

Ref-O-Gram

September 1998

Chair's Report

Welcome back. I hope everyone is ready for another exciting and challenging Ringette season. This is the first of two Ref-O-Grams this season; the second will be out in January 1999. If this Ref-O-Gram looks a little different than previous editions, it is due to the hard work of our new editor:- Ted Moritsugu. Welcome aboard, Ted.

Before we go forward to the new season, I would like to thank a few people for their efforts last year.

First of all, the Officiating Committee: John Kaiser (West), Carol Liscombe (South), Karen Meek (Central), Mario Periard (East), and Pauline Haarmeyer (Northeast). All of these people took the time and effort over and above their officiating to help ensure the smooth running of the Ontario Officiating Program. Their hard work and diligence made my job that much easier, so to them, I say, "Thank you."

All of these co-ordinators have returned this season except John Kaiser. At the time of publication, Western Region was still searching for an Officiating Co-ordinator. There is an addition:- the Northwest is represented by Mary-Kay Migay. Welcome to the committee, Mary-Kay.

Congratulations to all the officials and supervisors who worked so hard to ensure smooth Provincial Championships last season. Both the officials and supervisors worked a grueling schedule at the Provincial A & AA Championships last March and I thank them for their huge effort.

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Thanks also go out to the crew who worked the Adult Provincials. While I was unable to attend, I understand that the job they did was excellent. My thanks to Al Fletcher for standing in for me at the Adult Provincials as Referee-in-Chief.

*Congratulations to the 1997/98 Provincial Official Award Recipient:- **Kelly Campbell.***

Included with this Ref-O-Gram should be several other pieces of information: a tournament schedule; a CSA helmet/facemask combination list and a jacket order form. If you didn't receive all of them, please contact your regional officiating co-ordinator.

What's new? Goalkeeper helmet/face masks.

You will notice on your CSA helmet/facemask combination sheet that effective September 1/98 the helmet/facemask requirements for goalkeepers have changed.

Basically, the goalkeepers are required to wear either (a) a combination helmet/facemask that is the same as all other players, or (b) a one-piece goalkeeper helmet that is certified Type 3/5.

Currently, there is only one Type 3/5 goalkeeper helmet, manufactured by Calcoat. This goalkeeper helmet has triangle-shaped wire over the eyes, so it should be quite easy to distinguish from other, illegal, one-piece goalkeeper helmets.

If you have any questions about the legality of any helmet or combination that you see, get the helmet make & model and the facemask make & model and call your regional officiating co-ordinator. I believe you should find the answer to your questions on the CSA combination sheet, but, if not, make sure you call to get clarification

Tournaments and Evaluations

This season looks to be quite busy with tournaments. As I have previously stated, the best place to get evaluated is at a tournament. I know how difficult it

is to get evaluations, and the Officiating Committee is working on the problem. This year we are scheduling evaluators in advance for tournaments .

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We hope to get most of them covered, but, realistically, there are too many tournaments to fully cover them all.

When you call about officiating at a tournament, ask the referee-in-chief about an evaluator; they should know. If they don't, they should call their Regional Officiating Coordinator to find out.

Please remember that the majority of evaluators are also on-ice officials, so when they agree to evaluate at a tournament, they are probably giving up game assignments themselves to help you. Nothing bothers an evaluator more than to give up his or her time to help an official by doing an evaluation, only to have that official not listen or pay attention to the evaluation.

Remember, the evaluators are there to help, and most of the time that help comes in the way of pointing out, and fixing, your problem areas. If you are not willing to hear out an evaluator because you don't believe you're doing anything wrong, then the process becomes a waste of time, time that could be better spent helping another official that wants to listen and improve.

Officiating Clinics

As usual, there will be Level 1 and 2/3 clinics held throughout the province. There will also be a Level 4 clinic this year, November 6-8 in Toronto. Those who qualify for a Level 4 clinic should be sure to contact your officiating co-ordinator to get your name on the list.

For those of you considering a Level 2/3 clinic, remember that there will be no Level 2/3 or Level 4 clinics next year. As 1999 will be a rule change year, only Level 1 clinics and refresher clinics for referees already at Level 2 or above will be held.

Community Evaluators Clinic

A Level 1 Evaluators Clinic will be held during the Scarborough tournament, December 11-13. If you are interested in becoming an evaluator, please contact your officiating co-ordinator. There are a limited number of spots open for this clinic, and there is no cost to the participants. Due to number restrictions, we may not be able to take everyone who wishes to attend.

And in closing....

Cards will be sent with the next Ref-O-Gram. If you have any problems with your card, please contact your regional co-ordinator..... If you have any suggestions for the Officiating Program, for the Ref-O-Gram, etc., contact your regional co-ordinator. We like to get your input on how well the program is running. As we tell you when it comes to evaluations, you won't improve if no one points out your problems. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broken, so speak up.

I hope everyone has a great season, and I will see you around the arenas.

Chris Bradt (905) 544-9209

Regional Information

Central Region

Clinics, tournaments, cold feet, long days and aching bodies. Welcome back to another exciting season of ringette.

We, as an officiating committee, have worked hard to bring you the necessary clinics you require and to ensure that an evaluator is at most tournaments.

Clinics in Central Region will cost \$40.00 each and are scheduled as follows:

Level 1

October 3, 9am-5pm. Port Perry Hospital

October 24, 9am-5pm. Pickering Police Station

Level 2/3

November 1, 9am-5pm Pickering Police Station

Remember that next year is a rule change year and upgrade clinics will NOT be available. If you are interested in advancing, you need to attend the Level 2/3 or the Level 4 clinic this season. The Level 4 clinic is scheduled for November 6-8 in Toronto.

