



The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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OHA TRYOUT CAMP

Charlie Lennox, the Referee Co-ordinator for the OHA has advised that the OHA is holding an open tryout camp in London on July 17th and 18th. 2010. The camp is to be held at the Western Fair Entertainment Centre. Details are included in the following links:

<http://www.ohahockey.org/page/show/81224-oha-officials-try-out-opportunity>

<http://www.ohahockey.org/page/show/81227-application>

The Western Fair Entertainment Centre is easily accessible off of the 401 via either the Wellington or Highbury Road exits. Links to maps and written directions are available on the WFEC website.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

A perspective which is often lost in the heat of the competition is that without the stripes, the game does not go on. Without the stripes, the Drew Doughties and Alex Ovechkins of the world never get a chance to develop and exhibit their skills. Without the stripes, we would be without the national touchstones provided by Paul Henderson, Mario Lemieux and Sidney Crosby.

At lower levels, without the stripes, little Billy would not get the chance to learn how to be a good teammate or to feel the exhilaration of scoring or stopping the winning goal. Without the stripes, little Billy would not learn how to win and lose with equal grace. Without the stripes, no player,

coach or parent could have any comfort that any game would be played fairly and safely.

Without the stripes, communities would be without rallying points, identities and the social gatherings games provide. Without the stripes, our society would have a decidedly less Canadian tone to it – after all, handshakes at the end of a series symbolize much more than just the end of the series.

So, from everyone at ALLIANCE Hockey, thank you for all the time and effort you put in to help keep the games on the ice. Thank you for taking that last minute, single game, halfway across the city in the dead of winter. Thank you for skating with the rookies on those cold, early, Saturday morning games. Thank you for putting up with all of the grief directed your way by those who need to take a step back and broaden their focus. Thank you for skating any game, any time and for not letting your ego block you from lower level games.

And for all of the million other reasons why your contributions are so valuable to the hockey program, thank you – and we look forward to seeing you back next season.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

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