

# Ref-O-Gram

Fall 2006

## ***Officiating Development Chairman's Report***

Hello all. Welcome to another year of Ringette Officiating in the Province of Ontario. I hope everyone is having a great summer and is looking forward to hitting the ice! I know it can be hard to think about it when the days are still long and the weather warm, but the season will be here before we know it.

Reflecting on last season, I was very happy with a number of the new programs that started and showed a great deal of promise. The biggest success, for sure, was the Provincial Development Program which has been renamed the Progressive Officiating Development Program (POD) for this season. Part of the reason for the change in the name had to do with some of the misunderstandings that came with this program. The program is not meant to be elitist or anything of the sort. The only objective of the program is to provide the opportunity for accelerated development of officials who have shown the ability and the desire to ascend to the Provincial level. Some will succeed, others will not. In any event, last years efforts led to a number of new people qualifying to officiate at the Provincial "A" championships in Sault St. Marie. It was a great experience for all and I hope the successes of the program continue.

Looking ahead to this season, I would like to remind all officials that you need to fill out and sign a registration form. While your association's registrar can help you with this task, it is REQUIRED that you sign your own form, or if you are under 18, you and one of your parents both sign the form.

In order to be eligible to referee the sport of Ringette in the Province of Ontario, you must have CURRENT clinic completion AND you must be registered with the ORA. Failure to do both will result in the association you referee for being fined \$50.00 per game. So, for example, if you do a tournament and do 10 games and you are not registered, it will cost the association \$500.00. We WILL be enforcing this rule this year, so ensure you have fulfilled both requirements.

I would like to thank the members of my committee. I will be looking to them for a great deal of help over the season as my work and family commitments continue to grow. One thing that is great about being involved in our program is the level of dedication and caring that the members of this committee put into it. I would like to say goodbye, in a way, to Steph Renda who has resigned after many years as the North West Regional Coordinator. Steph is moving to the GTA and I am sure that we will be seeing waaaaay to much of her! Thanks for everything Steph. You have always been a voice of reason and while often silent, would always speak at the right time. Quality, not quantity.

Remember to look to the Officiating Section of the ORA website for information. Each of the regions sets the dates and times for their clinics. If you have questions, please look for clinic info on the ORA site and then your regional site.

Finally, have a great season. Remember, refereeing is not a volunteer position. We are the only paid people in the sport who are active on the ice. We have a job to do, so let's do it. Take care and I will see you at the rink.

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## ***Southern Region***

Welcome to the start of the 2006-2007 season. I hope everyone enjoyed their time off during the summer. The season is right around the corner and it will soon be time to lace up your skates and make your way to the ice.

I would like to start by thanking Jeff Evans, Jeff Graham and Pat Turcotte for the immense help they provided me throughout last season with instructing clinics, evaluating and supervising at Regionals. I would also like to congratulate Pat on being selected to supervise at the Provincial "AA" championships last march in Waterloo. To supervise at that level is truly an honor.

This season will be slightly different from last as it is not a rule change year, which means clinics are not mandatory. One substantial change from last season is the new policy set by Ringette Canada which sets minimum age and experience requirements for officials wishing to attend the Level 2/3 clinic. This new policy limits the clinic to those officials who are 16 years of age or older as of December 31, 2006 and are going into, as a minimum, their third season as an official. This new policy will restrict officials from taking the Level 1 and Level 2/3 clinics in back to back years. For those officials who are have already taken the Level 2/3 clinic and do not meet the new requirements, you will not be penalized and can continue moving through the ranks and can be evaluated at Level 2 and/or Level 3.

There will be two or three Level 2/3 clinics held in the region. The quantity and locations will be finalized within the next month depending on the expected turnout. Please pay attention to the officiating section of the ORA website at [www.ontario-ringette.com](http://www.ontario-ringette.com) for clinic dates, locations and times. For those of you who are eligible and looking to take the Level 4 clinic, there will only be one held in Ontario, scheduled later in the fall. Please pay attention as this clinic is not held every year.

