



The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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WELCOME TO THE 2009-2010 SEASON

Hockey tryouts have started or are in the final stages of preparation. Schools are gearing up for the return of students and despite the ongoing blanket of hot, humid air covering southern Ontario, hockey season is just around the corner. To all of our returning officials; welcome back and greetings to all of our new officials.

RECERTIFYING / TAKING A YEAR OFF / INSURANCE ISSUES

This time of year always arrives with some recurring issues. Guys 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 (ie. which guys have insurance coverage).

The answers involved with these issues remain unchanged from last year. The structure laid out in last August's Referees' Crease continues to apply.

<http://www.alliancehockey.com/downloads/RCAUG2008V2.PDF>

Basically, 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 for AND PAID FOR a HC recert clinic for this upcoming season, you are insured until your clinic attendance. Otherwise you are not insured and not eligible to officiate.

CHANGES FOR THE RC

Over the past two years, The Referees' Crease has largely dealt with issues commonly identified by Supervisors as being in need of clarification or improvement. The shortfall in that approach is that supervisors can only see a limited number of games and peculiar situations.

Opening up a channel for all skating officials to contribute ideas and questions lets us be more responsive to those we are trying to help. The RC now has its own email address to which anyone can submit questions, topic ideas, comments, etc. The address is: refsccrease@alliancehockey.com.

While we will not be able to answer individual emails, we will read all of them in search of interesting scenarios, common themes or ideas for improving the RC. We'd love to hear what you have to say.

PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE RC

Late last season, all of the earlier editions of the RC were posted on the ALLIANCE Hockey website with subject headings found under the Development / Referees tab. Please use those links to review and refresh your understanding of issues previously covered. www.alliancehockey.com

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