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FEE INCREASE A NECESSARY EVIL

By Dave LaBuda



DAVE LABUDA

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer with your family and friends. This is the best time to try and get away from the game for a short time and re-energize ourselves. Going into a new season with renewed excitement and anticipation is good and something we should always try and do.

USA Hockey held its Annual Congress in the early part of June. This was an administrative rule change year so no new playing rules were discussed. At the Congress, all in attendance were given an explanation of the status of USA Hockey regarding membership numbers and finances.

As we all know, the world is becoming an expensive place in which to do business. The challenges that all of us are feeling to make ends meet are all too real. The cost of all of us doing business has increased despite our best efforts to operate in a restrained and conservative manner. It's for that reason that there is no way to sugar coat the fact that USA Hockey has had to implement a registration fee increase for the 2008-09 season.

In the discussions between the Officiating Program leadership and the District referees-in-chief, we wanted to design a fee structure that was effective and minimized the impact on our membership and future registration numbers. To that end, the following registration fee's were adopted for the upcoming seasons. The Affiliate registration fee will be \$25. The **Level 1 fee was not changed** to encourage registrations and will remain at \$35. Level 2 will be \$60. Level 3 will be \$80 and Level 4 will be \$90. As you can see, it was also decided that the time had come to separate the Level 3 and 4 registration fees. This should greatly reduce the annual confusion that some have had regarding the registration level that they apply for. Overall, we feel that we have minimized the impact of this increase on our membership and that each registration level is carrying its fair share of the burden.

No one ever wants to increase registration fees. The last increase we had was seven years ago. The Officiating Program leadership will continue to keep a close eye on the bottom line to reduce the need for future increases. We are all committed to providing you with best resources in the officiating world at the most effective cost level.

I hope that you will continue to enjoy the off-season and look forward to seeing all of you at your pre-season seminar. Until we talk again in the Fall 2008 newsletter, remember that whenever you're on the ice to always skate hard and have fun.

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LAPHAM AND GROOMS RECEIVE 2008 MILT KAUFMAN AWARDS

By Matt Leaf

Brett Lapham, 38, from Billings, Mont. and Keith Grooms, 24, from Hendersonville, Tenn., received the 2008 Milt Kaufman Awards at the Western and Eastern Instructor Training sessions. The awards, presented for the 12th year, honor the late Massachusetts District Referee-in-Chief Milt Kaufman, who played an integral role in the development of the USA Hockey Officiating Seminar Program. The staff at each Instructor Training Program selects the award winners based on outstanding performance during the session and an overall dedication to teaching USA Hockey materials.

Lapham is completing his eighth season as a USA Hockey registered official and is just getting involved as an instructor at the local seminars in Montana. Brett brings an additional 20 years of ice hockey experience as a player and coach to his role as a seminar instructor. He sees recruiting and mentoring officials as two key areas to any hockey programs success. Off the ice, Brett is a detective for the Billings Police Department. The 2008 Milt Kaufman Award for the Western Instructors Training Session was presented to Brett by Mike Reger, the Camp Director for the Western Instructors Session.



Grooms cites 12 years of officiating experience on his resume, and is looking forward to sharing his knowledge with the local officials in his area and being able to more actively participate as a seminar instructor. Originally from Alaska, Grooms has

worked on the ice at the minor professional level and recognizes the mentoring he received as a younger official as being the key to his passion for officiating. Tony Mariconda, Eastern Instructors Training Session camp director, presented the 2008 Milt Kaufman Award to Keith.

Congratulations to both Brett and Keith for their outstanding dedication to the USA Hockey Officiating Program.

Matt Leaf is USA Hockey's Director of Officiating Education. 



BOB KLEIN HONORED WITH 2008 CHET STEWART AWARD

By Matt Nilles

When Bob Klein thanked his wife, Janet, while receiving the Chet Stewart Award at the USA Hockey Annual Congress in Colorado Springs in June, he really meant it.

I mean, here's a guy who, at one time during his 39-year officiating career, was president of the Georgia Amateur Hockey Association, president of the Georgia Ice Hockey Officials Association, coach of his son's travel hockey team, and coach of his daughter's softball team. All while playing men's league hockey and refereeing in his spare time.

Now that is a wife who deserves recognition.

Bob's recognition comes in the form of the Chet Stewart Award, given annually to the USA Hockey official who has made an outstanding contribution to the program during many years of service as an official and volunteer. The award is named in honor of the late Chet Stewart, one of the founders of the Officiating Education Program and longtime volunteer with USA Hockey. Klein's contributions to hockey, and refereeing in particular, put him in an elite group of folks who have made a difference in the lives of many and the sport we all cherish.

Jim Dewhirst, Southeastern District referee-in-chief, is glad to have Bob on his team. "Bob is everything that USA Hockey looks for in a volunteer," Dewhirst noted. "He willingly gives of his time and efforts to further the development of the local program and, more importantly, the education and training of the individual officials involved."

Klein gets the most pleasure out of watching a kid from one of his programs "make it."

"If I'm at an East Coast Hockey League game, and I know that one of the officials is a kid who has been in our program," says Klein. "To know all the steps he's had to take along the way and that we had a part in that. That's what I really get a kick out of."

It's probably not a position he thought he'd be in back in St. Louis in 1969, when all he was worried about was driving a Zamboni without incident. One day, he was doing the ice and the officials had not shown up for a game that was about to start.

"I jumped in and did the game. I ended up doing a few more," said Klein. "Then, at the end of the month, I get this check for a



couple hundred bucks. I was in awe. I said, 'Wait a minute, you get paid for this?'"

That is Klein's attitude toward refereeing in a nutshell. It's all about having fun. After almost 40 years as a player, coach, official, referee mentor, seminar instructor and administrator, that is the principle that guides him to this day. He is still active on the ice and holds down the position of Georgia referee-in-chief.

In addition to the enjoyment, Klein, who works in sales, is the first to admit that officiating has provided many life lessons, as well. "As a referee, you have to make split-second decisions," he said. "If you wait two seconds to put your arm up, that can be an eternity."

"In my business, you have to think fast on your feet, and sort things out unemotionally. Just like in a game. If things are going crazy, there has to be one person who is calm and in charge, and it better be you. How can you not get something out of that?"

