



**OTTAWA DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
OTTAWA DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIATING PROGRAM**

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**1999-2000 ODMHA  
OFFICIATING REPORT**

This report is an overview of the activities of the ODMHA Officiating Program for the 1999-2000 hockey season. As the ODMHA Referee-In-Chief, I am pleased to say that it was a successful year. While we still have much room for improvement, great strides have been made in our second year towards developing a first class Minor Hockey Officiating Program.

**1999/2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

➤ **CHOP CLINICS**

Our Branch held approximately 60 CHOP re-certification clinics with **1,442 Officials** registering. The registration breakdown is as follows:

<b>Level 1</b> - 494	<b>Level 4</b> - 30
<b>Level 2</b> - 406	<b>Level 5</b> - 12
<b>Level 3</b> - 497	<b>Level 6</b> - 3
Female - 25	

➤ **OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ATOM HOCKEY FESTIVAL**

The inaugural **Ottawa International Atom Hockey Festival** was held January 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Of the 190 games scheduled, 162 were supervised. Senior Body Officials completed the majority of these supervisions. The 2001 edition of the OI HF promises to be bigger and better. We plan to continue a supervision focus at this tournament next year and hope to also incorporate a "SHARED RESPECT INITIATIVE SEMINAR" for parents, players, coaches and officials dealing with "Abuse of Officials" issues.

➤ **1999 OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT CAMP**

Once again the ODMHA hosted a development/tryout camp for officials from across the branch. All Districts had the opportunity to send 2 crews of officials (2 referees and 4 Linesmen) to the camp held in Cornwall, Ontario on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000 in conjunction with their Bantam Tournament. 45 Officials from across the ODMHA participated. All officials were evaluated based on their game supervisions and exam marks.

This was the first opportunity we had to test out our new Video Camera and two (2) video supervisions were completed on officials at this development camp.

From this camp **Jim McEvoy** was selected to officiate at the Ontario Winter Games in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

➤ **QUEBEC CITY PEE WEE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

I would also like to extend our gratitude to the QI HF and in particular, Mr. **Francois Larochelle**, Referee-In-Chief for Quebec City. Three of our Minor Hockey Officials, **Eric Chartrand**, **Eric Mainville** and **Richard Capiello** had an opportunity to officiate the World-renowned **Quebec City Pee Wee Hockey Tournament**. We hope to continue this partnership and we will be extending an invitation to the QI HF for some of their Officials to officiate at next year's Ottawa International Atom Hockey Festival.

➤ **NHL GUEST OFFICIAL PROGRAM - Royal Bank Hockey Week**

In conjunction with the **Royal Bank Hockey Week**, three young ODMHA Officials were selected to partake in the pre-game warm-up with the NHL Officials. Better known as "The Guest Officials Program", this took place January 22, 2000 at the Corel Center in a game between the Detroit Red Wings and the Ottawa Senators. **Jeremy Rose** (18 yrs), **Adam MacDonald** (13 yrs), and **Pam Cebrowski** (17 yrs) were thrilled with the entire experience. The NHL Officials, Stephen Walkom, Greg Devorski, and Francois Gagnon went out of their way to make these Officials comfortable. Their professionalism and interest with the backgrounds of the three youngsters was very noticeable. To help promote Minor Hockey Week, Carolyn Waldo, a Sportscaster with CJOH Television, did a segment on the Guest Officials Program, which was shown throughout Eastern Ontario. I would like to thank Ron MacLean from Hockey Night in Canada for dropping in to say hi and offer some encouraging words to the minor officials, as well as to Dave Baker (NHL) and Norm Dueck (CHA) for their efforts in coordinating such an event that was enjoyed by all.

➤ **HOCKEY HALL OF FAME - Ontario Center of Excellence TRIP**

A group of 33 ODHA and ODMHA Officials went to Toronto on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000 to participate in a OCOE sponsored trip. Activities on the trip included: Guest speakers Derek Hamel (NHL Linesman), an NHL Video Goal Judge, and a Fitness and conditioning consultant for the OHL. The trip also included a tour of the Hockey Hall of Fame and tickets to the Buffalo Sabres vs. Toronto Maple Leafs game. Thanks are in order to **Chris Hall** and **Kevin Kloostra** from the OCOE for assisting in the planning and coordination of this successful event.

**1999/2000 ODMHA REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS AND AWARDS**

There were many Minor Officiating Assignments and highlights which featured and benefited officials from across the Branch, including:

**CHA BRANCH AWARD MOST DESERVING OFFICIAL**

➤ **John Moulton** - Level V District 7

**CHA BRANCH AWARD MOST PROMISING OFFICIAL**

➤ **Rob Smith** - Level III District 6

**CHA BRANCH AWARD MOST IMPROVED OFFICIAL**

➤ **Chris Cram** - Level IV District 12

**NHL ROYAL BANK HOCKEY WEEK PARTICIPANTS**

*(Jan.22<sup>nd</sup>, 2000 Detroit vs. Ottawa NHL Game)*

**Jeremy Rose** (18 yrs old) - Level II District 2

**Pam Cebrowski** (female) (17 yrs old) - Level II District 9

**Adam MacDonald** (13 yrs old) - Level I District 1

**QUEBEC CITY INTERNATIONAL PEEWEE TOURNAMENT**

*(February 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 - Quebec City)*

**Eric Mainville** (Ref & Lines) - Level IV District 2

**Richard Capiello** (Ref & Lines) - Level IV District 12

**Eric Chartrand** (Ref & Lines) - Level III District 6

**CANADIAN SENIOR WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*(March 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Sydney, Nova Scotia)*

