



Date: April 17, 2016  
To: MN Hockey Board of Directors  
From: Eric Olson, MN Hockey Referee Section Director  
Re: Referee Report

This past season brought us new challenges and opportunities. We welcomed new supervisors and board members and have tackled a number of issues to help officiating in the state of Minnesota. Our newly elected board members are:

Secretary: Brian Thul  
Treasurer: Kurt Hyster  
South VP: Dave Kemp

### **Recruitment/Retention**

Although officials' registration is up from last year, we still struggle with nearly 17% of those registering not completing the process to be eligible to officiate. It is my goal to improve the completion rate and to make sure every eligible official who would like assignments can find games to officiate. We still have pockets within the state that struggle to cover games. We will be making two recommendations to the district directors to be presented at the June meeting.

### **MHOA Camp**

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of MHOA Camp and will be held in conjunction with the Boys and Girls High Performance 15 festivals in St. Cloud. Thank you to John Perry and Nancy Wefler and the rest of the Advance 15 staff for helping MHOA hold our camps.

### **MHOA Fall Meeting**

MHOA will be moving our fall meeting to align with the MN Hockey Fall Meeting. The need to hold our meeting earlier in the fall has changed. For that reason the MHOA board has decided to move our spring and fall meetings to coincide with the MN Hockey fall meeting once again. We feel that having our board present with the MN Hockey meetings will be beneficial to all involved.

### **Adult/Women Leagues**

Since it is in our jurisdiction to provide officiating for all MN Hockey sanctioned games, we are responsible for making sure that the Adult and Women's leagues are provided qualified officials for their games. There are more and more leagues forming and the demand for officials. The AHA, Wild League, Hockey Finder and WHAM account for thousands of games and they are expanding into outstate areas. We will be working with these groups to make sure that we can find officials for their games. In our by-laws, we invite supervisors from other leagues to sit on our board. We now have a supervisor for WHAM sitting on our board and expect that the AHA will also be appointing a supervisor that will also be invited to sit on the MHOA board.

**Rec League**

As the Rec League continues to grow, the administration of the games is becoming harder and harder. We have been working with Derek Ricke and Tom Mickus on how best to schedule officials for their games. We are looking at a model similar to how we handle the Metro League games. These games are great opportunities for mentoring new officials.

**HP Pre-Season Games**

We will be working with Mike Terwilliger and the local supervisors to schedule early season games for the HP 14/15 program.

**Screening**

We will continue to work with MN Hockey and the Screening Committee to find a solution for providing Steve and I access to screened officials. Scott Gray has assured me that the screenings are taking place.

**State Tournaments**

I had the pleasure to make it to every MH State Tournament site again this year. I want to thank our local supervisors for all their hard work during the 3 long days. Their dedication is appreciated. Thank you to the district directors and host associations for your hospitality and making out of town officials feel welcome. The level of officiating was very good and did not hear many complaints.

**USA Hockey Schedulers Summit**

We are working on organizing a Schedulers Summit for all the schedulers around the state. Being able to share ideas/concerns with each other as well as USA Hockey staff could be beneficial to this group as a whole. We will have a plan submitted to be presented at the MN Hockey summer meeting.

**DOS Seminar**

We will be holding a USA Hockey District Officiating Seminar August 26-28 in Rogers, MN. This seminar is open to all level 3 and 4 officials. Space is limited to the first 50 applicants. DOS Seminars offer grass roots officials the opportunity to have a camp experience and being instructed from national staff.

**Progressive Penalty/Major and Game Misconduct Reporting**

The Online Game Reporting system is working well. By having each player tied into the USA Hockey database, the progressive penalty procedure can easily be tracked. We do need to make sure that all officials fill out the online game reports with more consistent information, especially when identifying the player's team and level of play. I would like to have this addressed in our seminars and to post it on our website once we have decided how to consistently enter information on the online form. Below is a summary of Major and Game Misconduct penalties called this past season:

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,



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MN Hockey Referee Section Director

Rule No.	Description	Total
401(b)	Five Penalties to Same Player OR 15 Penalties team	23
403(b)	Second Major Penalty same player same game	1
404(a)	Second Misconduct in same game by same player	15
601(a)	Persisting in unsportsmanlike conduct	6
601(c1)	Persists in conduct where previously assess minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct	9
601(c2)	Using obscene, profane or abusive language	16
601(d1)	Touching or Holding an Official	3
601(d2)	Continuing an altercation or resisting an official	5
601(d3)	Intentionally banging boards/glass with stick/object	3
601(e1)	Persisting in any conduct where previously assessed Misconduct (Player) or Bench Minor (Team Official)	49
601(e2)	Racial/ethnic slur	8
601(e3)	Physically interfering with any game official	3
601(e4)	Second Misconduct in same game by same player	7
601(f1)	Deliberate physical assault to ay game official	1
601(f2)	Deliberate attempt to injure any opposing player or team official	4
601(f3)	Behaving in any manner that is critically detrimental to the game	6
602(a)	Deliberate or Attempt to injure opponent or team official	4
603(a)	Boarding	16
603(b)	Boarding	51
604(c)	Body Checking (Body Contact Category)	4
604(d)	Body Checking (Body Contact Category)	7
606(a)	Butt-Ending	15
607(a)	Charging	11
607(b)	Charging	6
607(c)	Charging	1
608(a)	Checking From Behind	18
608(b)	Checking From Behind	106
608(c)	Checking From Behind	6
609(a)	Cross-Checking	6
609(b)	Cross-Checking	3
611(a)	Elbowing	3
611(b)	Elbowing	3
615(a)	Fighting	93
615(b)	Fighting	9
615(c)	Helmet removed during altercation	2
615(d)	First to Intervene during an altercation	10
619(a)	Head-Butting	2
619(b)	Head-Butting	1
620(a)	Head Contact	23
620(b)	Head Contact	50
620(c)	Head Contact	1

621(a)	High Sticks	2
621(b)	High Sticks	10
622(b)	Holding Opponent (Facemask)	2
627(a)	Kicking	11
627(b)	Kicking	15
628(a)	Kneeing	4
628(b)	Kneeing	11
629(a)	Leaving Players/Penalty Bench during altercation	2
629(b)	Team Official on ice without permission	1
633(a)	Refusing to Start Play	1
634(a)	Slashing	16
634(b)	Slashing	9
634(c)	Swinging Stick during altercation	2
635(a)	Spearing	8
637(c)	Throwing stick/object out of Play	1
639(a)	Tripping/Clipping/Leg Checking	2
639(b)	Tripping/Clipping/Leg Checking	6
640(b)	Roughing	3
640(c)	Roughing	5
640(d)	Roughing	3
	Other Incident Report	9
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>733</b>