Klein's 15 years behind the bench have also made an impact on him. "Coaching is so much about teaching kids to be responsible adults," he said. "It's showing them how to deal with authority and handle different challenges in life."

Certainly, these are lessons not lost on Bob's two children, Rachel, 29, and Bobby, 25 or any of the other kids and adults that he's touched in his selfless hockey career.

Matt Nilles is a youth hockey official in the Central District. 

TOM KAMMELL

ANNUAL CONGRESS 2008: TESTING POLICY REVISED



MARK WILKINS

By Mark Wilkins

This year at the USA Hockey Annual Congress the District referees-in-chief met for six hours in two meetings, along with a two hour conference call to discuss several topics, one being our current testing policies and the tests themselves.

Over the last year the Official's Section has tried to look at our entire officiating program piece by piece to make sure each piece of the puzzle is fitting into the proper place. After a long discussion at the meetings in January, the group created a sub-committee to review each of our tests: Open Book, Closed Book Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4. The committee worked on the tests from January through late April compiling questions, reviewing them with each committee member and creating a new version of each test to be distributed to the District referees-in-chief.

The testing committee incorporated many of their suggestions and have come up with new and hopefully better tests for the upcoming season. I think the testing committee did a great job in sticking to a similar format to what we currently have while making changes to enhance the learning tool for which the tests are intended.

The tests are not intended to deceive anyone. They are intended to educate all officials on our rulebook and officiating techniques with regard to positions and procedures to make each of us better and safer.

We also looked at the open book testing policy and made some changes to the current policy by creating a black-out period on retaking the open book test. Our new policy is as follows – after you register you will be given access to the open book test within 24 hours of USA Hockey office receiving your completed registration. The test will be available the same way it was last year – you can go online, print the test then log off to look up the questions. Write your answers along with rule references, then go back online log in and complete the test. If you do not pass the open book test on your first attempt, you will be notified via e-mail that you need to retake the test after a seven day blackout period. The referees-in-chief felt this blackout period would help the official either get some help from a local supervisor or his

designee to help the official better understand the missed questions.

After the seven day blackout period the official will be able to log in to retake the test. If the official fails to score high enough to achieve Level 1 status on the open book test a second time, the official will have a 14-day blackout period. The official will not be able to log in to retest until the 14-day period ends. If the official fails a third time, the official will not be eligible to officiate during the current season.

We take pride in ourselves and sometimes think we know more about the rulebook than we actually do. My suggestion for the upcoming season is print the test, look up the answers to every question, write down the rule reference number next to the question and then go back to answer the questions online. While I understand we are all busy people with a lot on our plates, we owe it to the game and the kids who play it to take a little time and commit ourselves to knowing the rulebook. One of the best ways to know the rulebook is to look up every answer on the open book test, this not only lets you get a 100 percent on the test, you get a chance to read and learn more about the rules of our game.

Along with the testing sub-committee, the Official's Section also created an online seminar sub-committee in January. The online seminar committee has also done a lot of work over the past six months and is continuing to make positive strides to bring this possibility to our officials in the near future.

Pat Britt gave an update on what changes are being made to the content of the official's page on usahockey.com and what the plans include for the future. One of our goals is to provide current content more regularly and he asked the section to provide contacts within their district that might provide story ideas for content development. We would like to be able to launch additional features next season such a power skating tips, situational plays using video and other types of educational information.

I would like to thank all the District referees-in-chief for their continued volunteer time given to our great section. The amount of time you have given our section over this past year is a true commitment to helping all officials become better. Thank you.

Mark Wilkins is USA Hockey's Referee Section Director. 

A LOOSE PUCK BEHIND THE GOALIE

By Harvey T. Cohen

In early June, I was watching the final game of the Stanley Cup playoffs between Detroit and Pittsburgh and was taken aback by what turned out to be the winning goal of the game and the series. If you recall, goalie Marc-Andres Fleury of Pittsburgh went into the butterfly position near the top of the crease to stop Henrik Zetterberg's shot, and thought he had the puck. But referee Marc Joannette was in perfect position on the goal line (he soon moved to a spot directly behind the net) to see that the puck was loose behind Fleury. There was no whistle and Fleury realized that the puck must have been somewhere else. As he dove backward to find it, he inadvertently pushed the puck into the goal. Joannette signaled the goal immediately and emphatically.

That goal – at the highest level of the game – brought to mind a favorite story that referee Kevin Saundry of Higganum, Conn., tells at every seminar he teaches. Kevin's story and the NHL game show both sides of almost the same play, and lessons can be learned from both.

Late in a close youth game, being officiated with the two-official system, Kevin was in perfect position on the goal line when an attacking player took a shot. The goalie went into the butterfly, again thinking he had trapped the puck in his pads. The angle of the goalie was such that Kevin's partner, who was on the blue line, could not see anything behind the goalie.

Kevin clearly saw the loose puck, which had stopped behind the goalie on the goal line. He calmly waited for the play to continue. For a second, nobody else knew where the puck was except Kevin. Then an attacking player spotted the puck, raced forward and fired it into the net.

Kevin's partner, seeing everyone relax, thought that the goalie had the puck and blew his whistle just before the attacker banged in the loose puck. Even though he was stationed on the blue line and knew that it was not his call to make, he blew it anyway.

Then the controversy started. Kevin knew instantly that his partner had made a mistake. And he also knew that the whistle clearly blew before the puck crossed the goal line. As the senior official and the person on the goal line, he had to make a decision. And it had to be based on good judgment. What would you have done if you were Kevin?

Kevin did the right thing, he disallowed the goal. Naturally, the team that thought they had just scored was furious. The emotional intensity within the arena skyrocketed. What did he base his decision on?

It was clear that whenever either official decides that play is stopped (and subsequently blows the whistle), then nothing that happens that follows that decision is considered in play. Kevin clearly had to back up his partner's whistle. Once that whistle had sounded, play was dead and nothing that followed it could count. The ensuing faceoff was held inside the attacking zone.

Kevin was upset that his partner had made the call, but he did not display any anger or confusion while on the ice. He calmly diffused the situation and play continued without any further discussion. This is why knowing the rules and practicing good mechanics will help you prevent mistakes that could cost one team the game. 

