



District XII - Cumberland Referees Association (CRA) General Meeting

Thursday December 12, 2019, 19:00 – 21:00
255 Centrum Boulevard

1. Attendance Sign In & Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved, no changes.

3. District Update – Tim McPherson

- Age-division name changes coming into effect next year (U18, U15... etc.), all age groups / years will be covered for competitive levels (ie. Minor Midget = U16, etc.)
- Holiday Food Drive occurred Dec 6-8 weekend.
- Novice – players who get penalties should be missing their next shift. This is the coach's responsibility. City of Ottawa rinks will not peg the nets at centre ice.
- Association looking for feedback on penalties / animosity between teams, this year vs. in previous years with D3 vs. with D9

4. Referee In Chief's Report – Serge Gervais

- District 12 Meeting – November 20
 - General rule for players going on ice before referees – this is allowed only if there is a trainer on the bench. Cheques for Hockey Canada insurance fees were reimbursed at the meeting for those who pay twice. For those officials who still play minor hockey, you should carry yourself to a higher standard with regards to respect towards the officials.
- RIC Meeting – November 20
 - Recertification clinics will be done in class beginning next season.
 - Various TTM related issues were raised at the meeting, including the CRA's.
 - Checking From Behind infractions up +100% from last year. Supplemental discipline being increased as a deterrent. Concussion symptoms aren't the same in younger kids compared to adults.
 - Novice "Outlaw" League – if officials chose to referee any full-ice Novice games, they will be suspended.
 - Atom HL – Minor penalties are 1 minute, major penalties are 3 minutes. Atom competitive is still status quo. Changes are coming for all Atom levels next year; details to come
 - Pee wee – too many games be curfewed, especially at competitive levels. Keep the game moving, and be on time getting on the ice. Don't be too liberal with the change-over between periods. In the event a game is curfewed, the amount of time remaining in the game should be noted on the game sheet.
 - Officials who registered with OWHA (women's hockey) must complete the forms in order to cross over to HEO, and must also pay the associated transfer fee.
- District 12 Full Board Meeting – December 10
 - Novice HL – Officials to be more diligent with nets near centre ice as they are not pegged in and tend to move.
 - There will not be a Juvenile-level tournament in February due to lack of interest.
 - This season, we are seeing the same coaches with greater frequency, which has contributed to an increase in referee complaints, some related to alleged personal biases. Officials reminded to go to the rink with a positive attitude at all times, regardless of whether or not you've had issues with teams in the past.
- Miscellaneous
 - Reminder: Zero tolerance policy for officiating games under the influence of alcohol and cannabis.
 - Ceremonial puck drop on the season on November 30.



5. Assignors Reports

a) House League – Serge Gervais for Lucio Paiano

Feedback from the Novice jamboree and Atom/Peewee Dukes tournament at Richcraft Sensplex was positive. December assigning is complete, January assigning nearly complete. Keep on top of your availability. Email to be sent in early January for February assigning, and another for the Bantam / Midget tournament. Email tournaments@cumberlandminorhockey.ca if you want to do some volunteer hours. Ensure when claiming games up for grabs that you take an entire set, unless you clear it with the official who put them up.

b) Competitive – Serge Gervais

It looks like we will get games at the Bell Capital Cup this year; they will be assigned on short notice so ensure availability is kept up to date. Games would fall on Dec 29 & 30. January assigning underway.

6. Development Report – Serge Gervais for Rob Toste

- Face-off spots on delayed penalties (HC Rule 4.13)
Discrepancies exist in the rule book for where ensuing face-offs should occur. Our official position is to apply whichever face-off location rule you are most comfortable with.
- Videos
Sample body-checking video was shown

7. Supervisions Report – Serge Gervais for Stephane Rollin

- Supervisions Status
260 supervisions completed and uploaded to date. The upload cut-off for the current period is December 14. Delinquents will begin to be assigned to supervise games based on their availability for the next supervision month.
- Reminder that Stephane Rollin is the contact for requesting to be supervised. The executive will endeavour to have a supervisor come out for your game.
- Shadows Status
Only 2 officials still have shadow games remaining.

8. Mentorship Report – Serge Gervais for Ken Commerford-Everett

a) Mentorship

Ken will be reaching out to mentors for further instructions on expectations and reports on mentees. Officials are asked to contact their assigned mentor first before coming to the Director of Mentorship.

b) Quiz Program

All officials who attempted the November quiz received a passing grade. Those in the quiz program are reminded that there will be no late exceptions beginning with the December quiz, which is now open and will close at midnight on December 31.

9. Treasurer's Report – Serge Gervais

- Cheques will cover all games in November including the Novice jamboree and the Atom/Peewee tournament.
- Pay rates will be increasing beginning next season and for the next 3 years, by an average of \$1/hr for all levels.

10. Discipline & Appeals Report – John Dunn

- Number of complaints have been received from coaches recently. Reminder that as officials we are held to a higher standard and must continue to act professionally. Officials should use penalties as deterrents to unacceptable behaviour for players and coaches.
- If you miss a supervision that you've requested or have been assigned to, a no-show is deemed to be a missed assignment and is subject to discipline.
- Continued non-success at the online quizzes is unacceptable. It's open book.

11. Web Master's Report – Serge Gervais for Dan Gory

- TTM Officials User Guide has been posted on the www.cumberlandrefs.com website.



12. Referee Representative Report – Mark Winder

a) Overview

Reminder that Referee Representative role and contact information is on the website. Feel free to contact Mark for any issues.

b) Apparel Program

Supervisor jackets for supervisors in good standing were distributed, and tuques for new officials were distributed. Apparel program will be revamped; officials were ascertained for their interest in helping out, and emails with ideas are welcome.

13. New Business

- Slide on “What to do if there appears to be an injured player” was shown and discussed.
- Next meeting for all officials tentatively scheduled for Thursday January 12. Neil will send an email once the date is firm.

14. Adjournment of General Body meeting at 8:33pm.