Last season's new registration procedure was successful in what it was meant to do and it will be no different this year. Our officiating database is current and up to date and should have your correct rankings and information. Please make sure that your registration form is

filled out, signed and submitted to either ORA office with your fee or to your local registrar. It is still your responsibility to ensure that you are registered with ORA office by November 15, 2006 to be eligible to officiate after that date.

As we are the only paid "volunteers" in the sport it is up to us, as officials, to be the best we can when we are on the ice. The only way to learn and get better is by taking clinics, getting feedback from evaluators, supervisors, referee-in-chiefs and other officials and by reading your rule book. Evaluations are a must and should be looked upon as a way of gauging how you are doing. They should not be feared, they should be welcomed. The evaluators are there to help you learn and improve. Evaluations must be requested, so it is up to you to contact your referee-in-chief or one of the evaluators in the attached list and make arrangements.

Tournaments are typically the easiest places to be evaluated at as there should be an evaluator available. For those of you who are Level 1 or 2, you need a maintenance evaluation every two years. Those of you at Level 3 or 4 you need one every year, so don't wait until it's too late. You will be downgraded if you don't get your maintenance evaluation.

Keep working hard, read your rule book and I will see you around the rink.

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## ***Western Region***

Grab your shirt, lace up your skates and start blowing your whistle, it's Ringette season again!!! Hi everyone, welcome back to another great year in Western Ringette World. If you don't know already Marc Brisson and myself, Tania Pettitt-Tracey, have taken over for Bill Kaiser. We have both been involved as officials, evaluators and instructors for many years and are hoping to share some of our knowledge with you.

Last season the region tried to implement an assigned Officiating schedule for all "A" and "AA" games within the region. This year we will definitely be using this system in order to keep both officiating and coaching happy. This means that I will be assigning refs to travel to games in

order to make sure that there are qualified officials at every "A" or "AA" game in the region. If you wish to participate in this program you can register at the western website ([www.wrra.ca](http://www.wrra.ca)) or contact me directly. As a minimum, you must be a carded level 2B official and willing to travel in order to participate.

As always we will be working on trying to get an evaluator at every major event in Western Region. If you are interested in being looked at please contact Marc via the website and we will try and arrange it. Unfortunately we did not get to see everyone at Regionals last season so I know some of you are still looking for feedback.

Currently, there are two Level 1 clinics and two Level 2/3 clinics booked for the fall. More will be added should we need them. Please register online ASAP so we can verify the numbers. If you have been reffing for 3 years or more and have not yet attended a 2/3 clinic please try and attend one this year as it will become mandatory over the next 2 years. There were 55 level 1 officials who applied for Regionals this past year, 41 of them had more than 3 years experience and only 5 of those 41 had attended a 2/3 clinic!!! There will be a price increase for the 2/3 clinic this year as we will be adding a case book to the materials you receive. If you already have a case book, bring it with you to the clinic and you will be charged a lesser fee.

Level 1: Hanover, Sept. 24, 8.30 - 5.30pm

Level 1: Guelph – Victoria Arena, Sept. 30, 8.30 - 5.30pm

Level 2/3: London – Western Fair Sports Centre (Maple leaves Room) – Sept. 23, 8.30 - 5.00pm

Level 2/3: Waterloo – Albert McCormick Arena – Oct. 14, 8.30 - 5pm

Please go to the Western Region Website at [www.wrra.ca](http://www.wrra.ca) to register or contact me directly.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the ice this year, please don't hesitate to contact either Marc or myself if you have any questions or need some help.

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## **Central Region**

I can't believe that the summer is almost over and ringette is about to begin again! I would like to start by congratulating both Janyce Gunn for winning the Provincial Official of the Year award and Tara Armstrong for winning the Regional Official of the year award. Both of you have worked extremely hard and are highly deserving!

