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Tightening the Laces

The official newsletter of the Atlantic District Officiating Program

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Dear Dave,

This newsletter is intended to serve as an ongoing officiating experience and education tool to further enhance the development of each member of the district. The editorial staff welcomes your feedback and suggestions for upcoming issues.

Level 1 Continuing Education Seminar



This seminar will provide Level 1 officials with additional direction, classroom instruction and assistance in completing the registration process. [Click here for program details](#)

[Sign Up Calendar for January Seminar](#)



Atlantic District Officiating Development Camp

One of the great programs the Atlantic District offers is a development camp for aspiring young officials. The Atlantic District

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Officiating Development Camp will be run for the eighth year this summer. The camp is held in conjunction with the Atlantic District players' camp in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. For up and coming officials (the age range is 17-26) this is a great camp to help prepare you for USA Hockey summer development camps..[Click here to read the entire article](#)

USA Hockey Regional and National Camps

Do you enjoy officiating? Do you want to progress and work higher levels of hockey? It all starts by being recognized! USA Hockey and specifically the Atlantic District is always interested in identifying young officials, both men and women ages 18-27 who would like to attend a USA Hockey Officiating Camp. The first camp in the USA Hockey Officiating Camp sequence is the Regional Camp..[Click here to read the entire article](#)

USA Hockey Seminar Instructors Staff Training Camp



Would you like to help develop officials both on the ice and in the classroom? Then consider applying to become a part of the USA Hockey Seminar Instructor Staff. Each year approximately 90 individuals are selected to take part in only two camps, with 45 students

attending either Eastern or Western region seminar instructor camps. Members selected from the Atlantic District will attend Eastern Region Camp held at the USOTC in Lake Placid, NY where they will learn skills participate in an intensive program consisting of classroom and on-ice sessions that include course content, presentation methods, structure and teamwork. The skills learned help motivate and prepare participants to educate new and returning officials within the district. [Click here for camp details](#)

Messages from Atlantic District Leadership

As the President of the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association, I am excited to be part of this inaugural district newsletter. I believe that such a publication is a wonderful way of informing all our district officials of current happenings, upcoming events, and advancement opportunities available in the Atlantic District.

I congratulate all the contributors for the hard work they have done to make this publication possible.

Tom Koester

President of Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association

As the Referee-in-Chief of the Atlantic District, I am excited to participate in this inaugural District Officiating Program newsletter. I believe that such a publication is a great way to better inform all our officials of current happenings, upcoming events and advancement

opportunities available. Thank you to all the contributors and to all of the newsletter staff working 'behind the scenes' for the time and effort they are putting in to make this publication possible. On a personal note, many of you know that I have had a very difficult year health-wise. Just before last Christmas I was diagnosed with stomach cancer. I went through 12 weeks of rigorous chemotherapy, followed by life-threatening major surgery, followed by 12 more weeks of the same chemotherapy. I am currently undergoing 5 - 6 weeks of radiation therapy. Throughout this ordeal, I have received many expressions of thoughtful concerns and prayers for my recovery from people in our hockey community. It looks as though I am headed in a positive direction now, but there is still a ways to go. I sincerely appreciate all the kind messages I have received - thank you!

Tony Mariconda
Atlantic District Referee in Chief

Kerry Fraser's The Final Call: Hockey Stories from a Legend in Stripes.

In *The Final Call*, Fraser provides a highly entertaining, honest, and sometimes hard-hitting look at the game and its many faces and changes over his record-breaking career.

Over the course of the 2,165 NHL contests he oversaw, Fraser has shown himself to be an unbiased, courageous, and sometimes controversial judge.

"A good referee makes the game better. Kerry Fraser was a great referee. He allowed the game to be played without prejudice. He retires with many admirers in the game, which is testimony to the high standard he held himself to!"-Bobby Clarke

The book can be found on amazon.com.

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