Schedules

- All Hockey Calgary schedules have been uploaded, thanks to Beth! Games begin Oct 25th and assigning is well underway. All Elite schedules were uploaded by mid September. Girls Hockey Calgary schedules including Novice and Atom loaded into our Goalline system and being assigned by CZRC.

Assigning / Goalline

- No changes to the assignors for CZRC or the processes that we followed last year.
- A Community Referee Coordinators meeting was held on September 29th with nearly all communities attending. It was a good forum for discussion on best practices and sharing of issues and solutions. Further meetings are planned for the season to continue to build a strong relationship and provide support where needed.

Referee Clinics

- Clinic season is two thirds done. 1343 officials registered to date in the zone (vs 1296 last year) of which about 800 have a Calgary address. The past 3 seasons we’ve ranged from about 850 to 950 Calgary based officials. Based on the volume of hockey we could use 1000 per season and need about 600 in our rural areas.
- 4 more Calgary clinics are to be held in November (3 in the Rural areas).
- Some communities are continuing to limit the number of referee spots on their rosters. 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. Not all communities are flush with referees and we need to work more collectively to recruit, retain, and develop officials. 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 2 requests so far 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.
- We’ve had no requests this year to attend coaches meetings at the community level but are happy to do so at any time.

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. 13 of 16 communities participated last year so it is great to see most on board. I encourage all communities to take advantage of this resource. This program is active from end of October until February.
Other

- New negotiated rates for 3 years are in place with Hockey Alberta and complementary rates have been negotiated for the same term with Hockey Calgary. Please ensure you follow those rates. As a part of the rate schedule there are fees for assigning tournaments, daytime or late night games, etc. Please contact me if you have any questions.
- Tournaments outside of Calgary. Please be aware that in the smaller communities around Calgary they are equally challenged as we are when it comes to providing officials and that their first priority is their own hockey. They will also charge fees at the Hockey Alberta rate not the Hockey Calgary rate.
- Tournaments in Golden – for the past 3 years Golden has been very short of officials and won’t provide officials for tournaments resulting in communities asking if they can bring officials from Alberta. There are a number of challenges around travelling officials from Alberta. It is not a realistic option. My recommendation is that you look to other communities such as Fernie, Kimberley, Invermere when booking such events.

Sincerely,

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