Clinics have been scheduled for:

Level 1: Port Perry Hospital, Oct. 15, 9:00 – 5:00pm

Level 2/3: Ajax Community Centre, Oct. 22, 9:00 – 4:00pm

As per Ringette Canada's new clinic requirements, you must be 16 years of age or older as of December 31, 2006 and must be starting your third season as an official in order to be eligible for the Level 2/3 clinic.

Starting this season, I will be responsible for scheduling all of the "A" and "AA" games within Central Region. It is my intention to assist in the development of our younger officials within the region.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to call or email me. Have a great season and we'll see you at the rinks.

**Karen Meek**  
**Central Region Officiating Coordinator**  
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## **Eastern Region**

Welcome to another season! My name Danielle Lalonde, I will be the new Eastern Region Coordinator of Officials, with the assistance of Laura Knowles, for the 2006-2007 season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Natalie Fortin for her hard work and commitment to the program over the past two years. Hopefully we can continue in her footsteps.

Congratulations to Tori Billings of GCRA who was selected as the Regional official of the year.

The following clinics have been scheduled. Visit the ERRA website for more information at [www.erra.ncrrl.on.ca](http://www.erra.ncrrl.on.ca).

Level 1 – Ottawa, Location TBA, Sept 30  
Level 2/3 – Ottawa, Algonquin College, Oct 14

All league play assignments will be through the Arbiter once again this year. Make sure you log onto the Arbiter and provide us with your availability. The regional assigner will be Linda Lugg.

Just a reminder that you if wish to register in a tournament in the Eastern Region, you must complete the Tournament Officiating Information Sheet which can be located on the ERRA/NCRRRL website.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the rink!

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## **NorthEastern Region**

Northeast Region has had great season, with the "A" Provincials held in Sault Ste. Marie. By all accounts, it was a great success.

The Northeast Regionals, held in Timmins, were well attended, with every area of the Region represented in many divisions. This provided excellent opportunity for newer officials to gain experience, and work with the more experienced officials of our region. Many positive comments were received about the quality of officiating. It looks like we're going in the right direction. Many thanks go to Mike Tambeau for his excellent work with scheduling and accommodations.

Another summer is quickly coming to an end, and we are in full preparation for a new and exciting season. Many of our new officials from last season are looking to further advance their skills, and I look forward to working with a new group of officials this year. Our region has, for many years, lacked the number of officials that we should have, and the skill level has also suffered. Over the last year, this trend has been reversed, and with continued efforts, the future

looks positive for the benefits to all of the associations in the region.

Sault Ste, Marie, will be holding a Level One clinic, Sept. 21, 2006, and a Level Two Clinic, October 21, 2006. For information regarding these clinics, contact Wayne Spencer at [jwspencer@sympatico.ca](mailto:jwspencer@sympatico.ca).

Other clinics, within the region, both level one and two, are being arranged as needed, and will be announced shortly. For details, please contact your local Referee-In-Chief, or contact me directly.

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## **NorthWestern Region**

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## **Provincial and Regional Official of the Year Awards Winners.**

The Provincial and Regional Official of the Year awards winners for the 2005-2006 season were announced this past summer. Each winner deserves congratulations for their dedication and outstanding service to the officiating program both on and off the ice.

Janyce Gunn – *Provincial*  
Tara Armstrong – *Central Region*  
George Seymour – *NorthEastern Region*  
Lorie Grant - *Western Region*  
Stephanie Renda – *NorthWestern Region*  
Tori Billings - *Eastern Region*

## **Notable Quotes**

"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.*

"A good official keeps his emotions in check. He doesn't allow the emotions of a coach or player to filter into his own emotions. The more you keep your emotions in check, the better chance you have of doing a good job."  
*Bill McCreary, NHL Official*

"Every move a referee makes is scrutinized and often criticized...Officiating is the only job where everyone expects you to be perfect the first time and improve thereafter."

