

Ref-O-Gram

Fall 2004

Officiating Development Chairman's Report

Welcome to another season of officiating in Ontario. For those of you joining us for your first season, welcome! For those of you returning, welcome back! The upcoming season should be a great one.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome two new Regional Co-ordinators to the committee and to introduce them to the officiating community as a whole. David HANAM is the new NorthEast Co-ordinator while Brent BUNTING is the new Southern Region Co-ordinator. Both bring with them a great deal of enthusiasm and knowledge. I look forward to working with them as the season progresses. I also look forward to working with the returning committee members: Nat Fortin, Karen Meek, Bill Kaiser and Stephanie Renda.

The Canadian Ringette League has started its second season and is offering Ringette at its finest. The CRL provides a great challenge to officiating as it strives to achieve "professional" status country-wide. The champions of the CRL automatically qualify for the Canadian Ringette Championships, which brings these regular league games to a new level of importance. With this in mind, the Officiating Development Committee has selected 14 officials from across the province to work these league games. The officials selected have all demonstrated the ability to work at this high level of play. It is hoped that our increased effort at putting "the best" on the ice to work these games will help the CRL with their goals. I am acting as the Referee-in-Chief for this league and as such am assigning these games. I look forward to working with this group of officials and to adding your name to my list as you aspire to higher levels!

The Officiating Development Committee is pleased to offer a Level IV Officiating Clinic this year, Nov 5-7, 2004. As this is a clinic geared to in-depth discussion of rules and concepts, the committee and I have hand-selected the participants from across the province. For some of these officials, successful completion of the clinic marks an upgrade to Level IV. For others, it opens the door to the highest level of officiating administered by the ORA and my committee. Good luck to all participants.

In closing, I would like to wish the best of luck to all the officials from across the province. Whether you are reffing a recreational game on a Sunday night, doing the final game of a tournament, working at the Provincials or the CRL, remember it is your **job** to ensure the game is played fairly and within the rules that make this game the greatest game on ice. Have a great season.

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November 15 is the deadline again for registering with ORA for the season.

Independent officials should have received a notice directly from ORA.

All other officials should check that their local associations will be registering them.

Comments or suggestions for the Ref-O-Gram? Please contact

Derek Burger, Officiating Committee Chairman, or Ted Moritsugu, Ref-O-Gram Editor, c/o ORA

Regional Information

Eastern Region

Well folks, we're back at it again! It's that time of the year... Let's lace up our skates, put our ref jersey on and get ready to go on the ice for another season. First I would like to congratulate the Provincial referee of the year, Lynne Phillion. Lynne (the great GAZOU) has been a great asset in the eastern region.

As we often forget, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officiating committee for a job well done; they continue to improve our program and strive to develop officials.

For the upcoming season, the Eastern region will host a Level 1 clinic and a Level 2/3 clinic. We will continue to evaluate and develop our officials.

If you're interested in attending tournaments in the Eastern region, apply online at www.erra.ncrrl.on.ca. Simply follow the steps for officiating in tournaments. It's imperative that the form is filled out properly with your availability, otherwise it will get rejected.

I look forward to seeing all of you around the rinks.

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Central Region

Just when your feet were starting to heal, it's time to put those skates back on and work on your blisters and calluses. It's time to get the lint out of your whistle, the rust off your blades and freshen up on the rules.

It looks like another busy season is upon us. This year, the Level 4 Clinic will be offered to those who qualify. It will run November 5-7, 2004 in Central Region and is by invitation only.

I've been making arrangements to have an off-ice evaluator at each of our tournaments to see if we can get more officials moving through the system. Last season we did really well with our evaluations; this year, we will do better.

The Regionals are being hosted in Sunderland and I would like to see some new faces there. Let's work together to make this happen.

Have a great season. If you have any questions, please call.

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Western Region

Welcome to the 2004 - 2005 Ringette season. This year we look forward to serving our wide spread region better with the addition of John Martin and Lorie Grant to our region's Officiating Committee. Lorie and John have several years of experience in the officiating system and they are both community evaluators. Lorie will be assisting with the coordination and scheduling of evaluators for Western Region events as well as with tournament administration. John will look after tournament administration, liaison with all officials and coaching, as necessary.

Thank you to all officials who participated at the 2003-2004 Regionals; without your help this event could not occur. I appreciate all the time and effort that you provided and look forward to this year's event.

John, Lorie, and I are always available for your questions and concerns, either through the Western Region website or the phone numbers below. We'll do our best to assist our officials if we can. Please use us as resources throughout the year.

