

# Ref-O-Gram

Winter 2004

## *Officiating Development Chairman's Report*

Hello, all. I trust everyone is having a great season thus far!

This time of the year, is, without question, the busiest for me. I am currently in the middle of scheduling the AA Provincials, the A Provincials, the Ontario Winter Games, the Eastern Canadian Tween Championships and the Adult Provincials. Whew! Mix that in with maintaining the field report, evaluations and development issues, and it feels like a full time job sometimes. Having said that, however, the help and assistance of the members of the Officiating Development Committee (Karen, Nat, Marc, Carole, Bill and Steph) make things much easier. Thank you all.

We are having a great season of evaluations. We brought 18 new evaluators on board this season and they are making excellent use of their time. I currently have well over 200 evaluations waiting to be processed through the office. This is great and I am sure these will lead to a number of upgrades Province-wide.

Speaking of upgrades, I would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate Andre LALONDE and Lynne PHILION, both of Eastern Region, on recently fulfilling the final requirement for upgrade to level 4. I know this is a milestone for each of these veteran officials and a well-deserved promotion. Well done!

While I am on the subject of congratulations, I would like to congratulate the following people on their selection to the Canadian Ringette Championships Officiating Crew for the Calgary Nationals, March 29-April 3, 2004: Karen Meek, Sue Blacklock, Sue Shantz, Steve Blacklock, Brad Dillabaugh, Kevin Lee, Nat Fortin and Laura Knowles. I am pleased to say I will be joining this excellent group of officials for this event and believe it is a very clear picture of the officiating strength Ontario possesses to be able to field this very experienced and capable group of officials. Well done to all.

I am also pleased to announce that 4 officials will be joining the Provincial Team for the first time. Jackie LAMERS, Lisa LAGROU, Dan BARTLEY and Amy CRINKLAW have all earned the right to officiate at the A Provincials in Richmond Hill this March. And, returning after an absence of a few years is Andre LALONDE. Congrats, you guys, on your hard work, dedication and solid officiating. Hurdle number one has been jumped!

In closing, as I switch computer programs and pile back into the AA schedule, I would like to say thanks to all. It has been a rewarding two years for me. I hope the program continues to develop and serves to produce the top officials in this country. Have a great remainder of the season and I hope I will see ya around the rinks.

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## Regional Information

### **Central Region**

It's hard to believe that we are in the second half of our season and quickly approaching the final championship tournaments.

This year, our Regionals are being hosted by Oshawa Ringette. I've had lots of opportunity this season to watch people and have started to call referees to officiate at this event. It will run April 8-10, leaving Easter Sunday free for family.

The Eastern Tween Championships will be held in Thunder Bay. Only two Ontario officials are selected to officiate at this event; Central Region is proud to be sending Janyce Gunn and Robert Drury.

Congratulations to everybody that has been selected to officiate at the "A" and "AA" Provincials. You've worked hard to earn your position.

Good luck with the remainder of your season.

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### **Southern Region**

Well, we've made it past the middle of the season; are we still having fun? In Southern Region we're going to be busy right to the end of this season.

The Provincial A Championships are in Richmond Hill, March 25-28, so come out and see some exciting ringette and good officiating. On the same weekend our Adult Regionals are in Newmarket.

We're scheduling referees for the B & C divisions of the Adult Provincials in Mississauga, April 2-4. If you're interested, email [jeffevans@rogers.com](mailto:jeffevans@rogers.com) or [kimvans@rogers.com](mailto:kimvans@rogers.com) to let us know.

We finish the season with our Regional B & C's, for Belles & younger, April 8-10, in Hamilton. Please let your local referee-in-chief know if you're interested in officiating there. Here's hoping the rest of your season is trouble-free!

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### **Western Region**

No report at this time; see you at the arenas.

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### **Eastern Region**

Well, we're half way through the season already. Eastern Region held 2 Level 1 clinics which produced 27 new officials. Thirteen officials attended the level 2/3 clinic. We also hosted the Community and Regional Evaluators' Clinics and we now have 5 new evaluators in our region. With our new evaluators we were able to evaluate 60 officials to the time of this writing. This is important for official development.

If you're interested in reffing at an out-of-town tournament and don't know who to contact, call me and I will find out for you.

Have a good second half; see you around the rinks.

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### **Northeast Region**

Well, folks, welcome to the second half of this great season in our great sport. The Provincial AA Championships will be held in Valley East in early March, a great opportunity for you to watch elite officials at work. This is the biggest event of the year for ringette in Ontario, so I hope to see some of you there...shot clock, anyone?

We have two new evaluators in our region. George Seymour, from West Ferris, and myself, from Valley East, join our other evaluators: Wayne Spencer, Harry Hirsimaki, Laurier Gadoury, and Denis Laverdiere. If you want an evaluation, contact one of us. Have a great remainder of the season.

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### **Northwest Region**

Hello from the Northwest! My name is Stephanie Renda and I'm a referee, evaluator and player. After a two year absence to further my education down south, I'm back as regional officiating co-ordinator.

We have two new community evaluators: Seija Saarinen (Thunder Bay) and Brett Finlayson (Fort Frances). So for those of you looking to improve your game call them or our other evaluators. If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact me; if I can't answer your questions I will find someone that can. Hope the remainder of your season goes well.

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