



CENTRAL ZONE REFEREES' COMMITTEE

Craig DeCoursey
Chairman



Schedules

- Nothing to report. Very good season. Looking forward to tweaks to Exhibition requests for next season that will help our assignors stay on top of games that are denied.

Assigning / Goalline

- All assignors performed well this year meeting my expectations. All assignors have indicated they are returning for next year. Of note, we did assign playoff games in a number of communities in March as Beth wasn't getting good responses from a few community assignors. All went well. We also assigned the BT Challenge in February and that went very well.
- We are looking to offer Goalline to all the Calgary Communities and are currently working through the logistics of doing that. Will require some financial investment into Goalline. We are hoping to have it in place for the start of the coming season.
- Fees for tournaments will be \$6 per game for the coming season. Updated rate sheet has been sent to Beth for distribution to the communities. This is year 2 of the 3 year agreement.

Referee Clinics

- We have run 17 mini-refresher clinics this year, 11 in Calgary which is an increase of 2. Only **8 of 16** communities are participating in this program so more remains in getting all on board. All they need to do is set up an hour of ice at the rink and get us an hour in a room and we do the rest. The following communities **did not** hold a mini-refresher.
 - Midnapore
 - Springbank
 - Trails West
 - Bow River
 - Glenlake
 - Crowchild
 - Simons Valley
 - Westwood
- We conducted 61 clinics in the zone, of which 35 were in Calgary. We held 5 directly in the communities which was well received and will be continued next season. We use 34 instructors to deliver this program.
- 1460 officials were registered in the zone, 951 in Calgary which is up 30 from the previous year. Of note we registered 82 females in the zone, up 3 from the previous year. By my estimation we should have about 110 female officials to handle the hockey available to women.

Shadow Program

- We have Lead Shadow Mentors established in 13 of 16 communities. There are varying levels of participation within those communities depending upon the community assignor. McKnight stands out above the crowd in terms of the number and quality they are doing. The following communities **did not** participate.
 - Trails West
 - Springbank
 - Westwood
- There are 447 Level 1 officials registered in Calgary and we were able to Shadow 22% of that target group this season. This is an obvious gap that we'll be looking to fill next year and beyond. The Shadow program is key to providing officials with confidence and reducing our attrition rate.

Other

- 2384 Supervisions have been completed to date throughout the zone. Highlights are as follows:
 - 265 Shadows completed by 46 different Mentors on 169 different officials
 - 1662 total B Program Supervisions
 - 173 active supervisors in the zone
- Many high profile assignments for Central Zone and Calgary officials this season.
 - Tyler Jensen – Canada Winter Games (Bronze)
 - Erica Holmes – Canada Winter Games, CIS Nationals (Gold), Esso Nationals (Gold)
 - Jacquie Fitz – Canada Winter Games, Esso Nationals (Gold)
 - Michelle Barry – Esso Nationals (Bronze)
 - Shannon Kline – Esso Nationals (Gold), CIS Nationals (Bronze)
 - Sean Donnelly – World Jr.A Challenge
 - Clayton Hall – Western Canada Cup Jr.A Regionals
 - Matt Yackulic – Western Canada Cup Jr.A Regionals
 - Aidan Henderson – Western Canada Cup Jr.A Regionals
 - Beau Gavin – Keystone Cup – JrB Regionals (Bronze)
 - Justin Geeraert Keystone Cup – JrB Regionals (Gold)
 - Will Moss Keystone Cup – JrB Regionals (Bronze)
 - Mason Stewart Keystone Cup – JrB Regionals
 - Tyler Adair – CIS Nationals
 - Kevin Webinger – Sledge World Challenge – B Pool (Gold), Sledge World's A Pool (Bronze)
- Match penalty on official numbers were static from last year, ending at 6 in the Zone.
- Criminal Record checks are coming for all officials 18 years and older. It may have an impact on our numbers for next year due to the expense and time involved. The provincial referees' council is working with Hockey Alberta on implementation.
- The community presidents have been asked to include us in their Coaches/Managers meetings this fall and to allot us 20 minutes to give a brief outline on officiating. How the program works, how to file concerns or complements, and how they can help support young officials.
- This coming season will be my last as Chairman after 6 seasons. I'll still be involved as the Past Chairman and am confident in the succession plan that is in place. We have a very strong executive team in place with 2 new directors coming on board this past April. One director is leaving us after 9 seasons, Ross Wylie, and he will be missed. However, those who will be replacing him are equally passionate and are going to bring a fresh new approach to Clinics in particular that I'm excited to see put into place.