



HOCKEY CALGARY

Date: October 14, 2021
To: Dave Coles, HC Governors, Assignors
From: Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director
CC: Jamie Henry, Beth Long, Lisa McGregor
SUBJECT: Official Shortage – Plan of Action

Welcome back to another season of hockey!! We are hopeful that restrictions remain limited and that we will continue to play for the entirety of the season.

Unfortunately, we have hit a little roadblock already. The cancelled season and challenges with the HCR system has not permitted enough Officials to get certified for the upcoming season. We lost numerous officials to retirement and have not been able to back fill with young officials. This has left us in a situation where we currently do not have enough officials to cover all games with the traditional 2 & 3 man systems that we normally assign.

With the loss of a full season last year, and all players and coaches eager to get back to competitive hockey the last thing we want to do is cancel games. After discussions with Hockey Alberta and Central Region (Dave Coles), we have made the decision that **if absolutely necessary to permit the game to go forward we will assign specific levels as 1 Man systems** and ask that the coaches support us early in the season, until we can increase the official pool.

The plan of action will be as follows:

Assign all League & Tournament games with 2 & 3 Man Systems, if we cannot than follow the grid below. **The Exhibition games are the lowest priority and can be assigned as per below.**

Community Hockey

- Junior C – 2 Man System
- Junior Rec – 2 Man System
- U18 Div 1-3 (Body Checking) – 2 Man System
- U18 Div 4-6 (NBC 1-3) – 1 Man System
- U18 Rec – 2 Man System
- U15 Div 1-3 (Body Checking) – 2 Man System
- U15 Div 4-6 (NBC 1-3) – 1 Man System
- U15 Rec – 2 Man System
- U13 Div 1-4 – 2 Man System (if possible, could move to 1 Man if need be)
- U13 Div 5-6 & House League – 1 Man System
- U11 Div 1-3 – 2 Man System (if possible, could move to 1 Man if need be)
- U11 Div 4-6 & House League – 1 Man System
- U9 ½ Ice - All Divisions – 2 Man (no mentor assigned unless we have availability)
- Timbits – No Officials



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Elite Hockey

- Junior B – 3 Man System
- U18, U16 & U15 Games – AAA and AA will remain a 3 Man System
- U13 AA – 2 Man System

The priority of games will go as follows:

- League Games are priority #1
- Tournaments are priority #2
- Exhibition Games are priority #3

We know this not ideal, but it is the best we can do in a tough situation. Before Assignors cancel a game, please contact Dave Coles to confirm, Dave will in turn work with HC on a solution.

We will communicate this to the membership at large, but, if possible, when you assign a 1 Man System can you let the teams know, so that they can have a linesman ready. Please also note that the coach who agrees to officiate **MUST** be on the roster of the team for insurance purposes. Teams cannot bring a fan or parent out of the stands to help officiate.

Thanks in advance for your support, we will do our best to ensure that all teams have a chance to play the game this season!!!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kobelka'.

Kevin Kobelka
Executive Director – Hockey Calgary