



The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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ROUGHING AFTER THE WHISTLE

RAW is just another way of saying that one team is going to be shorthanded.

Unfortunately and incorrectly, too many officials even up the penalties when each player gives the other a shove.

Hockey Canada has given you a great tool to minimize the scuffling which occurs after play has been blown dead. Rule 6.7, Sit 1, directs RAW to be "strongly" enforced. Take that instruction to heart.

Rule 6.7, Sit 2 deals with the most common RAW scenario - two players shoving each other after the whistle. The rulebook says that you are to penalize the player who causes the initial foul. Retaliation by the 2nd player is to be ignored unless it "is too severe to ignore". If the retaliation is too harsh to go unpunished, "then the Referee is encouraged to assess the initial player a double Minor penalty so that a time differential exists" (i.e. initial player receives RAW + RAW, 2nd player receives RAW).

The core idea here is to ensure that the team that initiates the contact after the whistle comes out of the situation shorthanded (assuming no other non-RAW penalties).

The result of a strict enforcement of the RAW rule and the policy of making the initial team pay a price for starting the contact is to discourage that 1st contact. If the 1st contact never happens, neither does the 2nd or subsequent contact. Scrums are minimized and your game becomes immensely easier.

DRESS CODE FOR ALL ALLIANCE OFFICIALS

This is the 1st year for a consistent dress code for officials across the ALLIANCE. The dress code applies to all ALLIANCE officials and to all levels of ALLIANCE hockey.

For all Rep level hockey (i.e. A, AA and AAA), all tournaments at any level (i.e. from Tyke House League up through Midget AAA) and for all MD playoff hockey, every official is to wear a collared shirt and a tie or a turtleneck to and from each game assignment.

For all other hockey, every official is to be neatly dressed, at a minimum "business casual" level. Local Associations may require a higher, but not a lower, dress code standard. You are paid for what you do. Please dress to respect the job and those for whom you are doing it.

USEFUL LINKS...

HC videos on the proper standards for calling fouls (left hand column, near the bottom of the page):

<http://www.hockeycanada.ca/2/2/3/8/8/index1.shtml>

ALLIANCE Hockey Referee Development page:

<http://www.alliancehockey.com/page.asp?id=60>

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