

# Ref-O-Gram

Fall 2005

## ***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!

As this is a rules change year there will be many challenges. Every official must take the appropriate refresher clinic to be eligible to officiate after December 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two different refresher clinics held this fall, one for level 1 and 2 officials and one for level 3 and 4 officials. Please ensure that you attend the correct one.

There are two major procedural changes that will take place starting this season; registration and the upgrade process. Please ensure you read the information below carefully.

### ***The procedure for registering to referee in the Province of Ontario has changed commencing this season.***

There has been a long recognized problem with the way ringette officials in Ontario register, or as the problem exists, don't register. Unlike most sports, the officials are responsible for registering themselves as either independent officials (not affiliated with any association) or as a member of an association. It was decided in April 2005, that the officials in Ontario will be responsible for their own registration.

There are two methods that can be used to register. You must select the one that suits you best:

1. Fill out the enclosed form and return it to the registrar for the local association that you have been affiliated with in the past. Payment for your registration can be decided on by that association, with either you paying it yourself, or the association paying it for you. The association will forward the form to the ORA office with payment. You will be registered. Note that it is **your** responsibility to ensure that the ORA office receives both the registration form and payment by the deadline date.
2. Fill out the enclosed form and submit it to the ORA office yourself. You will need to enclose payment by either cheque or money order. You may still register as part of an association, and the ORA office will notify whichever association you choose when your registration is received. A receipt will be issued to you for submission for reimbursement, where applicable. Once payment is received, you are registered.

**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY NOVEMBER 15, 2005 FOR THIS SEASON.**

**YOU MAY NOT OFFICIATE A GAME AFTER NOVEMBER 15, 2005 IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER.**

**FINES WILL BE LEVIED AGAINST ANY ASSOCIATION THAT USES UNREGISTERED OFFICIALS.**

**KEEP ALL RECORD OF YOUR REGISTRATION.**

Registration cost for this season is \$25 for those registered solely as a referee. For those of you who are also registered as a coach or player, the registration fee is \$20, as your insurance and additional fees are covered through your player/coach registration.

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

***Derek Burger, Officiating Committee Chairman, or Brent Bunting, Ref-O-Gram Editor, c/o ORA***

**The procedure for upgrade has changed in the Province of Ontario commencing this season.**

At the April 2005 Standing Committee Meetings, the Officiating Development Committee (ODC) developed a process by where officials in Ontario must now apply for an upgrade in level once they have fulfilled the requirements of the level they are seeking to attain. This only applies to those wishing to move to, or within, level 3 and level 4. Upgrades within level 1 and level 2 will continue to be done through the Regional Coordinators and are not included in this process, though it is encouraged to do so, as this process will help expedite your upgrade. This process ensures that the official takes on a greater responsibility for their own development as they progress through the higher ranks of the National Officials Certification Program.

The "Request for Upgrade" form can be found on the ORA website under the "Officiating" section, and can be filled out online or printed out for mailing. It requires certain information from each of your evaluations and is relatively self-explanatory. Online requests will be forwarded to Ted Moritsugu, our new Evaluations Manager, for review. Should you wish to mail in your request form please forward it to Ted at the address indicated on the form. Once verification of the upgrade requirements for either level 3 or 4 is complete, the request will be forwarded to the Officiating Chair for consideration. Only once you have received confirmation of your upgrade in rank are you considered upgraded.

Beginning in 2005-2006, no officials in the Province of Ontario will be upgraded to, or within, level 3 or level 4 without submitting this form.

**Requirements**

Here is a reminder of the requirements for upgrade to each of the levels:

- Level 1 – Completed the Level 1 Clinic and 1 evaluation from a community level evaluator or higher or your local Referee in Chief recommending you to Level 1B or 1A.
- Level 2 – Completed the Level 2/3 Clinic and 2 evaluations from a community level evaluator or higher recommending you to Level 2C, 2B or 2A.
- Level 3 – Completed the Level 2/3 Clinic and 3 evaluations from a regional level evaluator or higher recommending you to Level 3C, 3B or 3A.
- Level 4 – Completed the Level 4 Clinic and 4 evaluations from a provincial level evaluator recommending you to Level 4C, 4B or 4A.

