different surfaces. Coaches often want to watch their future opponents; you'll find it easier to schedule refs if you don't have to cover games in different venues.

What scheduling information would the referees want to know? Give individual schedules to each referee; post schedules for all games in each of the referees' dressing rooms, not just for games at that arena. It may help to know who your partner will be and who's scheduled to do the next game. An overall schedule can help determine possible timing problems if referees have to move to another rink and games on one or more surfaces are not on time.

Would it be easier to post the referees' schedule in the Convenor's room? No; teams don't have to know in advance who will officiate their games; sometimes it's better that they don't know.

How are officials paid for officiating? Suggested fees are in the G&T Guidelines. You don't have to stick with the suggestions; some tournaments pay more. Consider paying more for games with 20 minute periods.

Anything other information that referees would appreciate? 1. Tournament rules, such as how to settle tie games (if overtime is played, list your rules), length of periods, etc. 2. Officiating fee rates and where to collect them. 3. Any other amenities available to officials, such as food and drinks, a quiet room to relax, any social activities after the last game of the day, etc.

You'll improve the chances of having a good tournament if you get the best referees available and give them the best treatment possible. If they have a good experience, they'll want to return and word will get out to other referees.

Some tournaments that have no trouble getting officials, while others struggle to get enough bodies to go on the ice, let alone well-qualified referees. Ever wonder why?

Sometimes you just gotta make sure the penalty box gate is OK...

In a tournament game refereed by two older officials, a whistle finally stopped play after five minutes of end-to-end action. One referee, ready to start the free pass, realized that his partner was spending a lot of time at a penalty box, so he skated over to see if he could help. "What's the problem?" he asked.

"I'm so out of breath, I need a break, so I thought I should check the latch."

"Oh, right. Let me help you... Well, I've moved it up and down a few times and it doesn't seem to stick, so what else should we check?"

"I think I'm OK now; let's get the game going again."

They must have done a good job on the gate; they didn't have to check it again.

(Names have been omitted, to spare two old geezers some embarrassment)

Do you have comments or suggestions for future Ref-O-Grams?

Please contact the Officiating Committee or Ted Moritsugu, Ref-O-Gram Editor, c/o ORA.

O. R. A. Officiating Evaluators, September 2000

An evaluator's level corresponds to a level of play: *Provincial* - may recommend officials to 4A
Regional - may recommend officials to 3A
Community - may recommend officials to 2A

Level 1 officials will continue to be evaluated by their Community Referee-in-Chief.

Community Evaluators

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