



Date: May 1, 2011
To: MN Hockey Board of Directors
From: Eric Olson, MN Hockey Referee Section Director
Re: Referee Report

2010-2011 was a successful season from the standpoint by the number of accomplishments. MHOA has worked hard to make our organization stronger and to provide our officials with the best training and supervision. I want to thank all of the supervisors for your continued support and all of the work that is accomplished all season long. The job is thankless and the rewards are few. This past season we worked on a number of items to improve processes and to help our officials do their jobs better.

Rule Enforcement Memo:

Back in December I had a meeting with Hal Tearse, chair of the safety committee, regarding the concern about the number of concussions occurring during games. We discussed a number of options but the best one that I came up with was to enforce the rules that are already in place. This led to the memo sent to all officials in all districts that we need to crack down on violent hits in the game. Although I don't have the breakdown of penalties called prior versus after the memo, I saw a greater emphasis on calling the violent hits. (See attached)

Provide more tools for seminars:

MHOA ordered additional LCD projectors for supervisors to use in conducting seminars for the 2011-2012 season. The LCD projector has become a staple of our seminars and allows for more interactive presentations to better train our officials.

Electronic Game Report:

Thanks to Ryan Swafford for working with TST on making the electronic game report form more user friendly. Hopefully we can expand on the technology to help in the reporting process.

Reporting of Game Misconduct Penalties:

This is the first time in a number of years that we have had 100% reporting of game misconduct penalties before the spring meeting. I want to thank all of the supervisors for their efforts. Attached is the analysis of the game report summary.

USA Hockey Disabled Festival:

The USA Hockey Disabled Festival was held at the Super Rink in Blaine April 1 -3, 2011. There were 80 games in a number of disciplines including sled, deaf, amputee, and special. I want to thank all of the officials who donated their time to officiate the tournament. There were a few officials who worked over 10 games throughout the weekend.

Invitational Tournament at Super Rink:

MH asked MHOA to schedule the Schwan Cup Tournament held Dec. 31 – Jan. 2 at the Super Rink. There were 50 games played. Thank you to the local associations who helped supply officials for the tournament.

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Summer Camps:

This year MHOA again will be holding our annual MHOA Camp to be held in conjunction with the CCM/Reebok Boys Advance 15 festival in St. Cloud. There will be 12 camp participants and 5 instructors. Thank you to John Perry for helping MHOA be a part of this camp.

We are looking at developing a mini-camp for women to be held in conjunction with the CCM/Reebok Girls Advance 15 festival in Mankato.

We will be holding a MinnKota Advanced Camp that will be held June 25 – 30. There will be 15 participants, all from Minnesota, and 6 instructors.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and "O".

Eric Olson
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