



# ODMHA AAA/AA/A CODE OF CONDUCT



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## CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. Hockey can be a competitive and emotionally intense. It's official's judgment and character that are frequently criticized and scrutinized. Hockey officials must conduct themselves appropriately and not display behavior, which reflects negatively upon themselves and other officials. The Code of Conduct establishes a set of rules to ensure that all AAA/AA/A officials act in a professional and consistent manner in carrying out their officiating functions within the ODMHA AAA/AA/A League.
2. Attitude. Hockey is important to players, coaches and parents. Therefore every assignment should be treated with the same effort and respect. Officials should always maintain a positive frame of mind with respect to the game they have been assigned and have agreed to officiate. Calls should not be made in anger. At no time should any official (on-ice or off-ice) engage in conflicts with coaches, players, parents or spectators. Belligerence or vengeance on behalf of the officials shall not be tolerated.
3. Professionalism is the cornerstone of success for a hockey official. Officials should act in a mature, confident and responsible manner. Officials should exercise self-restraint when confronted with difficult situations and demonstrate patience, tolerance and firmness. Officials should also treat each other with respect. They should never criticize the performance of another official on or off the ice. Officials must follow prescribed mechanisms to deal with performance issues.
4. Rule Knowledge. Officials must strive to know the rules of the game in order to provide the best possible service to all involved in the game. Officials are encouraged to continuously upgrade their rule knowledge, seeking advice/assistance from more experienced officials.
5. Teamwork. On-ice and off-ice officials must function effectively as a team. They must discuss techniques and possible scenarios before a game.
6. Game Assignments and Acceptance of Assignments. Periodically and as deemed necessary the Central Assignor will via an on line assigning system send notification to members that a game or games have been assigned to them. Once the game(s) have been assigned to the member he/she is responsible for the game(s). If the official wishes to trade the assignment with another qualified (rated) official they must get prior approval from the appropriate AAA or AA/A Referee-in-Chief or the Central Assignor.

## 3-OFFICIAL SYSTEM –NO SHOWS or INJURY TO AN ON ICE OFFICIAL

When one of the on-ice officials does not show up for a game that is to be done using a 3-official system, or one official has been injured during the game, the following criteria shall be used in determining how the game is to be officiated.



A. NO-SHOW (prior to start of the game):

- (1) If both officials are rated as being able to referee at that level, the game will be officiated as a two official system.
- (2) If only one official is rated at that level, then the game will normally be officiated with one referee and one linesman. The senior “rated” official may consider the level of hockey being played and the experience of the “non-rated” official in determining whether or not a two official system can be used.
- (3) If neither official is rated at that level, the appropriate Referee-in –Chief or Central Assignor must be contacted and approval granted to officiate the game before the game could be started.
- (4) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS A GAME TO BE STARTED OR PLAYED WITH ONLY ONE OFFICIAL.

B. INJURY TO A LINESMAN (after the game has started):

- (1) If both officials are rated as being able to referee at that level, then, at the discretion of the Referee, a two official system or a Referee and a Linesman system can be used.
- (2) If the remaining linesman is not rated as being able to officiate at that level, then the game must be officiated with one Referee and one Linesman.

**GAME INCIDENT REPORTS:**

(A) General:

- (1) Game Incident Reports (GIR) must be completed for all Misconduct Penalties assessed in the game as well as all Game Misconducts, Gross Misconducts, Match Penalties and any situation or altercation that occurs after the conclusion of the game. In addition, officials may complete a GIR in circumstances he or she may consider it warranted.
- (2) Match Penalties for Physical Harassment of Officials (R9.6) MUST be reported to the appropriate AAA or AA/A Referee-in-Chief by telephone as soon as possible.
- (3) Officials are to contact the appropriate AAA or AA/A RIC to seek direction in cases of uncertainty or doubt.
- (4) If extraordinary circumstances prevent an official from submitting a GIR on time (within 24 hours), he/she is required to contact the appropriate AAA or AA/A RIC as soon as possible.
- (5) From time to time the precise method of submitting a GIR changes, according to directives received from the ODMHA, various Leagues and/or the AAA or AA/A RIC. All officials are responsible to ensure that they remain current as to the reporting methods in place at any given time.
- (6) The AAA or AA/A RIC will communicate the method of submitting GIRs to all officials.