**All upgrades require the approval of the either the Regional Coordinator or the Officiating Chair.**

Also remember, that once you earn a new level, the process starts over (i.e. once you are a 2C, you need 2-2B evaluations to move to 2B).

On another note, I would like to thank Ted Moritsugu for the many years of creative input as the editor of the Ref-O-Gram. Ted is stepping down this year and taking on the position of Evaluations Manager. I think that we can all be assured that Ted will tackle this new position with the detail that only he can provide.

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 NRL, 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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## **Regional Information**

### **Central Region**

Wow! What an incredibly hot summer! You must be burning to get back into those cold arenas so you can put on layer upon layer to stay warm during your games.

This year proves to be a busy one for all of us as it is a "Rule Change Year." This means that everyone from level 1 through level 4 will need to take a refresher clinic in order to continue officiating. Both refresher clinics are scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ajax Community Centre.

We will also offer a Level 1 clinic for anyone new wishing to get started. The Level 1 clinic is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Port Perry Hospital.

The Officiating Program has made some changes to the way we register. This season, it will be your responsibility to fill out your form and return it to the office or your association. It is our hope that this will prevent anyone from being omitted from registering.

This year's big events are as follows:

<b>PROVINCIAL AA'S</b>	Mar. 2-5	Waterloo
<b>PROVINCIAL A'S</b>	Mar. 23-25	Sault St. Marie
<b>OWG'S</b>	Mar. 9-12	Barrie
<b>NATIONALS</b>	Apr. 3-8	Longueuil, PQ

Remember, evaluations are a huge part of our program. Try to get at least one per season. I know it's difficult, but be persistent and somebody will get out to see you.

Have a great season and see you at the rinks.

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### **Western Region**

Welcome to the 2005-2006 Ringette season. My name is Bill Kaiser and I am your Western Region Coordinator for the Officiating Development Committee. I have been involved with Ringette as an official, evaluator and an instructor over the past several seasons and look forward to assisting all our participants with any questions or concerns that come up throughout the season.

As you have no doubt read, the registration process and our whole development program have begun some dynamic changes. This process will allow all participants within the officiating program to play an even more active and responsible role in their development and lead to a better officiating base.

As this is a rule change year, ALL officials must attend the appropriate level refresher clinic. All clinics will have a registration application form on the Western Region website ([www.wrra.ca](http://www.wrra.ca)), and I ask you to please register for the clinic in your area. Dates and locations will be posted on the website once they are finalized.

We will also provide Level 1 clinics for those people interested in beginning their officiating career. If you know anyone who wishes to attend a clinic please have them contact their local Referee-in-Chief for more information.

That's enough for now. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at home or via email.

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**Western Region Officiating Coordinator**  
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### **NorthWestern 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 ice and snow go by faster than you can say "I wish it was summer vacation."

This year two Level 1 officiating clinics are scheduled to be held in the Northwest Region, one each in Thunder Bay and Dryden. Both clinics will take place in late September or early October. As it is a rule change year, every official must attend one of these two clinics in order to maintain their status as a ringette official.

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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## **Eastern Region**

Well, the summer is coming to an end and it's time to think about officiating. I hope everyone had a great summer. With this season being a rule change year, all officials will have to attend a refresher clinic. There will be three or four clinics held in the region. Be sure to check out the ERRA website for clinic dates and/or contact your local association referee-in-chief. Remember, if you do not attend a clinic, you will be unable to officiate this season.

The officiating committee has proposed a change to the registration of officials. You will receive a package including all the information regarding this new process. The Eastern region has made some modifications to the process for our officials. This year being a rule change season, you will complete the registration form at the clinic you attend. The clinic instructor will submit the forms to the appropriate local association registrar who will then pay the registration fee. This will eliminate any cost coming out of the official's pocket before even beginning to officiate. In the future, officials will be responsible for submitting their registration form to their respective local association registrar.

Congratulations to Michelle Bainbridge who was selected as "Official of the Year" for the Eastern Region.

The Eastern region will continue to work on developing our officials by providing evaluations and feedback from our evaluators. This past season, approximately 80 evaluations were completed and numerous officials were upgraded to level 2 or 3. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the evaluators that devoted some time to evaluating the referees: Andre Lalonde, Laura Knowles, Danielle Lalonde-Clarkin, Tony Hendriks, Rob Hanson, Lynne Phillion, Marie Shinmoto, Christine Aubry and Lori Pasanen.

