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of
Hockey Canada

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**WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE
ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR HOCKEY
FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS, THROUGH
PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP, BY
ENSURING MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES AND
ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES IN A SAFE
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FOREWORD

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FAIR PLAY INITIATIVE

As a result of Hockey Canada's focus on fair play and improved communication between officials, coaches and players, Hockey Canada has implemented the following process:

"In all games, the officials shall approach each bench and meet the Coaches. This process should not take more than 15 seconds and will be completed prior to the game, at the end of the pre-game warm-up. Officials are also encouraged to shake hands with the Captains where possible".

This process is supported by the Coaching Program, Officiating Program and Hockey Canada's Board of Directors.

FAIR PLAY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is recommended that this announcement be made prior to every game.

Good (Evening/Afternoon/Morning) (Ladies and Gentlemen/Hockey Fans). Welcome to (Tonights/Todays/This Mornings) game between _____ and _____.

These are young hockey players who are performing here (Tonight/Today). They are friendly rivals as members of opposing teams. They are not enemies.

The coaches for (Tonights/Todays/This Mornings) game are _____ and _____. They have accepted the challenge of teaching the skills of this great game.

The officials are _____ and _____. These individuals have been assigned to administer the rules of the game. Their training, experience and integrity qualify them for their role in this contest.

On behalf of the (Team/Association) _____ enjoy our great game of skill.

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