For those of you looking to upgrade, it is highly advisable to travel to different tournaments outside your association. This will give you an opportunity to be seen by different evaluators and to enhance your officiating skills.

Special congratulations to the following award-winning referees from our region:

Rob Drury: Regional Referee Recognition Award
Lisa DiMichele: most up-and-coming referee at the Regionals
Kelly Campbell: Provincial Official of the Year.

Well done.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask. Have a great season.

Karen Meek (705) 953-9271

Eastern Region

Here we go again. I hope you all had a great summer but now it's time to get back on the ice and the cold arenas, the snow, the freezing rain, the windchill. Oh well, somebody has to go, so see you out there.

Clinics: This year there will be one level 2-3 clinic. Dates and locations will be announced in September. If you want to participate, tell your Referee-in-chief as soon as possible.

Tournaments: If you want to go to any Eastern Region tournaments, let your Referee-in-chief know, as we have a process for selecting officials for tournaments. Cumberland will be hosting a tournament November 6-8.

Eastern Region Referee Association: We have submitted a request for conditional approval. If this gets accepted, we will start a policy manual and we will be looking for a scheduler for the 1999-2000 season.

If you require more information, please call me.

Home: (613) 446-5009

Work: (613) 446-5896

Cellular: (613) 277-6197

(with answering machine)

Have a great season and have fun.

Mario Periard

North West Region

Hi; I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to start yet another busy ringette season. My name is Mary-Kay Migay and I'm the new referee co-ordinator for North West Region.

As the season has not yet under way, there is really nothing to report, but I would like to let the referees in the North West know that if they have any questions or concerns they can feel free to contact me at anytime.

I hope that everyone has a fun and enjoyable season and I am looking forward to seeing you on the ice.

Mary-Kay Migay (807) 767-7814.

Southern Region

Southern Region clinics will cost \$40.00 each. A minimum of 17 participants is needed for each clinic.

Level 1

Saturday, October 3 Erin Mills, Mississauga

Level 2/3

Saturday, October 17 Burlington

Carol Liscombe (905) 768-5911

North East Region

Regional Co-ordinator

Pauline Haarmeyer (705) 897-6836

Western Region

No co-ordinator



Constructive Criticism

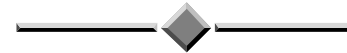
Have you ever been on the ice or in the referees' room when someone has offered their advice on a certain situation or on your personal style? Sit back, absorb, and think about what they are saying before becoming defensive.

The people giving the advice are usually higher-level officials who have had experience and constructive criticism handed down to them over the years.

Their comments or personal experiences may be beneficial to your game.

And, if you are in doubt of a situation, always feel free to ask a senior official, your local referee-in-chief or your Regional Officiating Co-ordinator. With their advice and your eagerness to learn, our game can only improve.

The Officiating Committee



Without rules, there can be no game. Without referees, there can be no rules.

Everyone wins in our Rules Contest!

The Ref-O-Gram editor was involved with revising the Official Rules, 1996-99, and has a confession. Two paragraphs contradict each other. They deal with ring placement when play is stopped because of a penalty.

In the two years that the rules have been in effect only one person has pointed out the contradiction to the editor. Has everyone else been (a) too polite to mention it (*I doubt it*); or (b) so confused by the rules that they didn't notice?

Name the two paragraphs that contradict each other [e. g., Sec. 12(a)(ii) and Sec. 22 (b) (i)] and send with your name and address to:

Ted Moritsugu, 169 Mill Pond Court,
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 4W4

The editor will mail a \$5.00 gift certificate from a major Canadian department store to the first three correct entries drawn from those received by Friday, November 13.

And, we'll all win if you discover something in the rules that you've forgotten or misunderstood. Maybe some readers will even read the whole rule book.

This contest is open to all readers except relatives of the editor. The winners and the contradictory paragraphs will be announced in the next issue of the Ref-O-Gram.



Registration, 1998-99

Registration fees will remain the same as last season, \$20.75. Make sure you're registered with ORA by November 15, either through your local association or independently.

Cheques should be mailed to the ORA at :

1185 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 705,
North York, ON, M3C 3C6

Please include your name and address and the ORA number which should be on your last official's card.



A Note from the Editor

"The worst part of trying to enforce rules is the resentment from those who want to go their own way. Any rule-enforcer is bound to be disliked, to be resented, to be joked about.

The police officer senses these attitudes on a continuing basis, and his response is often the assertion of authority in as strong a method as possible. To show who is in control of any situation, however calm, police might resort to violence and intimidation."

*John Sewell
Police: Urban Policing in Canada*

Have you ever thought that you're like a cop on the beat when you're reffing a game?

The attitudes of players, coaches and spectators are often similar to those a police officer encounters. Referees can sense these attitudes but should avoid the assertion of authority by intimidation.

A "Referee Checklist" published years ago included the following points:

1. Be competitive
2. Keep your head on straight
3. Don't be a tough guy
4. Get into the flow of the game
5. Don't bark
6. Show confidence
7. Ignore the fans
8. Answer reasonable questions
9. Chose your words wisely
10. Stay cool

Let's look at some of these:

Don't be a tough guy: Standing near an unhappy coach just to "show" him or her will only create tension. If a coach is on your back, but not enough to deserve a warning or a penalty, stay away.

Ignore the fans: Fans don't always know the rules, and they often try to "get" officials. Ignore them unless they interrupt the game or interfere with your job.

Stay cool: Fans, coaches and players can spot nervous or edgy officials, so help establish a calm atmosphere - stay cool.

Remembering these points may make your life on ice a bit easier.

Ted Moritsugu