**DRESS CODE**

(A) To and from the arena:

- (1) For all AAA/AA/A games and Tournaments officials must arrive and depart from the arena wearing dress pants, a shirt and tie or turtleneck, a jacket or sweater and appropriate footwear. Ball caps, team jackets and running shoes (sneakers) are strictly prohibited.

- (2) Female officials are required to maintain a comparable standard of dress and should exercise their best judgment in dressing appropriately for the level of hockey they are to officiate.

(B) On-ice:

The following must be part of your on-ice appearance:

- (1) Black CSA approved helmet with proper chinstrap and earpieces.
- (2) CSA approved visor (properly fastened to the helmet)
- (3) Black and white striped official's jersey with proper cresting.
- (4) Black trousers (black track pants or jeans are not acceptable: pants must remain on the outside of the skates at all times).

Note: Skates will have clean, plain white laces.

### **OFFICIALS DRESSING ROOM PROTOCOLS:**

1. Only game officials (and their Supervisors) are allowed in the dressing room.
2. Only off-ice officials (and when applicable, tournament officials) shall be allowed in the timekeeper's booth.
3. When male and female officials work together, it is never appropriate to change or dress in the same space at the same time. One sex should dress first while the other waits outside the dressing room: then vice versa. The key should be held by the person within the dressing room. Once both sexes are dressed they can share the room to prepare for the game, although the dressing room door must remain open. It is essential to respect each other's privacy with regards to sex. These guidelines are for the official's safety and protection.
4. Cameras and any other electronic devices capable of capturing images are prohibited in the officials dressing room. Cell phones that have camera capability are permitted for the purposes of telephone communications only and imaging is strictly prohibited.
5. Any inappropriate behavior in the official's dressing room must be reported to a supervisor or someone who can help: including but not limited to the Referee-in-Chief, arena staff or someone you trust.

### **CODE OF DISCIPLINE**

#### **1. NO SHOWS**

An official who does not appear on the ice for any part of a game shall be considered to have not shown up for that game and shall be assessed the following penalties which are to be collected by and payable to the officials home District as determined by the ODHA Officials Data Base.

- (a) On-ice officials

- (1) 1<sup>st</sup> offense-Game fee
- (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> offence-Game fee + \$10.00, plus one week removal from all assignments
- (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense-Game fee +\$20.00, plus indefinite removal from all assignments, to be determined by the appropriate AAA or AA/A Referee-in-Chief.

## **2. LATE SHOWS**

AAA/AA/A officials are to be in the dressing room 30 minutes before game time. If an official is not there 30 minutes before game time and the Referee for the game is not able to reach missing individual, the Referee must contact the Central Assignor.

An official is considered late on the ice if he or she is not on the ice prior or at the same time as the first group of players. Any breach of this policy shall result in the following penalties, which are to be collected by and payable to the officials home District as determined by the ODHA Officials Data Base.

- (1) 1<sup>st</sup> offense-1/2 of the game fee
- (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-1/2 of the game fee +\$10.0, plus one week removal from all assignments
- (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense-1/2 of the game fee +\$20.00, plus indefinite removal from all assignments, to be determined by the appropriate AAA or AA/A Referee-in-Chief.

## **3. RETURNING OF GAMES TO TAKE GAMES AT A HIGHER LEVEL**

Generally, officials may not trade assigned games in order to take other games, regardless of level. Officials are expected to fulfill whichever assignment they receive first. Before accepting an alternate assignment, officials must first check with the Central Assignor or the appropriate AAA or AA/A Referee-in-Chief.

## **4. FAILURE TO CALL IN A NO SHOW:**

If one or more of the on-ice officials have not shown up for the game, it is imperative that one of the officials who is there telephone the Central Assignor no less than 20 minutes before game time. Failure to do so will result in the following fines, which are to be collected by and payable to the officials home District as determined by the ODHA Officials Data Base.

- (1) 1<sup>st</sup> offense-\$5.00
- (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-\$10.00
- (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense-\$15.00 plus indefinite removal from all assignments to be determined by the appropriate AAA or AA/A Referee-in-Chief.