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

In the Spring Issue of STRIPES, the editors called upon you – the officials – to provide us some feedback on our STRIPES Newsletter so we can provide you with the best forum for officiating information possible. Nearly 200 of you responded and took the five minutes to complete the survey that is posted on a special Web site.

The good news is that the overwhelming response has been that the newsletter is not necessarily broken, but could use a few minor tweaks to meet the needs of our officiating family. The bad news is we would have liked a greater response in order to get a better idea from the vast scope that our officiating community is composed of.

So, the survey is still running and we ask each of you to take the short time needed to offer your feedback and suggestions. We will then take the data we have collected and make some changes to our newsletter that will hopefully make it better than ever.

All you need to do is go to the following link: <http://survey.usahockey.com/wsb.dll/3/STRIPESsurvey.htm> in your browser and provide us with the information we are asking for. Doing so will provide us with the definitive feedback we need to best meet your needs.

From all of the STRIPES Editors and District Referees-in-Chief, thank you for your time. 

DISTRICT OFFICIATING SEMINARS OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The dates and locations for the 2008 District officiating seminars have been finalized (see calendar of events). These seminars are designed to offer advanced education for any USA Hockey registered Level 2, 3 or 4 official. The District officiating seminars have become the most popular program that the USA Hockey Officiating Program has to offer.

All Level 2, 3 and 4 officials from the host districts will receive an invitation via e-mail from the National Office. A second mailing of invitations to officials from surrounding districts may be sent out, if necessary, to fill the seminar. There is a nominal fee for attendance. Attendance is limited to 50 participants and offered on a first come, first served basis. Officials from outside Districts who wish to attend may receive an application by contacting the District referee-in-chief for the host District.

The format for the District officiating seminar is similar to our summer development camps. An experienced staff of instructors will present in-depth classroom and on-ice instruction. Power skating will also be taught. Unlike our development camps, no actual game experience is offered at the District seminar in order to condense the program into a three-day session that is convenient for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you at the District officiating seminar nearest you.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF GOAL LINE POSITIONING



PAT BRITT

By Pat Britt

What is the most important call we have as officials? Without a doubt, calling goals is our biggest responsibility on the ice. How can we assure ourselves, and everyone involved in the game, that we will be able to properly signal every goal in every game? Whether it's the two-official or three-official system that we're using, the best way to achieve this is to be in the proper position on the goal line every time. Let's discuss some ways to get ourselves into great positioning.

First, keep moving your feet. The easiest way to prepare ourselves to successfully be in position on the goal line is to hustle. Once we cross that blue line, there should be a sense of urgency to get down to "home base" and make the call. Too many times we see officials stop moving their feet and simply watch play develop in front of the net. This is a recipe for disaster if there's a close play in front. If we're hustling into the zone, then we already have presence and positioning to make the proper calls. Particularly on the goal line, there's no better feeling as an official than to know that you're in the best position possible to make the right calls.

Once we're on the goal line, we need to remember the Golden Triangle, the area in the end zone that not only provides you with the best view of the play, but also the safest place for the official. While we want to spend as much time as possible at home base, the Golden Triangle also includes the points of the goal line and corner, as well as up

the boards to the hash marks, and all the area between these three locations.

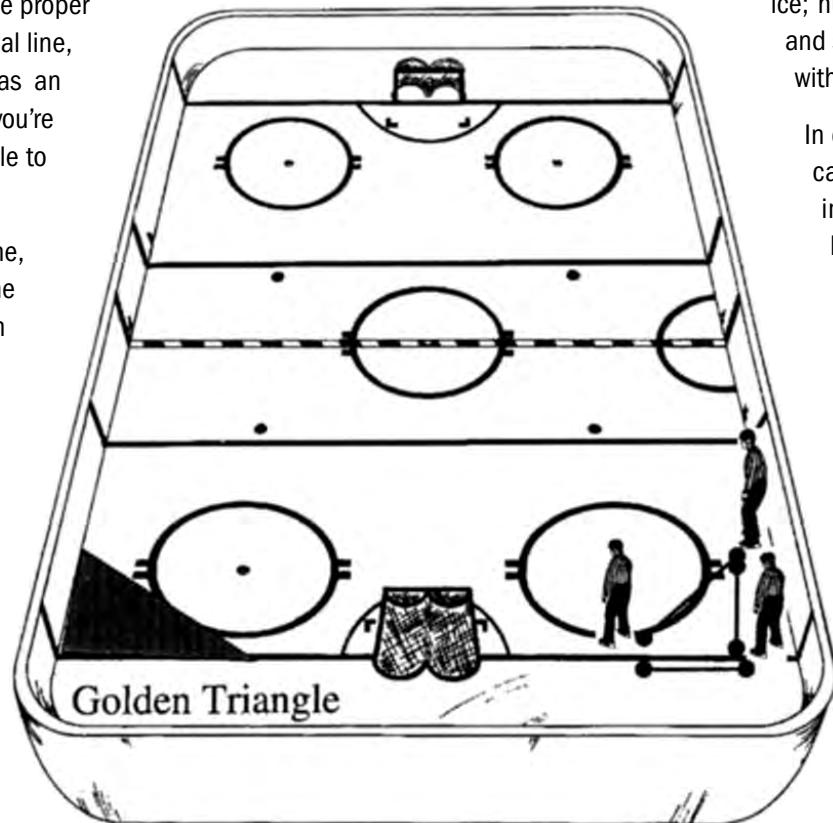
One great drill that encompasses all the key points of goal line positioning is the "three-speed-drill." This drill simulates a referee following play from end to end, with a focus on hustling to the goal line:

1. Starting at home base, the official skates backward along the goal line to the corner, forward to home base, then backward to the corner.
2. The official pivots in the corner into a forward sprint to the near blue line.
3. Between the blue lines, the official keeps his or her feet moving at around 50 percent speed.
4. Once crossing the far blue line, the official sprints down to the goal line and curls in toward home base.
5. After control-stopping at home base, the official skates backward to the corner, then full speed back to Home Base and signals a goal.

A few of the points to focus on include: keeping your head up and looking toward the middle of the ice; hustling to get to the goal line; and staying along the goal line and within the referee skating lanes.

