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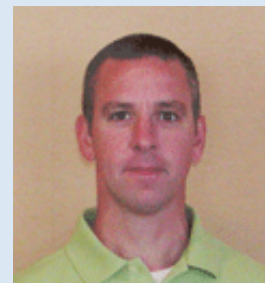
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Dear Dave,

Welcome to the April 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

The 2011-12 winter season has come to a close. Although the on-ice activity may slow down, off ice, we as a district will be in full force. As I mentioned in December, we would like to improve our district program both on and off the ice. All of the committees have been formed and have begun the process of meeting, discussing and formulating new ideas to enhance our district. While some changes will occur rather quickly, others will take more time and effort to accomplish.



Leo Boylan

We are looking at July 1, 2012 to have the Officials Background Screening implemented. There will be further communication

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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to all officials detailing the process. The Assignors Committee is actively working on enhancing the process in which games are assigned. The Seminar Committee will be looking to improve the agenda for all seminars, giving the officials a more positive and informative experience. The District Officiating Staff is working on several improvements to the District Website. The website will provide updated information regarding seminars, assignors, evaluations and other general officiating information.

Regional Geographic Coordinators will be put in place by late summer. These coordinators will build their local staff and will communicate directly to me. I have visited many areas of the district since December and I will continue to do so throughout the spring. I have found that these meetings provide me with a better understanding of each areas issues and concerns. These meetings have been a positive experience for both you and I. I have walked away from each meeting with new thoughts and ideas that will help me build the future of our district.

In early June, I will be attending the USA Hockey Annual Meeting, followed by the Atlantic District Meeting in late June. Look for the next newsletter in July for me to share the information I have learned from these two meetings.

I am looking forward to the 2012-13 season. I am extremely excited about all of the new improvements that we will be making to the Atlantic District and I hope you are to. I would like to thank every one of you for your continued support as we as a "team" make the Atlantic District the best it can be. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September.

Thank you

Leo Boylan
Atlantic District Referee-in-Chief

Ask the Official

This month's submission offers advice on:

Locker Room Etiquette

- If you don't know everyone introduce yourself.
- New officials should discuss their experience with their partners.
- Ask a senior official any rules questions you might have.



- Be friendly and receptive to advice. Join the conversation.
- Use this time as a learning opportunity.
- Clean up after yourself.

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

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