

CUMBERLAND REFEREES ASSOCIATION BYLAWS,
RULES AND REGULATIONS

BYLAWS

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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 the referees in which to air their grievances;
 - Immediately contact the President (Referee-In-Chief) in regards to any grievances; and
 - Ensure that the referee with a grievance receives an answer to his/her grievance within a reasonable time frame.
- > Is to be elected annually at the AGM, or at membership meetings if the position is vacant.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CRA is to:

- Standardize the methods and techniques of officiating within CMHA;
- Acquire uniformity throughout the area with respect to rule interpretations and application;
- To present the CMHA with the best quality of officials available at all time.

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, unless excused by our RIC or his designated representatives;
- Officials will be paid by cheque. Officials are reminded that there may be deductions from their cheques, which could include administration fees, disciplinary fines, party fund etc...

ASSIGNMENTS

- The assignor will be responsible for booking all assignments and will determine the length of each booking period;
- Turned down or booked off games will count as part of an official's allotment of games with the exception of previous work commitments or assignments with other minor hockey associations;
- Once 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 will result);
- Officials who happen to work game(s) alone or who cover for no shows 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. Late is defined as 10 minutes after the game has started. 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 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.

- Jeans/Sweat Pants are allowable provided they are neat and clean;

ON ICE – officials dress will conform with the regulations stated in “chop” and as set required by their own level of experience.

- CSA approved black helmet with certified visor;
- Black and white striped jersey;
- Black trousers;
- All branch cresting;
- Black jeans or corduroys are not permitted;
- Black (ONLY) gloves may be worn for early morning games and/or during severe weather spells;
- Officials must wear a jill or jock strap; and,
- Failure to abide by the dress codes will result in disciplinary action.

EXHIBITION GAMES

- Exhibition games will be controlled by the assignor;
- In the two man system and three man system 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 CHOP number, to ensure payment;
- Officials are only to keep the white copy if a game report must be written, if no report is needed then the white copy is to be mailed to the league by the home team (each team will receive their copies);
- Officials are not required to give their names to team officials, but must produce their registration (CHOP) number if asked to do so.

GAME REPORTS

- Game incident reports must be completed by the referee as per the guidelines of the ODHA and shall 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 along with the white copy of the game sheet is mailed/faxed/dropped-off/e-mailed to the appropriate authorities no later than 48 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. The method will be strictly monetary and fines will be assessed to offending officials.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

See attached chart.