

Ref-O-Gram

Fall 2002

Officiating Development Chairman's Report

I would just like to take this opportunity to say "Welcome back" and to tell you a little about myself. My name is Derek Burger and I have been involved with officiating ringette for 17 years. In the officiating world, I have been fortunate enough to hold positions as a Regional Officiating Co-ordinator, an instructor, and an evaluator. I have refereed at 8 Provincial Championships, 2 Ontario Winter Games and 2 National Championships. Aside from officiating in ringette, I am a fully certified Level II coach and have coached at the Tween, Junior and Open AA levels, winning 2 Provincial gold medals, 1 Provincial silver medal and a National silver medal. When not involved with officiating, I am employed with the Waterloo Regional Police Service as a Police Officer.

Early in August 2002, I met with the Officiating Development Committee to set a "path", if you will, of where we would like to see the Officiating **Development** Program head. You will notice that I highlighted the word "development". This is the area where the Committee felt we had been lacking. Only 8.5% of all officials in Ontario are provincially ranked (Level 3 or higher), with many of these being well on in their officiating careers; 70% of all officials are still at the 1C entry level!! The Committee agrees this is an unacceptable range.

A **Provincial Mentoring Program** has been established to increase the very low number of provincially ranked officials. This program is designed to identify officials who possess the skills and the desire to ascend to the Provincial levels at an earlier stage in their on-ice careers. Once identified, these officials will be evaluated often and be assisted in their development towards achieving a provincial rank.

The Committee has also changed in the way that ALL evaluations are received and entered into the field report. Without getting into the technical points of the procedure, we hope that the new procedures will assist in maintaining a more accurate assessment of officiating ranks province-wide. A list of evaluators is with this Ref-O-Gram.

It is hoped that with the commencement of the Mentoring Program and the increased monitoring of evaluations, we will have taken the first of many steps in boosting the positive development of officials.

Since this is a rule change year, ALL officials are required to take a clinic. All current level 1's and 2's must attend a 1/2 Refresher clinic while all level 3's and 4's must attend a refresher clinic. Any officials starting off new must take the full Level 1 NOCP clinic. There are new rules out there this year, folks, and it is your responsibility to know them. All of these clinics will be offered in your area, so contact your local referee-in-chief or your Regional Co-ordinator. All clinics may not be listed in this Ref-O-Gram and some may change. Please check the ORA website for current information.

In closing, thanks to the Officiating Development Committee for a very positive first meeting together. I look forward to more of the same in the future. I would also like to thank Rick Thomson, Al Fletcher, Steve Moritsugu and Laura Knowles for attending the Master Instructors Clinic in Ottawa. We look forward to your sharing your skills and wisdom. Finally, thanks to Ted Moritsugu for once again undertaking the task of giving the Ref-o-Gram its form.

My phone, my mailbox and my e-mail address are always open. Don't hesitate to call me or drop me a line.

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Editor's Note: Have you ever seen fans and coaches break into applause when a referee entered the arena carrying his equipment bag? It happened to Derek at the 2002 Provincial A Championships. There was a

contributing factor; everyone knew that one of the scheduled referees was involved in an accident, and the game couldn't start until Derek was ready to go on ice to referee. **TM**

Regional Information

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Central Region

Welcome back to a "Rule Change Year"; every official must take a Refresher Clinic. We will not be offering any upgrade clinics (Level 2, 3 or 4) but will be having a Level 1 Clinic for new officials.

The Refresher Clinics for Central Region will be held on October 20 at the Ajax Community Center in the Admiral Room. The Refresher 1 Clinic (Level 1 & 2 officials) will be held from 9am-2pm and the Refresher 2 Clinic (Level 3 & 4 officials) from 2-5pm.

There will be a Level 1 Clinic (new officials only) on October 27, 9am-5pm at the McLean's Center in Ajax.

Remember that you are responsible for arranging your own evaluations. Please call one of the evaluators listed below, so that we can make arrangements to be there, or have your Referee-in-Chief call us.

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| Karen Meek | Provincial | (705) 953-9271 |
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Have a great season; hope to see everybody back. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at meek.shantz@sympatico.ca or call me.

Karen Meek 705: 953-9271

Eastern Region

I hope that you had a great summer. As this is a rule change year, we all have to attend clinics.

Here are the clinic dates. They'll also be posted on the ERRA website (<http://www.erra.ncrrl.on.ca/>).

Refresher clinics:

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| Level 1-2 | Oct. 8 | Arnprior |
| Level 3-4 | Oct. 16 | Gloucester |
| Level 1-2 | Oct. 19 | Cumberland |
| Level 1-2 | Oct. 21 | Nepean |
| Level 1-2 | TBA | Kingston |

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Congratulations and best of luck to our new Officiating Chair, Derek Burger!

Have a greta season and see yo at the rinks!

Mario Periard Home - 613: 446-4188

Cell - 613-229-6396

North West Region

No Regional Officiating Co-ordinator at this time. Please contact the Regional Chair if you have any questions or concerns.

George Saarinen 807: 622-2565

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Regional Information (continued)

North East Region

Hello, all! A new season is quickly approaching, with new rules, and that means CLINICS!!! These dates are subject to change; however everybody needs to attend.

Clinic Dates and Location (all subject to change)

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Timmins | Sat. Oct. 19 th | Level 1 |
| SSM | Sun. Oct. 26 th | Level 1 |
| Sudbury | Sun. Oct. 20 th | Level 2 |
| | Sat. Oct. 26 th | Level 1 |
| North Bay (West Ferris) | Sat. Oct. 26 th | Level 1 |

I'd like to thank all officials who refereed at the 2002 North East Regional Championships in Valley East. It was a great time and a job well done! Thanks again of course to Ken and Jackie Lajeunesse for all their help. Hope to see you soon.