Good luck and have fun in the 2004 - 2005 season.

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NorthWest Region

Well, I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to head back indoors for another long winter. Hopefully, a fun filled ringette season will make the next 8 months of snow and ice go by faster than you can say "I wish it was summer vacation". Now on to more important details.

This year two Level 1 Officiating Clinics are scheduled to be held in the Northwest Region, one each in Thunder Bay and Atikokan. Unfortunately, there will be no Level 2 Clinics this year in our region. However, if you are interested in improving your abilities on the ice please contact any one of the 4 community evaluators in the region as they are more than willing to provide feedback.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns

feel free to email or call me. I hope everyone has a great season. See you at the rink!

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Regional Information (continued)

Southern Region

Welcome to the 2004/2005 season. My name is Brent Bunting and I have been involved in the sport for the past 22 years, mostly as an official and an evaluator.

I would like to thank Carol Liscombe and Bob Huygens for their dedicated work as past co-ordinators.

At this time there are no referee clinics scheduled for the Southern Region, but I hope to have some level 1 and level 2/3 clinics booked for the end of 2004. The need for these will be determined at the local referee-in-chief meeting in early November.

For those of you who are looking to move up in rank, please try to ensure that you are at the appropriate tournaments. If you are level 2 and trying to move to level 3, you need to be officiating at "A" tournaments.

Tournament participation is the best place for feedback on your performance, as there will always be higher ranked officials to watch and learn from or evaluators to watch you.

Have fun, and I hope to see you in the rink this year.

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NorthEast Region

I have been a ringette referee for 11 years, started with the Timmins Ringette Association and now I'm located in North Bay where I ref for the West Ferris Association. We have some clinics being organized but no dates have been determined yet.

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Disa & Data

Nine of the sixteen referees at the 2004 Canadian Ringette Championships were from Ontario... The 2005 Provincial AA Championships will be hosted by Ottawa, March 10-13... The Provincial A

Championships will be hosted by Upper Ottawa Valley, March 17-20 in Pembroke ... The Canadian Ringette Championships will run from April 11-16 in Winnipeg... The 2004 Adult Provincials are scheduled for March 31-April 3 in Markham... Fredericton hosts the Eastern Canadian Tween Championships, April 1-3... See details of these and other events in the list of Sanctioned Tournaments on the ORA website, www.ontario-ringette.com.

Where's my Ref-O-Gram?

Please remember to advise the ORA if you move.

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The Agnes Jacks Scholarships

Ringette Canada awards a number of \$1,000 scholarships each year towards post-secondary education for ringette players, coaches and officials with a strong academic performance and a commitment to ringette. The deadline for the 2005-2006 academic year is January 31, 2005.

Get more details and application forms from the ORA or Ringette Canada offices or from the Ringette Canada website at www.ringette.ca.

Overheard:

Player: "How about the barging, ref?"

Official: "The what?"

Player: "The barging; you know!" Makes windmill motion with hands.

Official: "You mean 'charging'?"

Player: "Charging, barging; whatever!"

You didn't hear what I said, did you?

You know what you mean, but is your message being received? During a game, when emotions can run high, referees should consider that a player or coach might take something they say the wrong way.

Example 1: At the end of a game, a coach tells the referee that he's protesting the game. The official replies, "That'll cost you," referring to the fee to file a protest. BUT, the coach thinks the ref is asking for a bribe to support the protest.

Example 2: Taking a player to the penalty box, the referee tells her, "You didn't get a body contact penalty because you just knocked over the ref, but for the earlier hit on #22 at the blue line." BUT, the player, upset and tired, hears, "... a body contact penalty because you just knocked over the ref..."

Remember: be clear, be brief and be aware of how your words may be misperceived in the situation. Often, the best course is to say little or nothing.

Hey, Evaluators!

If any changes are needed to your info on page 4, please contact Derek or Ted. Also, please ensure your information is up to date in the ORA Operating Manual, "Contacts" section.

O. R. A. Officiating Evaluators, November 2004

Community - may recommend officials to 2A

Central Region

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Belinda Mayer, Ottawa 613: 759-8404

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George Seymour, North Bay 705: 494-7754

North-West Region

Kevin Bradley, Atikokan 807: 597-2681

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Stephanie Renda, Thunder Bay 807: 767-7535

Southern Region

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Regional - may recommend officials to 3A

Central Region

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Provincial - may recommend officials to 4A

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Southern Region

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Note: Level 1 officials will continue to be evaluated by their referees-in-chief