In closing, I want to reiterate that calling goals is the most important responsibility we have as an official. We need to hustle all the way through the offensive zone so we can gain our proper position at Home Base. These points will hold true no matter what officiating system we're using, whether it be with two officials or three. Let's focus on hustling into the zone and being there to make the call.

Pat Britt is USA Hockey's Coordinator of Officiating Education.



OUR ANNUAL LISTING OF MOST MISSED EXAM QUESTIONS

This is the time of year where we get to review the most missed questions on the various exams this past season. The open book exam answers and rule references appear in another section of this issue (the actual exam questions in the corresponding order will appear on the official's page of usahockey.com until Aug. 1). This is an excellent time to review the questions that appeared to give you the most trouble and try to understand the reason why it may have been missed. Here are the top 10 missed questions on the open book exam.

#1 If a player deliberately dislodges an opponent's helmet during play, that player must be ejected from the game. This is the most missed question for the second straight year. The correct answer is false. USA Hockey does not have a game ejection penalty and a minor or major penalty should be assessed for either head contact or roughing. There is nothing in the rule book that specifically addresses this action.

#2 Play must be stopped whenever a penalty is signaled and the offending team touches the puck. The correct answer is false as the offending team must gain possession and control of the puck in order to stop play. This is covered under the note section of Rule 409(b).

#3 Shooting the puck directly out of the playing area from the defending zone is a minor penalty to both players and goalkeepers. This question is the third most missed for the second year in a row with the correct answer being False. Whereas the minor

penalty is automatic for a goalkeeper, the decision to assess a delay of game minor penalty to a player is left up to the discretion of the referee and must be deemed to be deliberate for the penalty to be assessed.

#4 Whenever a match penalty is assessed, the official assessing the penalty must file a report to the District referee-in-chief within 48 hours of the occurrence for attempted physical harm:

- only to an on-ice or off-ice official.
- only to an opposing team official.
- to any participant.

The correct answer is A. The 48-hour reference only appears under Rule 601 g1 and j1 for physical assault to an official. Otherwise, a match penalty assessment requires the official to report the incident to the proper authorities immediately following the game.

#5 If three players from the same team are on the penalty bench serving non-coincident minor penalties assessed at different times, the player whose penalty time expires first may return to the game:

- at the instant that penalty expires.
- when the second penalty expires if no stoppage occurs following expiration of the first penalty.
- only at a stoppage of play following expiration of that penalty.

The correct answer is B. The key here is that the first player whose penalty expires will always be the first player back on the ice when a stoppage occurs or when the team is entitled to have another player on

the ice. If there is no stoppage of play, then the first player is the one that would return to the ice when the second penalty expires. The same holds true for the second penalized player when his penalty expires, as well.

#6 In order for a penalty shot to be called for a fouled player on a breakaway under the tripping rule, the attacking player must be fouled directly from behind beyond their defending blue line. Once again, the correct answer is false because the penalty shot should also be called if the foul is committed diagonally from behind (beyond their peripheral vision).

#7 If the puck is in the neutral zone when play is stopped, the "last play" faceoff takes place at the closest faceoff spot. False is the correct answer. Under the last play faceoff rules, the faceoff would take place at the nearest location along an imaginary line that connects the facoff spots on each side of the rink.

#8 If the captain and an alternate captain are both legally on the ice, only the captain is entitled to confer with the referee regarding a rule interpretation, even if the alternate captain is nearer to the referee. This question in a similar form was number two on last years' most missed list. The correct answer is false. The rule is specific in that only one "C" or "A" can converse with the referee during a stoppage, but does not specify it must be the captain. Common sense would suggest that an official would not chase an alternate captain, who is nearby, away while she called the captain, who is on

the far side of the ice, over to speak only to her.

#9 A linesman is permitted to stop play if observing any "Injury Potential" infraction. This is false and the opposite question appeared as #6 on last years list. The linesman is required to report such incidents to the referee at the next stoppage of play, but does not stop play.

#10 The Team A center is penalized for slashing the goalkeeper. Which linesman will conduct the faceoff at one of the neutral zone spots by the Team A attacking zone?

- the back linesman.
- the front linesman.
- the linesman who was on the same side of the ice as the face-off location.

The correct answer is B. In the three-official system, the linesman will conduct all faceoffs occurring at his end of the ice (divided by the center red line) and this would be considered to be the front linesman when play was stopped in the end zone.

The following are the top three missed questions from the Level 2 closed book exam.

#1 If play is on the opposite side of the rink from the referee (three-official system), the referee's skating lane should be along the line of spots. The correct answer is false as the referee's skating lane will be 5-10 feet off the boards when play is on the opposite side of the ice. This question has won the top prize now two years in a row.

#2 When play is in the neutral zone, the officials in a two-official system should be:

- on their blue line.
- just outside their blue line.
- just inside their blue line.

The correct answer is C. That way, both officials are in the proper position to make a call at the blue line, depending on which way play goes.

#3 If you observe a player who is injured and unable to get to the bench, you should:

- stop play immediately.
- wait until that player's team has control of the puck and then stop play.
- allow play to continue unless the puck goes in that player's vicinity.

The answer we are looking for was A. The fact the player is unable to get up and participate in play or skate to the bench indicates the injury may be serious enough to warrant stopping play immediately. USA Hockey would prefer that the officials always err on the side of caution when dealing with youth players in this instance.

Finally, here are the top five missed questions on the Level 3 closed book exams.

#1 If a minor penalty for "Delay of Game" is assessed for a faceoff violation, it may be served by any player then on the ice. The correct answer is false. The penalty is assessed to the player who actually commits the violation and he is the person who must serve the penalty.

#2 While play is in progress in the neutral zone, the linesmen (three-official system) should be just outside (neutral zone side) of their respective blue lines, diagonally opposite each other. The correct answer is false (see the second most missed question on the Level 2 closed book exam). The principle is the same for the linesman or the officials in the two-official system.

#3 Whenever an additional puck is observed on the ice, even if not interfering with the game, the play must be stopped immediately. False. As long as the second puck does not interfere with the progress of the game, there is no need for an immediate whistle. 630(b) is the proper rule reference.

