



CENTRAL ZONE REFEREES' COMMITTEE

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Schedules

- All Hockey Calgary schedules have been uploaded, thanks to Beth! Games begin Oct 26th and assigning is well underway. All Elite schedules were uploaded by mid September. Girls Hockey Calgary schedules delayed until early November. An interim schedule has been uploaded in the meantime.

Assigning / Goalline

- No changes to the assignors for CZRC. We have been assigning all Peewee Exhibition as a result of the changes to the HC website and booking those games online.

Referee Clinics

- Clinic season is two thirds done. About 1000 officials registered in the zone to date with about 700 in Calgary. Last year we had 947 Calgary officials and expect close to the same. However we could use about 100 more officials to cover all the hockey.
- Some communities are holding tryouts to compete for a spot on their roster. We are working with the communities to encourage those new officials to referee in a neighbouring community and to graduate 16 yrs and older officials to Peewee Hockey. It is critical that no young person be refused at the community level. The rate of turnover (30-40% / yr) requires us to take all who are interested and find a way to include them.
- Mini-Clinics – we have had some early requests this year for these refresher courses. They are best held in December or January. 2 hours long with 1 hour of ice and 1 hour in the classroom, they are free of charge.
- Community Referee Coordinator Meeting planned for end of October.
- A few communities have requested a referee to be present at the coaches meetings to discuss the difference between body contact and body checking. We've been able to fulfill all requests.

Shadow Program

- CZRC Volunteer coordinators are in place in every community. They are working with the community referee assignors to help coordinate Shadows of the 1st and 2nd year officials. 11 of 16 communities participated last year so it is great to see all on board. I encourage all communities to take advantage of this resource. This program is active from end of October until February.

Other

- Kevin and I talked over the summer about communities paying their officials above the provincial maximum rates (which are higher than the Hockey Calgary negotiated rates. Kevin and I hope to be invited to attend a President's Council meeting to reinforce the message that the communities can only pay to the Hockey Calgary rate. This will help "graduate" officials to Peewee and Bantam hockey in the future.
- Thanks to Hockey Calgary and Christina for getting us a spot on City's Breakfast Television to promote refereeing and a better understanding of the rules and training. We had a great time!

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CZRC Chairman