I would also like to personally thank Laura Knowles, Danielle Lalonde-Clarkin and Lynne Phillion in assisting me with the scheduling of officials with the Arbiter. You can not imagine the amount of work that goes on behind the scene. These ladies have taken many hours out of their personal schedule to make sure we had refs for all the games.

I also want to thank all the refs for a job well done this season and I look forward to seeing all of you around the rink.

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## **Southern Region**

With the weather outside, I find it hard to believe that the 2005-2006 ringette season is nearly upon us.

As this is a rule change year, there will be many challenges ahead. Every official must take either the Refresher 1 (for level 1/2) or the Refresher 2 (for level 3/4) clinic to maintain their status as an official before the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. After December 15<sup>th</sup>, no one will be permitted to officiate without attending the appropriate clinic.

Refresher 1 clinics have been tentatively scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> in Richmond Hill and October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hamilton. We will be holding one Refresher 2 and one Level 1 clinic in the Toronto area in October. Details will be posted on the ORA website at [www.ontario-ringette.com](http://www.ontario-ringette.com) under the officiating section.

Please be aware that the registration process has changed this season and every official is responsible in ensuring that their registration form and fee are received by ORA by the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. This includes registration through a local association.

The upgrade process has changed for those of you wishing to move to, or through levels 3 and 4. Please ensure you have read the information in the Chairman's Report and understand what is required. For those of you moving through levels 1 and 2, nothing has changed.

I would like to congratulate Geri Lamers on being the recipient of the "Provincial Official of the Year" award for the 2004-2005 season. Geri officiates locally out of Cambridge and had an outstanding season where she officiated at the Provincial AA Championships in Ottawa and was the Ontario representative at the Eastern Canadian Tween Championships, where she officiated the final game between New Brunswick and Ontario.

Have a good fall and I hope to see you around the rink.

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## **Officiating Website**

The Ontario Ringette Association Officiating website is now up and running. All important information regarding officiating will be posted and updated regularly. From clinic dates and locations, to tournament listings from across Canada, you will find what you need. The registration and upgrade request forms are available in downloadable pdf format. Upgrade requests can also be made easily and quickly, directly online. New rules information and past Ref-O-Grams are also easily accessible. So check it out at:

[www.ontario-ringette.com/officiating](http://www.ontario-ringette.com/officiating)

## **Cambridge Referee Receives Provincial Official of the Year Award**

Cambridge official, Geri Louise Lamers, was the recipient of the "Provincial Official of the Year" award for the 2004-2005 season.

Geri has been officiating in the Cambridge area for the past four seasons and started her career as a player and official in Stayner.

This past season saw Geri officiate both locally and at several tournaments. She officiated games in the NRL and participated at the Provincial AA Championships in Ottawa where she officiated the Junior AA semi-final. Her great season culminated in being selected as the Ontario representative to officiate at the Eastern Canadian Tween Championships in New Brunswick, where she officiated the final game.

Congratulations Geri on a fantastic season.

## **Police Record Check**

Starting this season, all officials in the Province of Ontario that are 18 years of age **and** are carded as a level 3 or higher official must provide a valid police record check to the O.R.A. office prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. These checks will be valid for a period of three (3) years.

## **The Jackie Lajeunesse Scholarships**

The Ontario Ringette Association awards two \$1000 scholarship awards each year towards post-secondary education for Ringette players, officials and coaches who have demonstrated a strong academic performance and a commitment to the sport of ringette. See the ORA website for more information at [www.ontario-ringette.com](http://www.ontario-ringette.com).

