



DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2020
TO: ALL CHINOOK LEAGUE TEAMS
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CC: ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS, RC PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: LEAGUE UPDATES

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving weekend and are ready to begin Session 1 of the 2020-21 season. Thank you for your patience to this point, I know there has been a lot of information to take in, and your Inboxes are overflowing with the realities of the season. The Ringette season continues to evolve, therefore there are a few things that I need to update you all on as we begin our league games.

- As we know, we are very short Officials this season and we continue to face struggles. As mentioned previously, AS, U10S1-U10S2 games are to be officiated by certified coaches.
- U10S3-U14A are to be officiated by **trained "Coach Officials"** (training to come through RAB, ETA unknown), unless you receive notification from the League that a certified Official has been assigned to your cohort. If you are not notified, your cohort's trained "Coach Officials" are required to officiate the games in your session.
- U14AA-U19AA will be assigned officials when available, and you will have officials assigned to your cohort, unless you are notified otherwise.
- **A REMINDER THAT ALL SCHEDULED GAMES BECOME SCRIMMAGES WITHOUT OFFICIALS (i.e. trained "Coach Officials" or certified Officials).**
- If you are not comfortable with your team playing a SCRIMMAGE, you are encouraged to use the ice for practice. You are not required to scrimmage, but there are no exceptions to the above mentioned officials scenarios for games - **that means no untrained coaches, parents or players may stand in as an official at any time.**
- RAB intends to have Officials eventually use RAMP TeamApp to complete their daily, required health attestations, however this is not possible at the moment, so they have asked them to fill out paper forms and submit them to one of the teams Safety Officers or Head Coaches before their game. Please retain these forms until the end of the season as you may be asked to produce them at some point in the future.
- In U14AA-U19AA, if your scheduled officials are no longer able to officiate your game, you will receive a notification from Sportzsoft informing you that your game has been changed from "REGU" to "EXHB". This notification will look similar to a "Game Reschedule" notification and it is confirmation that your game is now to be played as a SCRIMMAGE only.
- RAB has released a policy for Minor Officials on their [Return to Ringette page](#) and you may notice that they have authorized 3 Minor Officials per game. However, in Calgary, our facilities have asked that we only allow a maximum of 2 Minor Officials as per our current policy noted on the [Rules & Regulations Supplement](#) on the Ringette Calgary website so we ask that you follow this.
- A reminder that postgame handshakes are not encouraged. Please ask your players to avoid shaking hands with any players, officials and coaches, and we ask you to do the same.
- *A final clarification regarding masks on the bench for cohort coaches: RAB highly recommends all coaches wear masks on the bench to prevent the spread of Covid-19. In Calgary it is mandated at most facilities that coaches wear masks on the benches.*

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