Marc Brisson 705: 969-7922

Western Region

The upcoming season promises to be a busy one for Western Region. In addition to hosting the usual large number of tournaments, our region will host the Provincial A Championships in London and the 2003 National Championships in Waterloo. All of these events will keep the region very busy.

As well, a rule change year also creates many challenges for Western Region's administration.

We are planning to host two Level One clinics for new officials, five Refresher Level 1/2 clinics, a Refresher Level 3/4 clinic, and five Rules clinics for coaches. All of these clinics will keep the instructors on their toes.

See the Chairman's Report on page 1 for details of which clinic you should attend. Check with your referee-in-chief if you're not sure which clinic you should attend. Call or e-mail me to register for a clinic.

We will host the following officiating clinics:

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|---------|----------------|---------------|
| Oct. 19 | Sat. London | Refresher 1/2 |
| Oct. 24 | Thu. London | Refresher 3/4 |
| Oct. 26 | Sat. Forest | New Level 1 |
| Oct. 27 | Sun. Hanover | Refresher 1/2 |
| Nov. 2 | Sat. Stratford | Refresher 1/2 |
| Nov. 3 | Sun. Kitchener | Refresher 1/2 |
| Nov. 9 | Sat. Waterloo | New Level 1 |
| Nov. 10 | Sun. Waterloo | Refresher 1/2 |

Remember, always hang on to your evaluations just in case. Good luck this year. **Jeff Clark 519: 473-9559**

Southern Region

Once again we are getting ready for a new and exciting season; hope you had a great summer. My name is Bob Huygens and I'm the new Officiating Co-ordinator for Southern Region.

Although I am new to this position, I have been involved with the sport of ringette for a long time. I've been Referee-in-Chief of Cambridge Ringette and I'm a Community Evaluator.

I would like to thank Stephan De Montigny for the very hard work and time he spent on the officiating program as regional co-ordinator last season.

This season, the region will be offering Refresher clinics for Level 1-2 officials and Level 3-4 officials as well as a Level 1 clinic for new officials.

All officials must attend a clinic this season; please contact your local Referee-in-chief to register. If you have any questions or concerns please call me.

Scheduled clinics as at September 4th:

Refreshers for Levels 1 & 2

Oct. 19 Hagersville

Oct. 19 Markham

Oct. 26 Cambridge

Level 1 clinic – new officials

Oct. 27 Mississauga

Bob Huygens 519: 572-0701

"They can't start the game without me."

Ever hear a referee say that as he saunters toward the ice? For a tournament organizer or an officiating supervisor, that attitude really grates.

Whether it's a tournament or a Provincial Championship game, every official should be ready to step on the ice as soon as it's resurfaced, or 10 minutes before game time, whichever is later.

It's our responsibility to help each event run on time.

Where's my Ref-O-Gram?

Please remember to advise the ORA if you move.

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Registration, 2002-03

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

Registration fees will be the same, \$24.50.

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

Please include your name, address, telephone number(s) and registration number

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

Overheard at the rink

"We can sit here; there's two seats.... Hey, did you just ref the last game? Well, we're not sitting next to you. You're an idiot!"

The Wash-out Signal

Use the wash-out signal in only two situations: one during play and one when you stop play.

Signal a wash-out during play only to indicate that a ring which has crossed two blue lines, untouched, may be played by the passing team.

In hockey, the wash-out is often signalled when a close play at a blue line is on-side. Maybe that's why some ringette referees want to wash out a close blue line play, to indicate no violation. If you do and your partner whistles a blue line violation, you'll both look bad.

Signal a wash-out at the net only when the ring is in the net but the goal is disallowed. You should whistle and then signal the wash out.

I saw a referee signal a wash-out when the ring deflected off the crossbar. The ring then bounced off the goalkeeper's back and into the net, so he stopped play and signalled a goal. Try explaining that to the coach who saw your wash-out signal but whose team was scored upon.

You should be paying attention to all close plays, so use the minimalist approach: if nothing happened (no blue line violation, no ring in the net), no signal is needed.

Quote...Unquote

"When you think you see something, don't call it. When you know you saw it, then, you call it."

Tony Veteri, retired NFL referee.

Disa & Data

Of the fifteen referees at the 2002 Canadian Ringette Championships in Regina, seven were from Ontario; five of the six assignments in the three final games were handled by Ontario referees... The World Ringette Championships will take place in Edmonton in late November. Teams from Finland, Sweden and the USA will play Canada and a host team... The Canada Winter Games will be in Bathurst, NB, in late February. In preparation for these Games, Mississauga will host a Challenge Cup in mid-December... The Provincial A Championships are scheduled for early March in London... The Provincial AA Championships will be held a week later in Cambridge... The Canadian Ringette Championships will start in Waterloo in late March... Get details of these and other events in the list of Sanctioned Tournaments on the ORA website, www.ontario-ringette.com... The new Official Rules will be larger, with pages the same size as those in the Case Book, to save on printing costs... Canada has the dollar, Mexico the peso, but in Malaysia, it's the ringgit... Did you know that there's a politician in Quebec whose last name is Ringette?

Who is that ~~masked~~ man, anyway?

He developed the Nu-Sty-Al aluminum ringette stick. He introduced the two-man, deep-left, officiating system to Ontario ringette. Interested in safety, he pushed for helmets for ringette referees, until they became mandatory. He was Ringette Canada's first referee-in-chief, after serving as the ORA's referee-in-chief. He and his wife were named to the Ontario Ringette Hall of Fame as Community Builders in 1985.

Watch for more information about a ringette pioneer in an upcoming Ref-O-Gram.

Any comments or suggestions for future Ref-O-Grams?

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

O. R. A. Officiating Evaluators, September 2002

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

Eastern Region

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Central Region

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