



DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2020
TO: ALL CHINOOK LEAGUE TEAMS, U10S3-U19AA
FROM: JUDY RENNEBERG, LEAGUE DIRECTOR
CC: ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS, RC PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: SCRIMMAGES AND STANDINGS

Hello Teams. Another day, another Memo. Please take note of the following important notes:

- It has been brought to my attention that some unqualified coaches may still be planning to be on the ice, or on the bench, during scrimmages acting in the capacity of an official. I would like to further explain why this is NOT PERMITTED. If an unqualified coach is on the ice or on the bench with a whistle, acting as an official, (calling penalties, whistling the play, placing the ring, etc.), the coach is operating outside the scope of their duties and would therefore not be entitled to liability coverage. This means that if a player is injured, and the family decides to pursue compensation, the coach would be responsible for their own defense costs and any payouts in the event of a successful suit. Moreover, we do not wish any player requiring compensation to manage catastrophic injuries to not receive that support due to the coach in this situation being unable to meet their financial obligations. Ringette Alberta has asked me to reiterate to all coaches how risky it is for them to operate outside the scope of their duties, and if it is discovered that a coach is doing so, **they will be suspended indefinitely by Ringette Alberta.**
- Although it was hoped that officials would be able to use the Ramp TeamApp for health attestations, that is not going to be possible. For that reason, Officials have been instructed to fill out a paper form and hand it into the Minor Officials, who should be from the HOME team. RAB is asking the Home Team management to retain the form for 30 days. More information on this can be found [here](#) in the document called "Officials Attestation Information".
- RAB has also posted information on Event Sanctioning which can be found [here](#) in the document called "Event Sanctioning". I recommend all teams read this carefully.
- Finally, due to the shortage of officials, and RAB's encouragement of cohorts to cross-affiliate and share team staff, plus the unlikelihood of Provincials, we realize posting scores and standings is not beneficial this season. We are still asking teams to submit gamesheets and enter scores, but they will not be posted on the Ringette Calgary website.

I know it's been said before, but it bears repeating, thank you to all of you for your support and cooperation with all of these changes. RAB and Ringette Calgary are doing our best to bring some competition to our teams, but our biggest focus is on the health and safety of our teams and on the development of our players, coaches and officials this season. We know this is a challenging time for all, and appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

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