**Chantal Champagne** (Womens - Referee) - Level III District 6

**ONTARIO WINTER GAMES**

*(March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 - Sault Ste.Marie, Ontario)*

**Jim McEvoy** - Level IV District 8

## **CONCERNS, OBJECTIVES AND 2000/2001 PLAN**

### ➤ **2000 ODHA/ODMHA REFEREE SCHOOL**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual ODHA/ODMHA Referee School will be taking place on the weekend of **August 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at CARLETON UNIVERSITY in OTTAWA**. At the time of the ODHA/ODMHA AGM we already have over 54 registered officials and are hoping to reach a goal of 80 participants for this years school. We are hoping this bigger and better version of the branch referee school will be a great kick-start to the season! We are very pleased with the new Referee School Poster that should be up and around most Arenas (please let us know if you would like a poster to put up, or can assist us in promoting the referee school or program in any way!). We feel it gives a positive image to officials as well as increasing awareness of the top quality Referee School that we host right here in the branch.

### ➤ **SUPERVISION**

As in previous years, the lack of supervision at the Minor Hockey level has been a major concern in our Branch. The Supervision Program we initiated in the 1998/1999 season has been very successful (involving our Senior Body Officials supervising Minor Hockey games "free" as part of their Senior Assignments). The intention of this program is to have Senior Officials "give" back to the program, increase numbers of supervisions done, and most importantly, give "positive feedback" to assist younger Minor Hockey Officials. The ODMHA Officiating Program is currently working closely with the ODMHA Executive, ODHA Development, the AA, A and B leagues in order to increase funding for this Supervision Program for future seasons. This funding is essential in order to further improve the quality and quantity of supervisions at the Minor Hockey level. For the upcoming 2000/2001 season, we will be initiating two new improvements/additions to the ODMHA Supervision Program... including:

- **Video camera supervisions**, and
- Initiating a separate A/AA Supervision Program geared towards the Minor A/AA Officials (who will now also be required to supervise at the District and House League levels as part of their A/AA Assignments).

### ➤ **DISTRICT REFEREE-IN-CHIEF MEETINGS ATTENDANCE**

90% of the District RIC's do an outstanding job representing their officials and performing their RIC duties and responsibilities. While being a Referee-In-Chief can often be a thankless job, it is important that District RIC's take on those duties and responsibilities with a sincere effort. A big part of that is to ensure that they attend or have an alternate represent them at the District RIC meetings. This is where concerns of their officials are heard and where all CHA and branch officiating programs and ideas are discussed and implemented.

We hope to follow up more stringently with the District Chairs regarding District RIC's who do not attend these meetings next season as it is officials in their Districts who lose out on opportunities because of this.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank some particular people who again have made outstanding contributions with their support, time and effort to the ODMHA Officiating Program...

**Steve Sleigh** - *ODHA Referee-In-Chief & Vice President of Rules & Officials*

With Steve's support, cooperation and input, we are working hard together to provide a first class Officiating Program for the Branch

**ODMHA Executive & Cindy!**

Special thanks to **Tom Elliot** (ODMHA President) and other ODMHA Executive members **John McHattie, Hubert Seguin, Les Matthews, Bob Boomhour, Steve Knott,** and **Bob Hallet** who have assisted and supported the ODMHA Officiating Program throughout the year. Special thanks again also to **Cindy Burton** (ODMHA Secretary) for her cheer & support.

**John Moulton** - *A/AA Representative*

John (this years CHA Award winner for Most Deserving Official) again attended most of the A and AA meetings on my behalf and represented officials and their concerns at those meetings. John's enthusiasm and support of the Minor Officiating Program makes him an invaluable member of our Officiating Program Executive.

**Adam Brown** - *ODMHA Director of Supervision*

Adam implemented a database to monitor and keep track of all supervisions completed in the branch. We plan to utilize this full time in the 2000/2001 season. Adam also has put in a lot of time and effort towards the Minor Officiating Program and is a key member of our Executive.

**Pierre Loyer** - *ODMHA D&A Hearing Representative*

For the second year in a row, Pierre represented Minor officials at all D&A Hearings held. His dedication to officials in his District and efforts assisting the ODMHA Officiating Program set a great example for all other District RI C's.

**Natalie Munro** - *ODMHA A/AA Assignor*

Natalie's second year as the A/AA Assignor went much smoother than her first! She has built up a great foundation and rapport with League Administrators and Convenors as well as the officials. We are looking forward to her enthusiasm and efforts to continue for next season!

**Chris Kit** - *ODHA Clinic Coordinator*

**Rick Ladouceur** - *ODHA Technical Director*

**Richard T. Sennott** - *ODHA Executive Director,* and

**Tammy Morgan** - *ODHA Secretary*

Sincerely,

**Mark Gallant**

*ODMHA Referee-In-Chief*

