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To: HNS Board Members
Executive Director

From: Randy Pulsifer

Re: **Changes – Officiating Policy**

Please accept this as a formal request to have changes to the Officiating Policy, found under Section 6 in the Constitution Articles By-Laws Regulations. The requested changes are reflected below:

1. All Minor Hockey Associations, through their President and Referee In Chief, must ensure that officials playing both minor hockey and officiating hockey only officiate games one (1) level below the level they presently play. This includes both referees and linesmen. Associations who find this taxing their officiating resources may make application to the Officiating Committee for exception. We expect application for exception would only be submitted from smaller Associations because of their limited resources.

Example: An Official who plays Midget Hockey can only officiate to a level up to and including Bantam Hockey.

2. All Minor Hockey Associations, through their Association President, must appoint or elect a Referee In Chief who is either a registered referee with HNS or retired referee previously registered within the Hockey Canada/HNS officiating system.
3. Commencing the 2005/06 Hockey Season officials may register as an Adult Recreational Official. Upon completion of a Hockey Canada/HNS Officiating Clinic, the official will be certified and insured to officiate HNS Registered Adult Recreational Hockey. This special affiliation will only apply when officiating registered Adult Recreational Hockey. Officials wishing to officiate Minor Hockey, Elite Hockey and Adult Recreational Hockey must attend a regular officiating clinic and register under it's current regulations.
4. Minor Hockey Playoffs/Provincials – Associations wishing to use Neutral Officials can do so only with the approval of:
 1. Minor Associations RIC's
 2. Officiating Zone Supervisor

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