



# The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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## HOW CAN I GET MORE AND BETTER PLAYOFF HOCKEY?

As much as referees can be seen as a family group with common on-ice experiences and aspirations, there is unquestionably some "sibling rivalry" when it comes to playoff hockey assignments. No matter how you carve it up, there simply is not enough playoff hockey or OHF Championship hockey to keep everyone both busy and happy. Being aware of the selection process may help you understand what you need to do to work your way into a position to be considered for some late season work.

### LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Assigning of these games is usually done from a playoff list. It may involve some or all of the local Supervisors, the local assignor(s) and the local Referee-In-Chief working out the list - i.e. officials whose on ice abilities and attitudes limit the risk of either a blown call or a game getting out of hand. This is where most officials are introduced to playoff hockey.

Use the opportunity to see how more senior officials deal with higher intensity situations. It may be less skilled hockey, but to everyone involved in the competition it is Game 7 of the Stanley Cup playoffs - approach it as such.

Be respectful. Be prepared. Be diligent.

## REP PLAYOFFS / PLAYDOWNS

Local Supervisors create a list of officials with the appropriate mix of HCOP levels, on-ice abilities and attitudes to have earned the opportunity to be placed into these games. Talent alone won't get you on the list. If you are not diligent throughout the season, i.e. hustling only when you think a Supervisor is watching, you may be left off the list or dropped after the first round. If you can skate like the wind but have not taken the time to learn the rules and procedures, you will be outside looking in. If you know the rules, procedures and hustle properly, but get confrontational with players or coaches, your playoff time will be limited.

### OHF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only the best of the best get selected by senior Supervisors for these. The OHF dictates the standards required of these officials. If you fail to perform to those standards at the OHF's, you will be sent home early. The keys to success include attitude, ability, preparation & teamwork. If you perform well, the team reps may select you to do the gold medal game. Everyone; even the refs, compete.

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