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APHA and SJAMHA Officials:

The first half of another hockey season has nearly passed and we would like to pass along the following observations and rule quiz questions.

1. **WORKING AS A TEAM**-a referee informed us that one of his or her colleagues linesman (informed) told a coach "I disagree with that call...that should not have been a penalty." As linesmen, we often find ourselves in a position where a player or coach has decided the referee is an enemy and looks to make friends with the linesmen. Our goal needs to be to maintain the relationship with the coach or player but also respect the work of our colleagues and (our) the team. In order to strike this balance we need to be creative when engaging a coach or player asking you to take sides or not engage him or her at all. At this time, it is better not to say anything as it could be taken the wrong way.
2. **EQUIPMENT TIP**- Some referees choose not to wear certain pieces of equipment (i.e. jock strap or shin pads) because "7/8 year olds cannot shoot the puck too hard." We would like (to encourage) you to wear all the equipment as sticks do make contact with shins during face-offs and pucks are shot off the ice on occasion. If your partner is not wearing protective equipment and as a result becomes injured, he or she might not be able to continue to officiate putting the game into the hands of only one official which is not fair and safe.
3. **WRITING A GAME REPORT**-One of the important parts of reporting an infraction that has occurred is not citing the rule number and providing at least basic information. In some cases, we have read a game report that simply states "2+GM CFB." Here is an example of providing basic information about an infraction. *"At 5:06 of the second period #5 Home checked #67 Visitor into the boards from behind below the goal line in the home team's end. #5 was assessed 2 +GM for CFB under rule 6.4a as the degree of violence was minimal and no injury resulted."*
4. **WORKING WITH THE OPPOSITE GENDER**-a referee inquired about the process for using a dressing room when working a game with the opposite gender. Hockey Winnipeg suggests each (referee) official takes a turn stepping outside the dressing room while the other changes. Some officials may choose to use the attached washroom to change. The bottom line, regardless of your strategy, is that you **communicate** with your partner(s) and **respect** the other's privacy.

5. MATCHING YOUR INTENSITY TO THE GAME-(Referees) Officials are in a unique position to impact the experiences of others playing a game by making certain penalty calls, talking to players, and communicating non-verbally. If a referee is always intense (yelling loudly, blowing the whistle as loud as possible, getting in the face of players) then he or she may cause the players' behavior to escalate from bad to worse. Emotions are contagious, therefore, as referees we want to match our intensity to the game's intensity. If the game is calm then we speak less loudly, blow our whistle a little less loudly and use body language to communicate an in-control attitude. When the game is more intense we need to use a take-charge-assertive intensity to stop play at whistles and make sure the game is fair and safe. As officials we must NEVER lose our composure.

Happy Holidays- *work hard, act professional and have some fun-*

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Rule Quiz

1. Under what circumstances does the referee use elbowing, high-sticking, roughing, or roughing after the whistle instead of checking-to-the-head?
2. The home team is losing 3-1 and is pulling their goaltender for an extra attacker. The goaltender is 15 feet from the bench when the substitute jumps onto the ice. What is the referee's decision when observing this?
3. A team changes their goalies while play is in progress. Is changing goalies on-the-fly permitted by the rules?
4. During a single game #45 Home is assessed a second Misconduct Penalty. Does the referee assess any additional penalties and, if so, what?
5. The visiting team is winning 8-1 with 5 minutes left and the timekeeper correctly starts the mercy rule. With 1:02 left in the game, the home team has scored 6 goals and is telling the referee that running time should have stopped when they closed the score to 8-4 at 2:30 of the third period because the score was less than a difference of 5. What is the referee's decision?

Where to find the answers: 1-Clarifications on Checking to the Head-p. 92 Hockey Canada; 2- Rule 2.5f note 3 Hockey Canada; 3- Hockey Canada Rule 2.5b situation 4; 4- Hockey Canada 4.5c; 5- Hockey Winnipeg SR-14, page 91.