



Date: September 18, 2016  
To: MN Hockey Board of Directors  
From: Eric Olson, MN Hockey Referee Section Director  
Re: Referee Report

#### **MHOA Camp**

This year MHOA held our annual MHOA Men's and Women's Camp held in conjunction with the CCM/Reebok Boys and Girls Advance 15 festivals in St. Cloud. It was our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Men's Camp. There were 12 camp participants and 5 instructors on the men's side. We had only 4 participants on the women's side. Thank you to John Perry and Nancy Wefler and the rest of the Advance 15 staff for helping MHOA hold our camps. We are still struggling with finding women who are willing to devote the time to attend the camp. We are working on a plan to help promote the camp to more women officials and hope to convince them to participate in the camp.

#### **MHOA Fall Meeting**

MHOA held its fall meeting this weekend here in Grand Rapids. In conjunction with the meeting we hosted a seminar instructor training session. Items that were discussed at our fall meeting included the following items:

- Referee recruitment/retention
- Adult/Women's hockey supervisors
- MHOA Reciprocity w/ Wisconsin
- By-law Changes
- Referee screening for MHOA officials
- MN Rec Hockey League
- HP 14/15 Games

#### **Screening**

Screening is working great this year. Weekly updates are being sent to the screening committee and are being sent back consistently each week. Thank you to Scott Gray and the screening committee for their hard work to ensure that our MN officials are being properly screened. WAHA has agreed to accept MN screens and will allow MN officials to work in WI but are requiring that they join WHOA. In years past we have had a reciprocity agreement with WI, ND, SD and Iowa. This is still in place and we will continue to allow neighboring state officials to work regular season games.

#### **Seminars**

We are already underway with the seminar season in Minnesota.

#### **Progressive Suspensions/Game Reporting:**

Changes have been made to the USA Hockey Incident Reporting system to eliminate duplicate filings of reports. We have been asked to come up with a way to report an ejection of a spectator from a game. We are able to create a report using the USA Hockey Incident Reporting form.

#### **Referee Ad Hoc Committee**

The Recruitment/Retention Committee completed a grant request for funds to create a Recruitment/Retention Coordinator position in District 11. Unfortunately the committee didn't submit the request to me by the requested date (end of May) and I was unable to forward it to the district directors until I received it on June 23. Therefore the district directors did not take action on the request. We will be resubmitting the request in the near future for the district directors to take up and hopefully we will get the pilot program implemented for the 2017-18 season. USA Hockey has made numerous changes to the online training and testing that should greatly improve our overall completion rate.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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