*Elmer Rosenberg, "Two Minutes for Failing," Maclean's Magazine, Oct. 13/03*

### **Registration Fees Increase**

Registration fees have been increased by \$0.50 for this upcoming season. The new cost is \$25.50 for those who register solely as an official. For those of you who are either registered as a coach or player in addition to being an official, the cost is \$20.50. Please remember to submit your registration form to either ORA office with your fee or to your local registrar. You are solely responsible to ensure you are registered with ORA by November 15, 2006.

### **Police Record Check**

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 ORA office prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. These checks will be valid for a period of three (3) years.

### **Two Blue-Line/Delayed Penalty Mechanics**

When the team in control of the ring passes the ring over two blue lines a potential two blue line violation has occurred. What happens if the team not in control of the ring has a delayed penalty when this occurs? In accordance with section 9.4.d(3), the proper mechanics are:

*Play stops when the ring is controlled by the penalized team, possessed by the team making the two blue line pass, or if the ring comes to rest. If controlled by the penalized team or the ring comes to rest, the ring is awarded to the team making the two blue line pass in the centre zone. If possessed by the team making the two blue line pass, ring placement is for the penalized team in their attacking zone*

Be aware that this information was incorrectly written in last years 2005-2006 Refresher manual. The above wording is correct.

### **New Ringette Canada Policy On Level 2/3 Clinic Eligibility**

Ringette Canada has recently set a new policy which sets minimum age and experience requirements for officials wishing to take the Level 2/3 clinic.

*"The minimum age for an official to attend a Level 2/3 clinic is 16 years of age as of December 31 of that playing season. The official must have also attended a Level 1 clinic a minimum of two playing seasons prior to the current playing season. Note: any officials that attended a Level 2/3 clinic prior to the 2006 season that are underage will retain their current level and may continue to be evaluated to Level 2 or Level 3 accordingly, and will not be required to attend another Level 2/3 clinic when they reach the age of 16."*

### **Notes**

Nine of the seventeen officials at the 2006 Canadian Ringette Championships were from Ontario... The 2007 Provincial "AA" Championships will be hosted by Nepean, March 8-11... The Provincial "A" Championships will be hosted by Chatham, March 22-25... The Canadian Ringette Championships will run from April 9-14 in Halifax, NS... The Canada Winter Games will be held Feb 24-March 10 in Whitehorse, YK... 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).

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

For those of you who are planning on pursuing a post secondary education, please be aware that both the Jackie Lajeunesse and the Agnes Jacks scholarship awards are also open to officials. For more on how to apply for the awards please visit [www.ontario-ringette.com](http://www.ontario-ringette.com) and [www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca).

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

Please remember to advise the ORA if you move.

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## 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
Lisa Lagrou, Ottawa	613/421-7138
Andre Lalonde, Ottawa	613/526-2471
Lori Pasanen, Ottawa	613/842-4994
Marie Shinmoto, Ottawa	613/731-0715

#### NorthEastern Region

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

#### NorthWestern Region

Brett Finlayson, Fort Frances	807/274-4855
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#### Southern Region

Diana Dykstra, Hagersville	905/768-3127
Rob Evans, Richmond Hill	905/884-7328
Bob Huygens, Cambridge	519/572-0701
Stephanie Renda, Toronto	416/363-4795
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
Keely Smith, Fergus	519/843-6655

### **Regional**

- may recommend officials to 3A

#### Central Region

Kelly Campbell, Ajax	905/427-8047
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

#### NorthEastern Region

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

#### Southern Region

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

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

### **Provincial**

- may recommend officials to 4A

#### Central Region

Robert Drury, Whitby	905/655-3488
Karen Meek, Port Perry	905/985-2816

#### Eastern Region

Laura Knowles, Ottawa	613/736-7206
Gerry Leadbetter, Gloucester	613/837-5838
Lynne Philion, Gloucester	613/744-8040

#### Southern Region

Brent Bunting, Barrie	705/719-1505
Rick Thomson, St.Catharines	905/646-3355

#### Western Region

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Derek Burger, Baden	519/634-1120

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