## **The Agnes Jacks Scholarships**

Ringette Canada awards a number of \$1000 scholarships each year towards post-secondary education for ringette players, coaches and officials with a strong academic performance and a commitment to ringette. See the Ringette Canada website for more information at [www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca)

## **Notes**

Seven of the seventeen referees at the 2005 Canadian Ringette Championships were from Ontario... The 2006 Provincial AA Championships will be hosted by Waterloo, March 2-5... The Provincial A Championships will be hosted by Sault Ste. Marie, March 23-26... The Canadian Ringette Championships will run from April 3-8 in Longueuil, PQ... The 2006 Ontario Winter Games will be held in Barrie, March 9-12... See details of other events in the list of Tournaments on the ORA Officiating website, at [www.ontario-ringette.com/officiating](http://www.ontario-ringette.com/officiating)

## **Hey, Evaluators!**

If any changes are needed to your info on page 6, please contact Derek or Brent. Also, please ensure your information is up to date in the ORA Operating Manual, "Contacts" section.

## **Where's my Ref-O-Gram?**

Please remember to advise the ORA if you move.  
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## **Clinic Dates**

Oct 1 – Refresher 1 – Richmond Hill, Elgin Barrow  
Oct 2 – Refresher 1 – Hamilton, Lawfield Arena  
Oct 15 – Level 1- Port Perry Hospital  
Oct 15 – Refresher 1 – Mississauga, Icelands  
Oct 15 – Refresher 2 – Mississauga, Icelands  
Oct 23 – Refresher 1 – Ajax Community Ctr  
Oct 23 – Refresher 2 – Ajax Community Ctr

These are clinics scheduled at the time of printing. Please contact your local Referee-In-Chief for other dates in your area. Updated locations, dates and times are listed on the ORA officiating website.

## O. R. A. Officiating Evaluators

### Community - may recommend officials to 2A

#### Eastern Region

Christine Aubry, Orleans	613/841-8710
Belinda Mayer, Ottawa	613/759-8404
Natalie Fortin, Limoges	613/443-4460
Andre Lalonde, Ottawa	613/526-2471
Lori Pasanen, Ottawa	613/842-4994
Marie Shinmoto, Ottawa	613/731-0715
John Valentine, Gloucester	613/746-4769

#### NorthEast Region

Laurier Gadoury, Timmins	705/268-0420
George Seymour, North Bay	705/494-7754

#### NorthWest Region

Brett Finlayson, Fort Frances	807/274-4855
Stephanie Renda, Thunder Bay	807/767-7535

#### Southern Region

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Jeff Evans, Richmond Hill	905/884-7328
Bob Huygens, Cambridge	519/572-0701
Darrin Kimber, Burlington	905/639-4670
Ted Moritsugu, Richmond Hill	905/884-4508
John Spridzans, Welland	905/735-9847
Pat Turcotte, Caledonia	905/765-6955

#### Western Region

Andre Brisson, Woodstock	519/537-5865
Marc Brisson, Woodstock	519/536-7941
Jen Cook, Chatsworth	519/794-2497
Lorie Grant, Kitchener	519/579-5572
Lisa Lagrou, Waterloo	519/880-0459
John Martin, Kitchener	519/742-8218
Keely Smith, Fergus	519/843-6655

### Regional - may recommend officials to 3A

#### Central Region

Kelly Campbell, Ajax	905/427-8047
Robert Drury, Whitby	905/655-3488
Janyce Gunn, Oshawa	905/725-3402
Pauline Haarmeyer, Pickering	905/839-5344

#### Eastern Region

Brad Dillabaugh, Ottawa	613/266-5427
Rob Hanson, Cumberland	613/833-0762
Tony Hendrikx, Russell	613/445-3042
Danielle Lalonde-Clarkin, Ottawa	613/729-6728

#### NorthEast Region

Harry Hirsimaki, Lively	705/692-7112
Wayne Spencer, Sault Ste. Marie	705/759-0644

#### Southern Region

Rob Evans, Richmond Hill	905/884-7328
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#### Western Region

Bill Kaiser, Mossley	519/269-1116
Tania Pettitt, Kitchener	519/893-3619

### Provincial - may recommend officials to 4A

#### Central Region

Karen Meek, Port Perry	905/985-2816
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#### Eastern Region

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Gerry Leadbetter, Gloucester	613/837-5838
Lynne Phillion, Gloucester	613/744-8040

#### Southern Region

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Al Fletcher, Hamilton	905/575-0312
Rick Thomson, St. Catharines	905/646-3355

#### Western Region

Steve Blacklock, Guelph	519/780-1845
Derek Burger, Baden	519/634-1120

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