

NBHOA Presentation – November 2021

Q & A from the presentations...

- 1. Q: Are officials open to talking to the coaches regarding calls made on the ice?**
A: Yes, but coaches must speak to them in an appropriate and calm manner. If a coach is irate and raising their voice, the official may refrain from speaking with the coach at that time and may address them once they've calmed down.
- 2. Q: If the official cannot approach the coach, can they send their captain or another player on the ice over to speak with the official?**
A: Yes, as long as they approach the official in an appropriate manner.
- 3. Q: What is the best way for a coach to get the officials attention to ask a question?**
A: The coach should get down from the bench and open the door in an appropriate and calm manner in order to get the officials attention to ask a question.
- 4. Q: Are all officials given proper training on how to speak to coaches while on the ice?**
A: Yes. Each season, every official must attend a re-certification clinic reviewing Policies and Procedures, New Rule & Rule Emphasis training and they must write and pass a written test for their qualification level. As well, the NBHOA is implementing a New Officials Coaching Program, where Officials will be coached after being observed officiating games.
- 5. Q: If coaches have issues with a certain official or officials in certain areas of the province, what is the proper process to express those concerns?**
A: The NBIAA asks that the concerns be written up and sent to their NBIAA school representative, who will forward the concern to the NBIAA. The NBIAA will document the concern and send it to the NBHOA's Referee in Chief.
- 6. Q: How are officials able to control poor behaviour displayed by individuals in the stands?**
A: The officials can stop the game and ask those displaying poor behavior to leave the rink. NBIAA rules also state that every team must have a staff advisor, designate staff personnel or security at all home games. The host school has the responsibility to take every possible measure to assure courteous, friendly, safe and fair treatment to visiting players, school representatives, fans and game officials.
- 7. Q: How do we as coaches find out what our athlete said when an incident has been written up on a Game Incident Report (GIR)?**
A: The NBIAA is not permitted to share the GIR with the school, but the NBIAA Hockey Coordinators are able to notify the school of the specifics written in the incident report.
- 8. Q: If discriminatory comments are reported to the officials, but not heard by any officials on the ice, what occurs?**
A: The officials will confer to ensure not one heard the accusation. The specifics of the accusation will be discussed with both coaches and told a report will be filed as an accusation. At the conclusion of the game, the officials will file a GIR and identify that this was an accusation and no penalty was recorded on the game sheet. Once received, the NBIAA will investigate the accusation and discuss with the head coach and ask them to identify the person responsible. If the person is not identified, the head coach is ultimately responsible for the conduct of the bench and may be sanctioned in accordance with the appropriate penalties under Maltreatment section 11.

**The NBHOA and the NBIAA need your help to bring RESPECT
back into the game of hockey in order to clean it up!**