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Tightening the Laces

Atlantic District Officiating Program
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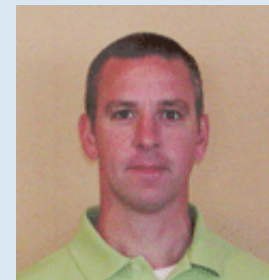
We're here to help you become

Dear Dave,

Welcome to the March edition of our district newsletter. We hope you enjoy the content that we are sharing in this issue and look forward to suggestions you may have on improving our methods of communication throughout the district..

A Message from the R-I-C

In this article we are going to take a look at our new Level 1 officials this season and share some information that we should all be aware of going into next season. There are 848 new Level 1 officials this past season. We can ask ourselves "Did I work with a new official as a Shadow or Mentor and was my involvement a benefit for that official?" There are some who will always look to work with a new official, others will if asked and then some who never have shared the game with a Level 1 official. Ask yourself where do I fit in this question and why? Our thoughts and goals should be to make the experience of new officials in their first season one that would be positive and encourage them to return. Games can be a rewarding experience if the environment is supportive. Are the coaches and players supportive of the new official and do they accept their role in the game? There are times



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better officials by providing positive, constructive feedback that will help you improve both on and off the ice.

Have questions? Want to obtain an evaluation?

Contact Bill Maurer, District Evaluation Coordinator at bmaurer@aaharefs.org to schedule an evaluation or access www.aaharefs.org/staff.html to contact a local evaluation program liaison.

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that new officials get discouraged and why would we not want to be there to lend them support and teach them the basics of officiating after all, someone did it for us.

As veteran officials continue to officiate each season, we need to share our knowledge and experience of the game with our new officials with the goal of retaining them and building a foundation for future seasons. We need to grow and improve our official's not just sit back and accept our games figuring that "they will get better with the more games that they work." The games where mistakes were made, positioning was not quite right and the official was intimidated by those who questioned their calls are all reality. We should challenge ourselves to be open and proactive and realize that we can be a positive influence when new officials need it the most.

Our focus on instruction should be on basic positioning on the blue line and goal line. Encourage the officials to skate as the play moves up ice and skate all the way to the goal line. Hustle, can be viewed by those watching that the official is involved and wants to be on the ice. These are just a few basic points that we can encourage new officials to apply as they work games. So as the winter season comes to a close soon and some of you will officiate spring hockey I am asking you to make it a point to work with a Level 1 official and help raise their confidence so that the result is promising for the building of our foundation for future seasons.

Thank you,

Leo Boyan
Atlantic District Referee-in-Chief

Montclair, NJ Spring Officiating Seminar Rescheduled

Due to situations beyond the control of the Atlantic District Officiating Program, the Montclair seminar scheduled for March 25th, 2012 has been moved to April 1st, 2012. We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause but this situation cannot be avoided. If you are registered for the March 25th seminar and will be attending the April 1st rescheduled date you do not need to re-register, your registration has been moved.



Unfortunately if you cannot make this new date there will not be another spring seminar in the Atlantic District other than the Aston, PA seminar which is also being held on April 1, 2012.

Once again I apologize for the change and hope officials

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registered will be able to attend the April 1st date in Montclair, NJ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marty Maglio via email at marty.maglio@verizon.net

Marty Maglio
Atlantic District Seminar Coordinator
USA Hockey



Delaware Region Officials Continue to Give Back!

Recently, several officials of the Delaware region of the district dedicated time and donated their fees to two worthy causes within their community.



The Sled Hockey Spectacular tournament consisted of Elementary, Middle and High School level games in which funds were raised to support the Snipers Sled Hockey program. Approximately \$2,000 worth of officiating fees that would have been budgeted was able to be applied directly to the Snipers Sled program as each official worked for free.

The Pearce Q. Foundation, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to helping children who suffer with cancer. An annual tournament consisting of 30 minute High School level games was recently held in which all officiating fees were donated back to the foundation. A link to this terrific foundation, named for Pearce Queensberry, a young lady who played ice hockey in the Delaware area and was diagnosed with cancer in 2008 yet continues to fight and help other children, can be found here:

<http://www.pearceqfoundation.org/index.asp>

Special Thanks to all officials and supporters of these charitable events for donating their time and fees.

Ask the Official

This month we are rolling out a new segment dedicated to providing tips, advice, and resourceful information provided by experienced officials throughout the district. This idea was shared by Leroy Fortcher, and official, assignor and seminar

instructor from Metuchen, New Jersey.

Q: What should you carry in your Referee Bag?



A: Along with the essential equipment including Helmet, Skates, Elbow Pads, Shin Guards, Athletic Supporter, Pants and Girdle (if not built in to your pants) and Referee Sweater and Whistle; you should also insure to bring extra laces, additional whistle(s), water or sports drink, energy bars, tape, a small screw driver, scissors, fabric measuring tape, shin tights, extra socks, a towel and t-shirts.

You can never have enough laces in case one breaks, or in the event you need to repair netting during your pregame inspection. An extra whistle or two will allow you to keep working should your old trusty (and maybe rusty) one fails, and if you wear a visor (which is recommended) you should also carry a bottle of anti-fog cleaning solution.

If you are interested in submitting a tip or advice for consideration for use in a future issue, please email david.zulla@verizon.net

Atlantic District Incident Report Form

USA Hockey is currently looking into the development of an online national incident report form that is anticipated to be released before the start of the 2012-13 season.



In the interim, The Atlantic District has decided to modify our existing incident report form in an effort to help clarify who should receive the form once it is created, as well as provide improved instructions on how the form should be completed.

The updated form can always be found at <http://www.aaharefs.org/forms/2002/08/28/0541259.html> and must be printed and completed via hand writing or typing, or cut & pasted into a word processing application. Completed reports must then be submitted by either fax or email to Ron Goodman (rgoodmanvp@yahoo.com), district VP of Suspensions and Appeals, within 48 hours of the time of the incident.

Instructions for completing the form are included, however officials are encouraged to contact their assignor or local supervisor with questions on completion and/or submission of any incident report forms. You may also directly access the interim form below.

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