The intent of this rule is to encourage communication between the officials and the Assignor. The Assignor may know that the missing official is either on the ice or delayed due to extenuating circumstances and on his/her way or at the very least provided an opportunity for the Assignor to attempt to get a replacement official for the game.

## **5. EXCHANGING GAMES:**

The Central Assigning of games for the AAA/AA will be completed using the current electronic system. Officials will be required to update and maintain their availability. When games are published they are based on the officials' availability that has been provided on the system. There is NO option to decline assignments.

When trading games with another official it is important that both officials call or e-mail the Central Assignor responsible after getting permission from the appropriate League RIC or the Central Assignor to inform him of that the change has been completed, otherwise the trade will not be considered complete. Both officials contacting the Central Assignor ensures that there is no mix up over the date or time of the game. If there is a problem (no show, late show, etc.) with a game that has been switched and one or both have not contacted the Central Assignor then the official or both who are at fault will be held responsible and be charged a \$10.00 fine in addition to any other fines which might be levied.

## **6. ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENTS FROM SOMEONE OTHER THE CENTRAL ASSIGNOR:**

Officials may only accepted AAA/AA League games that have been assigned through the Central Assignor. Exhibition games and/or Tournaments maybe assigned by District Assignors with the prior approval of the Central Assignor or the League RIC. Officials shall not accept games directly from coaches, teams or league officials. The appropriate League RIC shall deal with officials who participate in these games.

## **7. TRADING A GAME TO AN OFFICIAL OF A LOWER RATING:**

Only the League RIC or the Central Assignor have the discretion to assign an official to a game at a level for which that official is not ranked. Any other officials so doing will be fined as follows:

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> offense-\$10.00
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-\$15.00
- (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense-\$20.00 plus indefinite removal from all assignments to be determined by the appropriate AAA/AA/A RIC.

## **8. DRESS CODE VIOLATION**

If on-ice appearance does not meet the requirements as set out in the Code of Conduct the official will be immediately fined \$15.00 and required to correct the improper appearance before his or her next set of games.

## **9. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH OR IMPROPER APPLICATION OF THE PLAYING RULES:**



The League RIC will review, on a case-by-case basis, actions or complaints brought against officials for non-compliance with or improper application of the playing rules. At the discretion of the League RIC and based upon the severity of the infraction, the offending official may be fined and/or suspended.

#### **10. GAME SHEET/REPORTS:**

Officials failing to submit Official Game Reports in accordance with the Code of Conduct and who have not notified the League RIC will be subject to fines as follows:

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> offense-\$5.00
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-\$10.00
- (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offense-\$15.00 plus indefinite removal from all assignments to be determined by the League RIC.

#### **11. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:**

Any conduct that the League RIC deems to be detrimental to hockey will result in the removal from active assignments list for a length of time to be determined by the League RIC.

#### **12. USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES:**

The use of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances that have the potential to impair judgment or the performance of the official, the day of the game, is strictly prohibited and abuses must be reported to the League RIC. This is a Hockey Canada policy and is not open for debate. Officials are cautioned about officiating assignments when they are taking prescription medication which may adversely impair judgment or performance.

#### **13. OFFICIALS DRESSING ROOM PROTOCOLS:**

Failure to comply with Officials Dressing Room Protocols as outlined in the Code of Conduct will result in immediate suspension for a length of time to be determined by the League RIC.

#### **14. SUSPENSIONS:**

- (a) ODHA/ODMHA officials time suspended as a player by the ODHA/ODMHA are not eligible to officiate (on-ice or off-ice) until their suspension is lifted or served: and
- (b) AAA/AA/A League RIC will respect and uphold suspensions placed on officials from another District. If an official is suspended from refereeing by another District, that official cannot officiate for the AAA/AA/A League until that suspension from the other District is served.



## **15. MISCELLANIOUS CONDUCT ISSUES:**

Notwithstanding the above, the League RIC reserves the right to address and act upon misconduct over and above those items listed above. This would include any practice or acts injurious to the best interest of the AAA/AA/A League, ODMHA or the ODHA by an official.