#4 If the captain and an alternate captain are both legally on the ice, either one are entitled to confer with the referee regarding a rule interpretation. This is true (see most missed #8 from the Open Book Exam).

#5 A penalized player who fails to go directly and immediately to the penalty bench when ordered to do so by the referee shall be assessed a minor penalty. The correct answer is false as the rule is very specific in that a misconduct is the proper penalty. This was the most missed question on last year's Level 3 closed book exam.

Don't be surprised to see some of these questions pop up on future exams and, as always, don't hesitate to contact your local supervisor of officials or District referee-in-chief with any additional rules questions you may have. 



MATT LEAF

WRAPPING UP THE 2007-08 SEASON

By Matt Leaf

The 2007-08 season is behind us. All indications point to another successful season for the USA Hockey Officiating Program. Participation was maintained and there was a great season of hockey that culminated with our best ever National Championships. The success USA Hockey has enjoyed is a tribute to each and every one of our registered officials who laced up the skates and put on the sweater this season. Without your dedication and involvement, USA Hockey would not be recognized as a leader in youth sports. Thank you for your participation.

Naturally, though, we are not immune to problems and situations that have not gone as well as we have planned. Some of the challenges we face are addressed in other sections of this issue while others will be brought up over the course of the next several months. We appreciate your continued support in facing those challenges head on and creating the most positive hockey environment for all participants. In the meantime, enjoy this issue of STRIPES and have a great summer. 

CHICAGO SHOWCASE OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

Several officials from throughout the country participated in the 2008 Chicago Showcase Officials Development Program on April 16-20. Each participant worked several games over the course of the event and was critiqued by instructors. A brief evening classroom session was also scheduled each day to review each official's performance and discuss advanced officiating philosophy. These participants worked closely with numerous local officials from Illinois in covering 51 hockey games over the course of five days.

The Chicago Showcase is a high school all-star event with 24 boy's teams teams participating from throughout the country. The Officials Development Program is designed to offer opportunities for officials to work a high level of hockey and receive performance feedback from top instructors. In many cases, the selected officials simply do not have the opportunity to work higher levels of hockey due to geographic location or lack of exposure. The Chicago Showcase provides this opportunity along with the necessary exposure to advance on to higher levels.

Congratulations to all of the officials who were selected to participate. 



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Steven Bailey, R.I.	Jameson Gronert, Ill.	Yura Letuchy, Ill.	Michael Thompson, Ill.
Michael Barrett Sr, Ill.	Colin Gruenke, Ill.	Cody Majerus, N.D.	David Vargas, Ill.
John Cerza, Ill.	Paul Hesser, Ill.	Stephen Picano, Ga.	Corydon Zuganelis, Ill.
William Fehrman, Ill.	Anthony Lancette Jr, Minn.	Hilary Smith, Ill.	
Rick Gallagher, Pa.	Daniel Langland, Ill.	Phillip Stodgell, Minn.	

2008 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL

The Officiating Program capped off another successful year of conducting instructor training programs. Each session was attended by enthusiastic participants who will be conducting local seminars in your area next fall. These sessions are designed to provide in depth training on how to conduct a USA Hockey officials' seminar and effective teaching techniques. Each participant also had an opportunity to practice their teaching skills with practical experience, both in the classroom and on the ice. The participants for the instructor training programs are listed below.

2008 WESTERN INSTRUCTORS TRAINING SESSION

Instructors Staff

Bob Cunningham, Mo.
Dave LaBuda, Ill.
Mike Reger, S.D.
Chris Snear, Va.
Bill Spohn, Wis.

Participants

Thomas Balzer, N.D.
Michael Barrett, Ill.
Bruce Baumgartner, Minn.
Michael Carrier, Calif.
Larry Cermak, Ill.
Daniel Colliander, Alaska
Robert Cranston, Wash.
Leslie Dal Lago, Idaho
Jarrid DeBoer, S.D.
Eddie Edwards, Wash.
Scott Gauthier, Wis.
Thomas Glanzer, S.D.
Jessica Hahnle, Colo.
Jeff Henning, Minn.
Rob Hirrschoff, S.D.
Michael Jager, Wis.

Kevin Jones, Mont.
Ron Laituri, Minn.
Brett Lapham, Mont.
Justin Lyle, Iowa
Tim Lyon, Calif.
Paul Marshall, Minn.
Stephen McGrath, Colo.
Daniel Miller, Iowa
Kevin Miller, Mont.
Robert Mitchard, Ill.
Scott Mullen, Ill.
Alex Nayberg, Wash.
Leah Obrien, Colo.
Mary Owen, Calif.
Mick Peterfeso, Minn.
Ronald Rowe Jr., Texas
Carl Saden, Wash.
J. David Shaneman, Ill.
Chad Sloniker, Colo.
Mark Stook, Calif.
Terry Thorsheim, Minn.
Al Valdivia, Mo.
Bob Williams, Texas
JeanNoel Wilson, Colo.
Scott Wurkman, Calif.
Jeffrey Wussow, Wis.

2008 EASTERN INSTRUCTORS TRAINING SESSION

Instructors Staff

Tony Mariconda, N.J.
Phil Parks, Ohio
Mark VerPlaetse, Minn.
Derek Zuckerman, N.Y.

Participants

Paul Arnow, Tenn.
Jason Brown, N.Y.
Rodney Bryant, Va.
Danielle Bugge, N.J.
Donald Cancelosi, N.J.
Tory Carissimo, N.Y.
Dennis Chauvin, N.Y.
Ron Cohle, Pa.
Marcus Currie, D.C.
David Dries, N.C.
Jason Ellis, N.Y.
Keith Ess, N.Y.
Michael Fitzpatrick, Maine
Lee Fregoe, N.Y.
Tommy George, Md.
Daniel Gerardi, N.Y.

