

**CUMBERLAND REFEREES ASSOCIATION BYLAWS,**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**REFEREE'S REPRESENTATIVE (Elected)**

The Referee's Representative of the CRA shall:

- Not be a member of the Executive Committee;
- attend all Executive and/or general meetings;
- be a direct contact for referees to air their grievances;
- immediately contact the President or Referee-In-Chief in regards to any grievances;
- ensure that the referee with a grievance receives an answer to his/her grievance within a reasonable time frame; and
- be elected annually at a General Meetings of the CRA membership.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the CRA is to:

- to foster and encourage and improve all organized amateur hockey referees within the area under its jurisdiction.
- to standardize the methods and techniques of refereeing, in both the two and three official systems, and acquire uniformity throughout the area of jurisdiction in respect to rule interpretation and application.
- to have and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over referees and executives of the CRA with emphasis on the enhancement of good character and citizenship.
- to present the CMHA with the best quality of officials available at all times.

### **MEETINGS AND PAY**

- Meetings will be held as required by the association, but not less than twice during the officiating season;
- All CRA officials are expected to be in attendance at all body meetings, unless excused by the RIC or his designated representative;
- Officials will be paid by cheque. There may be deductions from their cheques, which could include administration fees, disciplinary fines,.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

- The assignor will be responsible for booking all assignments and will determine the length of each booking period;
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- Once a game is assigned, officials are responsible for finding their own replacements (equal or higher level official), and informing the assignor. If there is a problem and the official cannot find a replacement then games are to be returned to the assignor (Disciplinary actions may result);
- Officials who happen to work game(s) alone or who cover for another official are to inform the assignor as soon as possible to be credited for the game(s).

## **GAMES**

- Officials are to be at the games in sufficient time to allow for individual dressing and on ice at game time;
- Officials should be on ice before the teams and should ensure that teams do not proceed on ice before the Zamboni is off and the doors closed.
- Games are not to exceed their scheduled time limit. Care is to be exercised particularly during tournaments. Tournament conveners may have authority with respect to game timings.
- Officials are required to inform the Assignor if other assigned officials do not show or are late for their assigned games. If officials know that they will be late but will be there in time to be on the ice at game start, let the Assignor and/or the other officials know before the game to ensure it is covered.

## **DRESS CODE**

OFF ICE – officials are to be neat and tidy in appearance at all times. The wearing of torn or tattered clothing is to be avoided. Subject to any other policies or guidelines approved by the Executive Committee the following minimum standards shall apply:

- Jeans/Sweat Pants are allowable provided they are neat and clean; and
- Team logos are not allowed.

ON ICE – officials dress will conform with Hockey Eastern Ontario policies and guidelines and any policies, guidelines or other directions issued by the CRA, including:

- CSA approved black helmet with certified visor;
- Black and white striped jersey;
- Black trousers (Black jeans or corduroys are not permitted);
- All branch cresting;
- Black (ONLY) gloves may be worn; and,
- Failure to abide by the dress codes may result in disciplinary action.

## **EXHIBITION GAMES**

- Exhibition games will be assigned by the assignor;
- In the two and three official systems, officials will split the assignor fee into equal shares;

## **GAME SHEETS AND GAME REPORTS**

It is the responsibility of all officials to ensure that game sheets and game reports are complete and sent to the proper authorities;

### **GAME SHEET**

- All game sheets are to be signed by the officials and are to include the officials PRINTED name and Hockey Canada Officiating (HCOP) number;
- Officials may keep a legible copy if a game report needs to be written. If no report is needed then all copies of the game sheet should be returned to the home team;
- Officials are not required to give their names to team officials, but must produce their registration (HCOP) number if asked to do so.

### **GAME REPORTS**

- Game incident reports must be completed by the referee to include all pertinent details. Ensure the rule reference is correct and completed. Ensure enough detail is included to allow the appropriate disciplinary committee to be able to fully comprehend the details surrounding the calling of the penalties without reference to the referee;
- Ensure that the Referee-In-Chief is informed as soon as practical after the incident and no later than 24 hours after the incident; and,
- Ensure that the report is filed no later than 24 hours after the incident.

## **DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM**

### **OBJECTIVES**

To ensure a high quality of officiating within CMHA by installing a sense of responsibility, dedication and pride in officials.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Fines and / or suspensions may be assessed to offending officials in accordance with the CRA Code of Conduct. Changes to the CRA Code of Conduct may be approved by a regular vote of the CRA Executive.