

TO: All Chinook League Teams

FROM: Judy Renneberg, League Director

RE: Clarification re: Officials for 2020-21 Season

October 9, 2020

AS, U10S1 and U10S2

These divisions will not have officials assigned nor will the coaches be offered the online training. Certified Coaches are asked to officiate these games.

U10S3-U14A (includes U10S3, U12A,B,C and U14A,B,C)

These divisions will more than likely not have Officials assigned due to lack of supply this season. That means that coaches (at least one per team, and more if possible), will be required to take the online course to be offered by RAB to be a trained "Coach Official". Unfortunately, this online course is not available yet and won't be before Oct 15th. That means that until coaches are trained, all games in these divisions are to become SCRIMMAGES (no score clock, no shot clock, no game sheet, no minor officials and NO REFS). If an official happens to be assigned to your game, they will officiate the game on their own. "Coach Officials" are not to pair up with Officials to officiate a game. **Only trained "Coach Officials" or Officials recognized by Ringette Alberta are permitted to officiate games in these divisions.**

U14AA-U19AA (includes U14AA, U16AA, A,B and U19AA, A, B)

Coaches are NOT permitted to officiate these games and should not take the online training. These games will have officials assigned by the Ringette Calgary Referee Assignor (Zone 2 and 3 only). If your assigned cohort officials are not able to make it to your game, for whatever reason, your game will become a SCRIMMAGE (no score clock, no shot clock, no game sheet, no minor officials and NO REFS). **Only trained Officials recognized by Ringette Alberta are permitted to officiate games in these divisions.**

Exhibition Games

Ringette Alberta has given the go ahead to schedule your own exhibition games as long as you have trained "Coach Officials" or assigned officials from your cohort. For U10S3-U14A, you are permitted to schedule your own exhibition games within your cohort using your trained "Coach Officials". U14AA-U19AA must request assigned refs by using [this link](#). The Ref Assignor will confirm if refs can be assigned to your game from your cohort, and if so, you are required to pay them directly PRIOR to the game.

We know this season is going to be a challenge and sincerely appreciate your support and cooperation in bringing games to the ice. Please remember that you are encouraged to share players and cohort coaches within your cohort if needed throughout your game session.

Your Association is here to support you, so please let them know if you have any questions, and remember to use your resources from Ringette Calgary and Ringette Alberta for reference:

<https://ringettecalgary.ca/policies/>

<https://ringettealberta.com/return-to-ringette/>