Brian Green, N.J.
Keith Grooms, Tenn.
Weldon Hastings, Ohio
Norman Jones, N.J.
Les Keller, Tenn.
Martin Kilcourse, Pa.
Howard Levinson, Fla.
Venance Lorenz, Conn.
Gregory Lusky, Mass.
William Marcotte, Mass.
John McCurry, Pa.
Garry Nelson, Ind.
Tod Presutti, Ind.
John Rivera, N.Y.
Knute Schneider, Tenn.
Marc Silva, Conn.
Mark Stanley, N.Y.
Edward Stillson, Vt.
Dan Taggart, N.J.
Martin Tangredi, Conn.
Peter Terreri, R.I.
Robert Teti, N.J.
Brian Tipple, Fla.
Jason Turner, Ind.
Gary Williford, Va.



OFFICIALS CHOSEN TO WORK THE 2008 USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following individuals were selected by the District Referees-in-Chief to officiate the 2008 USA Hockey National Championships. Each official was chosen based on their dedication and performance throughout the year. Congratulations for a job well done.

12/14 & UNDER	16/18 & UNDER	GIrls	WOMEN
Hackensack, N.J.	Amherst, N.Y.	West Chester, Pa.	West Chester, Pa.
Tim Apodaca, Md.	Glen Aichinger, N.Y.	Dave Aiello, Pa.	Valerie Boruta, Mich.
Cody Baker, N.D.	Kyle Allen, N.Y.	Danielle Bugge, N.J.	Danielle Bugge, N.J.
Thomas Bibbs, Ariz.	Joseph Baudo, N.Y.	Susan Collins, N.C.	Paul Crosta, N.J.
Chris Bluem, N.J.	Damon Beiring, Mich.	Kate Connolly, Pa.	Michael Dalton, N.J.
William Bredin, N.J.	Scott Bokal, Mo.	Samantha Dorney, Pa.	Courtney DeBlis, N.J.
Steve Clough, Tenn.	Tory Carisimo, N.Y.	Michael Dumas, Del.	Samantha Dorney, Pa.
Chris Cogan, Pa.	John Carlson, N.Y.	Monty Ferguson, Pa.	Michael Dumas, Del.
Jonathan Cohen, N.J.	Derek Cline, N.Y.	Blaine Forkell, Pa.	Monty Ferguson, Pa.
Paul Crosta, N.J.	Jay Durfee, Mass.	Rick Gallagher, Pa.	Tim Foreman, Pa.
Justin Eckman, W.Va.	Gregory Fischer, N.Y.	Jean Goodwin, Mass.	Blaine Forkell, Pa.
Rob Gifis, N.J.	Kevin Frankowski, N.Y.	Alicia Hanrahan, Ohio	Bob Fyrer, Pa.
Nick Gordon, Maine	Eric Froberg, Mich.	Vincent Hlavinka, Pa.	Rick Gallagher, Pa.
Adam Haczyk, N.J.	Ross Gibbs, Minn.	Brendan Howard, Pa.	Rob Gifis, N.J.
Bryan Hicks, N.J.	Ryan hersey, Calif.	Allison Hughes, Mass.	Katie Guay, Mass.
Tim Holtz, N.J.	Donald Jablonski, Jr., N.Y.	Laura Johnson, Texas	Adam Haczyk, N.J.
Ryan Honig, N.J.	Richard Leary, N.Y.	Chris Katyl, Pa.	Vincent Hlavinka, Pa.
Darren Kadel, Alaska	Tim Leonardo, N.Y.		
Ryan Knipy, N.J.	Gregory Lusky, Mass.		
Andrew Mann, Conn.	Bil Lyons, N.Y.		
Matt McNulty, N.J.	Paul Maciejewski, N.Y.		
Will Moran, Alaska	AJ Maloney, N.Y.		
Steven Neier, N.J.	Dustin Martin, Minn.		
Curt Peterson, Va.	Thomas Monahan, N.Y.		
Chris Pitoscia, N.J.	Joel Morawski, N.Y.	Katie Koster, N.H.	Brendan Howard, Pa.
Robert Perry, Pa.	Peter Nigrelli, N.Y.	Rich Lachall, N.J.	Sarah Jolicoeur, Calif.
Dave Pricken, N.J.	Will O'Malley, N.Y.	Tara Leighton, Alaska	Mike Juliano, Pa.
Bob Ritchie, N.J.	Karl Olm, Wis.	Ben Manderachi, Pa.	Elizabeth Kellerman, Calif.
Peter Schlittenhardt, N.J.	Paul Pfeiffer, N.Y.	Bill Maurer, Pa.	Rich Lachall, N.J.
Chris Shoppell, Ind.	John Sandos, N.Y.	Thomas McCullough, Pa.	Jamie Lalos, N.Y.
Brian Skursky, Pa.	Donald Sauter, N.Y.	Brian McCullough, Pa.	Kristine Langley, Minn.
Dustin Thompson, Mont.	Gordon Scherer, N.Y.	Ashley Miorana, Minn.	Ben Manderachi, Pa.
Timm Walsh, Colo.	Nicholas Schmitt, N.Y.	Ceci Morris, Colo.	Janine Martinez, Mich.
Bob Walter, N.J.	Bruce Sroka, N.Y.	Luke Murray, Pa.	Bill Maurer, Pa.
Jay Watson, N.J.	Ronald Tanguay, N.Y.	Darren Musser, Pa.	Thomas McCullough, Pa.
Matt Watson, N.J.	Aaron Townsend, N.Y.	Rob Navickas, Pa.	Brian McCullough, Pa.
Chris Watt, N.J.	Matt Van Horne, Calif.	Adrianna Sable, Mich.	Carol Mullins, Vt.
Joe Wilson, N.J.	James Visconte, N.Y.	Dan Shilkitus, Md.	Luke Murray, Pa.
Matthew Zucker, N.J.	Aaron Wallace, N.Y.	Jackie Spresser, Colo.	Rob Navickas, Pa.
	Donald Wartinger, N.Y.	Tai Thorsheim, Minn.	Leah O'Brien, Colo.
	Drew White, N.Y.	Adam Tierney, Pa.	Robert Perry, Pa.
	Jeff Zelasko, N.Y.	Madeleine Weeks, Pa.	Cyndi Robertson, Wis.
		Andrea Weissman, Pa.	Mike Schubert, Pa.
		Patty Wisniewski, Pa.	Vince Scriboni, Pa.



