

## South Zone Referee Association 2002 / 2003 Rules and Regulations

Reference: Rules and Regulations of the Referee's Committee of Hockey Alberta

### 1. Dress code

- 1.1. All on ice officials must be properly dressed when going to a game in which they are to officiate in. This is especially important for any league above and including Pee wee AA. This includes all AA, AAA, Jr, Sr, and CIS. The association does not want to see officials showing up wearing jeans, sweat pants, hockey jackets, or ball caps.
- 1.2. Officials who are working AJHL and CIS exhibition, regular season, or playoff games must be properly dressed. A suit and tie, jacket and tie, or sport jacket and tie are mandatory. Officials attending a game in which they are not officiating must be presentable. Jeans and tracksuits are not acceptable at any time.
- 1.3. Officials who are doing written supervisions shall be dressed properly.
- 1.4. Skates should be polished, black in color, with white clean laces.
- 1.5. Pants shall be black in color, pressed and clean
- 1.6. Sweaters must be clean and the Hockey Alberta Referees' crest MUST be worn at all times on the left hand side. The Canadian Hockey crest shall be worn on the left hand sleeve approx 2" from the top of the shoulder. ( Canadian Hockey crest is optional but recommended )
- 1.7. No other crests or emblems shall be worn ( pants included ) unless designed by the manufacturer

### 2. Prohibited substances

- 2.1. The use of alcohol or drugs prior to the game or during the game is strictly prohibited. Smoking before during or after the game on or off the ice is prohibited while the official is at the rink. Upon written complaint the official using a banned substance (alcohol and drugs ) is suspended immediately and a hearing will be required within 10 days of the date of the zone notification letter

### 3. Arriving at the Rink

- 3.1. Officials must be at the rink ½ hour before scheduled start time. Officials working AAA, AJHL, CIS must be at the rink 45 minutes before scheduled start time, as well as any provincial playoff game.
- 3.2. If a scheduled official is not at the rink by 20 minutes to game time officials shall contact the assignor and / or try to find a replacement official.

- 3.3. If the replacement official arrives before the scheduled official, the replacement official does the game. The scheduled official is then considered as a no show.
  - 3.4. If the scheduled official arrives prior to the replacement official, the scheduled official does the game. The scheduled official shall be considered late.
  - 3.5. If the scheduled official arrives prior to the replacement official, and the replacement official arrives at the rink, the replacement official is entitled to ½ of the scheduled officials game fee. That money will be paid out after approval, by the Association
  - 3.6. If no replacement official is not found and the scheduled official arrives the scheduled official will be considered late if arriving at the rink after ½ hour before the scheduled start time ( 45 minutes for AAA, Jr, CIS and provincial playoff games) and who is on the ice prior to the opening face off.
  - 3.7. If the opening face off has taken place, the official is considered to be a no show.
4. Conduct unbecoming of an official
    - 4.1. The Association will not stand for officials criticising other officials on or off the ice. Doing so you are running down both yourself, and the association. All criticism shall be directed to the Referee-in-chief , league assignor or discipline chairperson. Upon written complaint the official will be required to attend a hearing within 10 days of the zones notification letter.
    - 4.2. The Association will not tolerate officials swearing, using offensive gestures, racial comments and otherwise intimidating comments and or gestures to any fan, team official or fellow official. Upon written complaint, the Discipline Chairperson or association delegate shall start an investigation. Game officials shall be subject to a fine or suspension, while non-working officials shall be subject to suspension.
    - 4.3. No official at any time can accept a game fee that is more then the rate set by Hockey Alberta for that level. Those guidelines are non negotiable. Officials shall be subject to immediate suspension until further notice from the discipline chairperson.
5. Scheduling and Travel
    - 5.1. All trading of assignments must go through the Zone designate Assignor. They shall be notified of all trade three days prior to trading unless special circumstances arise that they deem acceptable. Officials not in compliance to this rule shall be subject to having games taken away or reassigned by the Zone Assignor.

5.2. Days unavailable shall be turned into the Assignor of the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

5.3. When traveling is required, it is up to the referee to contact all officials for that game, whether or not it is the Referee who will be driving. This should be done at least two days prior to the game day. Officials should determine amongst themselves who will drive.

## 6. Appeal Procedure

6.1. Officials have 7 days from the date on the Association notification letter to appeal in writing . A check must accompany the appeal letter in the amount of \$25.00 that will be returned in the event that the appeal is ruled in the officials favour. Upon written notice, the official will have 10 days to mutually agree upon a time and date for an appeal to take place. Failure to attend a hearing on the part of the official will result in the matter to favour the association.

6.2. Three officials will be present to rule ( one preferably the Discipline Chairman ). If this appeal is because of a hearing then only one of the members of the hearing committee will be able to attend the appeal hearing.

## 7. Control Process

7.1. A list of officials who are not in good standing with the association shall be listed in each clinic package. Instructors must collect the outstanding fines to allow individuals not in good standing to attend a clinic.

7.2. Once a fine has been collected, the Treasurer shall contact the Clinic Coordinator so the list can be updated.

7.3. Individuals who are suspended are suspended from all CHA activities.

7.4. All fines are a percentage of game fee in which that official was officiating in or attending at the time of the infraction.

7.5. No fine shall have a less value of \$10.00.

## 8. Payment of fines

8.1. Officials who have money in holding by the zone will be determined immediately.

8.2. Officials who do not have money in holding shall have 7 days from notice to pay their fine.

8.3. If payment of all fines is not received the official will be suspended until the balance of fines are paid. This will include all activity from the CHA.

If any official has any concerns they can be brought to the attention of the Zone Discipline Chairman. We strive to make our association a very professional one. By ensuring and upholding these guidelines we can achieve our goal.