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REFEREES

Officials and Officiating

It is the policy of the Association to develop and support a strong program for official development.

Referee-In-Chief Development

The RIC will be expected to attend the annual meeting of Provincial RIC's to benefit and implement knowledge gained from other associations.

Assignments of Officials

1. The RIC shall administer the assignment of officials for games as required.
2. The RIC shall annually appoint a team of 3 or 4 people who will be responsible for assignment of games.
3. Team representatives requiring officials shall contact assignors for their division.
4. Teams are not to exert any influence with regards to assignment of officials.
5. For Initiation levels - the 2 referee system shall be used.
6. For all other games - the 3 official system shall be used. When 3 official system is unavailable, the 2 referee system can be used.
7. A referee maybe assigned as a linesman for a sibling game but may not be assigned as the referee in a three man system.
8. It is the policy of the Association that all officials are given equal opportunity to officiate in every exhibition, regularly scheduled and play-off game. The number of games will be dependent upon:
 - Level of capability as determined by the RIC
 - Availability when called upon
 - Attendance at practices
 - Number of officials at different levels of hockey (Players may only officiate up to the level below where they play - eg - A Peewee player may only officiate up to Atom. The only exception that may occur is where a Rep level player is officiating a 'C' game.)
 - General enthusiasm and effort displayed while performing their duties during games and practices.

Official Development

1. Officials must attend a carding clinic and renew their card each year as per BC Hockey regulations.
2. The Association shall encourage and support those initiatives that foster an effective official development program. Examples include providing for on-ice and off-ice training programs. The RIC shall be responsible for preparing and submitting a budget for this program.

Communication

Comments and feedback concerning officiating should be made directly to the RIC.