ACHA DIVISION III**Rochester, Minn.**

Kenneth Anderson, Minn.
Bradley Bergstrom, Minn.
Richard Bessette, Minn.
Derek Brandt, Minn.
Matthew Deters, Minn.
Timothy Dolan-Peterson, Minn.
Dave Donahue, Minn.
Ray Dunfee, Minn.
James Dusso, Minn.
William Fedoryk, Minn.
Ross Gibbs, Minn.
Robert Glesner, Jr., Minn.
Eric Hall, Minn.
Jeremy Klobuchar, Minn.
Dustin Martin, Minn.
Michael McCormack, Minn.
Scott McMasters, Minn.
Adam Shadiow, Minn.

ACHA WOMEN**Bensonville, Ill.**

Erin Blair, Ill.
Valerie Boruta, Mich.
Michaela Frattarelli, R.I.
Allison Hughes, Mass.
Jamie Lalos, N.Y.
Kristine Langley, Minn.
Annette Lin, Wash.
Ashley Miorana, Minn.
Leah O'Brien, Colo.
Adrianna Sable, Mich.
Jackie Spresser, Colo.
Nicole Bolisenga, Ill.
Paul Hesser, Ill.
Andrea Johnson, Ill.
Randy Krawiec, Ill.
Don Langland, Ill.
Erik Peterson, Ill.
David Siatta, Ill.
David Vargas, Ill.

ADULT 30 & OVER**Phoenix, Ariz.**

Bryce Barteski, Ariz.
AJ Brown, Ariz.
Scott Brunton, Colo.
Bobby Chan, Ariz.
Jim Herity, Ariz.
Brad Heutmaker, Ariz.
Brent Hooks, Ariz.
Jeff Kollar, Ariz.
Dave Kornowski, N.M.
Scott Leesberg, Ariz.
David Meacham, Ariz.
Brian Peterson, Ariz.
Mike Sater, Ariz.
Marvin Smith, Ariz.
Travis Smith, Ariz.
Foster Williams, Ariz.

ADULT 50/60 & OVER**Brandon & Ellenton, Fla.**

Larra Acevedo, Fla.
Scott Banks, Fla.
Ron Buckner, Fla.
Guimond Cloutier, Fla.
David Collins, Fla.
Chris Conte, Fla.
Ross Crimaldi, Fla.
Jim Dukarski, Fla.
Matt Falbo, Fla.
Tony Han, Fla.
Dick Kempton, Fla.
Howard Levinson, Fla.
Dan Lewis, Fla.

Dan Mallon, Fla.
Chris Marriner, Fla.
Mike Mattox, Fla.
Larry McGinnis, Fla.
Charlie O'Connor, Fla.
Chuck Reaume, Fla.
John Sabin, Fla.
Cliff Stoufer, Fla.
Bill Tennant, Fla.
Eric Thiem, Fla.

ADULT RECREATIONAL**Blaine, Minn.**

Scott Backlund, Minn.
Brian Bistodeau, Minn.
Dean Brandt, Minn.
Rich Czech, Minn.
Matt Dockendorf, Minn.
Mitch Eldorado, Minn.
Real Fournier, Minn.
Daryl Gabrielson, Minn.
Butch Herzog, Minn.
Jon Holte, Minn.
Keith Kleven, Minn.
Matt Klien, Minn.
Joe Manthei, Minn.
Chris Messerli, Minn.
Dick Oftedal, Minn.
Jason Patton, Minn.
Chris Rustad, Minn.
Jon Sass, Minn.
Jim Scheid, Minn.
Josh Swanson, Minn.
Jesse Thalin, Minn.
Kevin Thalin, Minn.
Brian Thul, Minn.
Candace Utecht, Minn.
Mark Verplaetse Jr., Minn.
Brian Volkman, Minn.
Dave Weisjahn, Minn.

ADULT U.S. & ELITE
Fond du Lac, Wis.

Kevin Airaudi, Wis.
Chris Allman, Mich.
Landon Bathe, Maine
Kevin Gruber, N.Y.
Justin Greene, Mass.

Nick Krebsbach, N.D.
Justin Lyle, Iowa
Dustin Martin, Minn.
Billy McGoldrick, Mass.
Chris McGuirk, Wis.
Ed Moberg, Wis.
Brian Poshak, Wis.
Jarrod Raguson, Ill.
Ryan Reischel, Wis.
Andy Thackaberry, Mich.

TIER III JUNIOR C**Marlborough, Mass.**

Craig Alles, Fla.
Shaun Andring, Mich.
Dan Cohen, Ind.
Bryan Dorynek, Ill.
John Grandt, Colo.
Timothy Holtz Jr., N.J.
Paul Maciejewski, N.Y.
Christopher Pitoscia, N.J.
Jared Ried, Mich.
Ian Shaver, Minn.
Brett Sheva, Pa.
Alexander Stagnone, Mass.

TIER II JUNIOR A**St. Louis, Mo.**

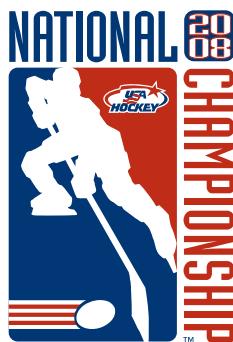
Eugene Binda, Mass.
Dan Dreger, Colo.
John Grandt, Colo.
Colin Kronforst, Ill.
Tim Mayer, Mich.
Mike McCreary, Neb.
Bill McGoldrick, N.J.
Brian Oliver, N.Y.
Jim Scarpace, Mich.
Jon Shaw, Colo.
Tom Steinel, N.J.
Joe Sullivan, Mo.

TIER III JUNIOR B**Marlborough, Mass.**

Tom Albindia, Minn.
Colin Bacanskas, N.Y.
Dan Cohen, Ind.
Greg Fisher, N.Y.
Timothy Gosart, N.Y.
Michael Guglietti, Mass.
Paul Maciejewski, N.Y.
Geoff Miller, N.H.
Josh Montgomery, Colo.
Chris Novitsky, N.Y.
Colin O'Hearn, Mass.
Andrew Suhovic, N.J.

