

NMHAOP 2018-2019
Referee
Sept 4th, 2018 8:00pm

Executive Introductions

Nico, Jay, Jamie, Caise, Cameron, Jeff, Brandon, and Sam

Not present: Eric Hipson and Eric Bazinet (Directors of Supervision with Jeff)
Vacant Position: Director of Discipline

Welcome

Welcome to the new season, this is a big season coming. We have fifteen (15) new referees this year, some are first year officials and others and transfers from across the country. There are 71 returning officials.

Executive Roles

Cameron Watts and Sam Brown are *Co-Directors of Mentorship*. Cameron will focus on the first years and Sam the returning officials.

Jamie O'Neil, *Director of Officials, and Game Incident Reports*. Jamie is a rules expert and a long time executive member lending his support and knowledge to the team and officials

Caise Chandler. Director of Communications. He *manages* the website and social media. His wife, Julie Fair is *Secretary*, taking the minutes.

Certification and OMS

- Make you have signed up for re-certification (this should already be complete). Last day to register is September 30th, which is also the day House League games start. You must be registered to obtain games, so register early.
- Those looking to rise to 2nd and 3rd level, opportunities will be available mid season.
- First year officials should already be signed up for OMS and hockey university.

Police Record Checks

Referees currently over the age of 19 require a police record check. It is your responsibility to obtain this record check and pay the associated fee. Please obtain the vulnerable sector check rather than the standard. Those 18 and under do not need a record check, including those who turn 19 during the season.

Mentorship and Training

(Cameron and Sam)

- First year officials, and those new to Nepean, the first mentorship meeting is Wednesday, Sept 12th.
- There will be training sessions for each level, for 2-man and 3-man officiating.
- There will be an extra hour or more of on ice sessions for first year officials
- **Volunteer senior officials are needed to help train. If you are interested please let Nico, Cameron or Sam know.**
- Knowing that many of you are also hockey players, we are looking for ice time that does not conflict with any competitive try outs. We will do the best we can to minimize scheduling conflicts. If you are unable to attend a session please let an executive know as soon as possible.
- For first years, there is an on-ice buddy (shadow) system to help with mentoring. First years will have someone who follows them around and help make small corrections to positioning and correct things on the ice. First years will be started with slower games, Novice/Atom etc.
- Cameron and Sam will be emailing everyone to canvas for buddies and organize them.

Important Dates & Quizzes

(Jay)

- There will be an OMS overview session on Sept 12th, with the mentorship section of the meeting afterwards
- There will be a change to refereeing in Novice C
- The Quiz program is for 1st-3rd year officials and for those who want to sharpen their skills.
- There is no quiz in September or October. There is one in November, December and two in January/February
- Mandatory quizzes are used when deciding on levels and which games will be given including finals and championships.
- The quizzes are there to make sure that you know the rules. When the quiz system started the number of complaints against officials dropped.
- Quizzes are open book and you may get together in groups or 2-3 to do the quizzes together — there is always 2-3 heads together on the ice, it's the same for the quiz, it's not cheating to work as a team.

Supervision

(Jeff)

- The supervision program is being revamped, this year there will be twelve (12) core supervisors (in the past we had a lot more).
- Using less supervisors is aimed to improve consistent feedback.
- This year we are aiming for 600-700 supervisions total (which is less than last

- year)
- We want to focus more on development rather than trying to push the numbers of supervisions.
 - The focus will be on the younger officials
 - The supervisors will be selected soon and will meet on Sept 22nd to make sure they are on the same page.
 - There will be a new expanded checklist on OMS to give more information on the supervision for the refs.
 - When a “needs improvement” is assessed it will be flagged to help focus on those refs. Repeated instances may lead to demotions or repercussions for the official
 - All the volunteers for supervision will get an invite to the session. If you are interested in being a part time supervisor you should email Jay right away.
 - Your ratings have all been updated; if you have a question about your rating email either Eric Bazinet or Eric Hipson, to discuss.
 - The officials that are seen doing a really good job will get better games and move up.
 - You never know when you will be seen, so make sure you do your best on every game. We love to see people doing great!
 - We want you to do the best game every night, sometimes you will have surprise supervisions, sometimes we won't tell you at all.

Awards

(Nico)

- The Hockey Canada award for Most Promising Official is awarded to Antoine Bujold-Roux.

Rule Changes for Hockey Canada

(Nico)

- please see presentation for full rule changes (Posted on website)
- Go through your book and look for the bolded new changes, we only highlighted the major changes.
- New rule books were given to all returning officials. 1st years and high performance officials will receive their rule books at a later date.

Rule Changes In NMHA House League

(Nico)

- Players being assessed three (3) infractions will be given an Game Ejection
- Last year it only applied from Bantam to Juvenile. This year for 2018-19, the 3-infraction rule now applies from Atom to Juvenile levels.
- Please view the 3 infraction rule on the website.

Half Ice for Novice Hockey

(Nico) - please see presentation for full explanation (Posted on website)

- Novice Hockey will be changing and going to half ice.
- The project will be piloted with novice C with two games at the same time — across Canada.
- In Nepean we will be doing one game on half ice and one team practicing on the other half
 - three teams on the ice total rather than four
- No timekeepers, no score, not competitive.
- There will still be A/B/C levels but not the same as previously.
- The 1st year officials will be piloting this 1-man referee hockey
- They are doing this because with a bench of twelve 6 years old kids, they would not see more than 1 to 2 mins. of ice time.
- This will give the children more ice time and double the time kids have access to the puck.
- It gives us the opportunity to get creative.
- Nepean hasn't figured out game sheets for insurance purposes, but we would like to have game sheets to document everything.
- There are still a lot of things to iron out.
- Rink staff will set up boards down the middle
- Going to have a classroom session to teach novice C after the on-ice session.

First Year Welcome

(Nico)

First years asked to come to the front and each given a whistle after demonstrating a signal.

Locking the Dressing Rooms

(Nico)

We have had a few incidents of not locking the dressing room.

- When possible we want to implement some system to ensure that the dressing rooms are locked.
- Do you have ideas of what we can do?
- Be charged a fine?
- Loose game fee?
- Loose the game fee for all officials in that team, or just for whomever comes forward as the one who forgot?
- Should a fine be assessed even when nothing is stolen?
- Also, friendly reminders that do not disrupt the game by asking referee to get the key from Timekeeper box. Go around the rink to pick up or drop off the key!
- Work together to ensure the last person locks up.
- Every time you are supervised you will be reminded about before and after to drill this in.

- Try not to bring your valuables to the rink

- Meeting adjourned -