



The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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WELCOME TO 2010-11 SEASON

It's that time of year again – time to turn the brain away from golf, baseball, fishing or the beach and back to what really counts in life – hockey! To all of our returning officials, welcome back, and greetings to all of our new officials!

RECERTIFYING / TAKING A YEAR OFF / INSURANCE ISSUES

As always, this time of year arrives with some recurring questions. Officials wonder what will happen if they take a year or more off from the officiating program. Assignors wonder which refs are eligible to skate games before the clinics (i.e. which guys have insurance coverage).

The answers to those issues remain unchanged from the last few years. Not recertifying for less than 5 years does not impact your HCOP level.

With respect to insurance, if you were insured under the HCOP policy at the end of last season & you have REGISTERED AND PAID for a HC recert clinic for this upcoming season, you are insured until your clinic attendance. Otherwise, once August ends, you are not insured and cannot skate any ALLIANCE hockey.

UPCOMING RULE CHANGES

This is a rule change year, so clinics will not just be review sessions. Also, as of October 3rd, 2010 BNQ throat protectors will be

mandatory for all on ice officials. Between September 1st and October 3rd, BNQs are strongly recommended, but once October 3rd, 2010 hits, there is no discretion – you must wear one to officiate at any level.

2010 UPGRADE CLINIC RESULTS

2010 was the 2nd year of the adjusted approach to the level 3 ALLIANCE upgrade clinic. The key adjustment has been the introduction of some SRD (State Referee's Decision) questions to the exam. This was done to reflect the reality of what happens on the ice –you actually have to know the answer when you're out there.

Of the 25 Level 3 upgrade candidates, 13 passed (before re-writes). The top mark was earned by Nate Leifer (London), with Dan McDonald (London) and Andrew Gartly (London) tying for 2nd spot.

At the Level 4 upgrade clinic (all SRD questions), 14 of 15 ALLIANCE candidates passed before re-writes. Dan Castonguay (Hamilton) and Brad Moffat (London) tied for top marks, with Mike Springstead (Hamilton) just behind.

And congratulations to ALLIANCE Officials Wes Kindree (Hamilton) and Bob Wright (London) for getting their Level 5 as OHA candidates. A job well done by all!

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