TIER I JUNIOR A**Omaha & Lincoln, Neb.**

Tom Albindia, Minn.
Chris Allman, Mich.
Eugene Binda, Mass.
Tim Mayer, Mass.
Mike McCreary, Neb.
Johnathan Morrison, Iowa
Brian Oliver, N.Y.
Bryan Pancich, Mont.
Judson Ritter, N.H.
Joe Sullivan, Mo.
Chris Woodworth, N.Y.



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE 2008-09 REGISTRATION SEASON

It is not too early to be thinking about the 2008-09 registration season. In fact, it is only a few weeks away. Here are a few things you can expect as a result of the direct registration program.

1. You should be receiving your 2008-09 registration information in the mail in early August. All officials who were registered last season will be receiving a reminder postcard and e-mail regarding the online registration program. There will be no hard copies of the application sent out, but a limited supply will be available upon request and at the seminars for those who do not wish to utilize the online system. If you do not receive this information, be sure to go to usahockey.com to get all of the current registration information.
2. The fall issue of STRIPES will be e-mailed separately. Detailed registration information will be included in STRIPES and all seminar listings and local contact information will be posted on usahockey.com in July.
3. The postcard that is sent will specify what level you are eligible to apply for and will have your USAH official's number listed. It is important that you apply for that level, or a lower level, in order to expedite the registration process. However, for those who are applying for a lower level, you should note that you will not be able to upgrade your application to a level you are eligible for once we have received your application.
4. When you receive your registration information, immediately pick out the seminar date and location you plan to attend and mark that in your calendar. For those areas where seminar pre-registration is mandatory, be sure to sign up for your seminar early. This will help ensure you won't be stuck towards the end of the registration period without having met your seminar requirement. Once your application (and appropriate fee) is received here in the National Office, information on your open book exam and other information will be sent to you for completion.
5. Only new officials and officials who register via hard copy will be sent a hard copy of the exam. Those who register online will be sent information on completing the exam online via e-mail. There are several changes to the online exam that are being made to make it more user-friendly and easier to complete. More information regarding the online exam and instructions how to best use this process will be included in the Fall issue of STRIPES and the exam information sent to each official.

Plan on getting an early start towards next year's registration. 

HOCKEY OFFICIALS REGISTRATION NUMBERS

USA Hockey Official Registrations

Central District	3,554
Michigan District.....	2,894
Minnesota District.....	2,663
New York District.....	2,501
Rocky Mountain District	2,018
Atlantic District	2,139
New England District	2,120
Southeastern District	2,095
Massachusetts District	1,768
Mid-American District	1,755
Pacific District (including Alaska)	1,592
Northern Plains District.....	948
TOTAL	26,047

Worldwide Official Registrations

Canada.....	35,233
USA	26,047
Czech Republic.....	3,394
Sweden	1,954
Finland	1,829
Japan	961
Switzerland.....	930
Russia	500
Slovakia	404
Great Britain	270
Austria	244
Australia	244
Norway	198
Latvia	182
Germany.....	158
Italy	155
New Zealand	130
The Netherlands	122
Other countries.....	1,159
TOTAL	74,114

2007-08 OPEN BOOK RULES EXAM ANSWERS

(As they appear on usahockey.com)

1. F Signals	21. T 407(a)	41. F 620(d)	61. B 402(c)	81. A 601(g1,j1.)
2. F Signals	22. F 409(b)	42. T 633(a)	62. A 402(c,f)	82. B 623(b)
3. F Signals	23. F 403(a)	43. T 303 (Note)	63. B 402(f)	83. C 620(a)
4. T Signals	24. F 406(a)	44. F 639(c)	64. A 402(f)	84. B 629(a)
5. T Glossary	25. T 502(a)	45. F 102(b)	65. C 402(f)	85. B 639(c)
6. T Glossary	26. F 503(e)	46. T SOP	66. C 402(f)	86. C SOP
7. T Glossary	27. F 503(d)	47. F SOP	67. B 203(b)	87. B SOP
8. F Glossary	28. F 501(b)	48. T SOP	68. A 409(d)	88. B SOP
9. T 104(c)	29. F 611(g)	49. T SOP	69. C 203(a)	89. A SOP
10. F 110(a)	30. T 621(a)	50. F SOP	70. B 601(j)	90. C SOP
11. F 104(d)	31. T 601(f)	51. A 402(c)	71. C 604(b)	91. B BM-28
12. T 103(a)	32. T 601(d)	52. A 402(c)	72. C 609(c)	92. C BM-16
13. F 201(a)	33. T 615(d)	53. A 402(c)	73. A 621(f)	93. A BM-30
14. T 206(f)	34. F 609(a)	54. A 402(c)	74. A 626(f)	94. A BM-30
15. F 202(d)	35. F 617(a)	55. B 402(c)	75. A 621(d)	95. C BM-66
16. F 202(a)	36. T 633(d)	56. A 402(c)	76. B 105(b)	96. C BM-24
17. F 305(b)	37. F 601(b)	57. A 402(c)	77. C 202(a)	97. B BM-24
18. T 301(c)	38. F 613(e)	58. A 402(c)	78. C 614(d)	98. C BM-17
19. F 304(c)	39. F 601(a)	59. B 402(c)	79. C 307(a)	99. B MB-23
20. T 307(a)	40. T 614(d)	60. C 402(e)	80. B 408(b)	100. A BM-62



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Officials who are interested in attending any of the District Officiating Seminars should contact their local District personnel for details
All dates are tentative and subject to change without notice.

2008 District Officiating Seminars

Aug. 8-10	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Sept. 4-7	Cody, Wyo.
Sept. 19-21	Manchester, N.H.

All Level 2, 3 and 4 officials in the host Districts will be sent an invitation to attend. Additionally, officials in neighboring Districts may have also been sent invitations, based upon the geographic proximity of the host District. Officials wishing to attend who do not receive an invitation should contact the district referee-in-chief for the host District.

District Officiating Seminars consist of high-level instruction for local officials, regardless of age or ability. Attending one is a great way to obtain quality education designed to help you become a better official.

District Officiating Seminars also count toward the mandatory yearly seminar attendance.

Other Events

Elite Officiating Experience

Aug. 3-10
Lake Placid, N.Y.

Women's Elite Experience

Aug. 13-20
Lake Placid, N.Y.

Program of Merit

July 7-13
St. Cloud, Minn.