



RINGETTE BC

Memo - Referees

To: Ringette BC Referees
From: Technical Director, Director of Officials for Ringette BC
cc: Ringette BC Officiating Committee
Date: September 12, 2016
Re: Rules of Emphasis 2016-2017 Season

This note is addressed to all referees in BC. This is a brief note to reflect areas of emphasis for the coming season. This is not to say that only focus on these specifics but to ensure that all officials in the province are aware of these rules of emphasis.

- ⊙ Keep your heads and eyes up
 - ⊙ It is not always the stick that causes the penalty. Too often players are receiving hooking, holding or tripping penalties when they should have received body contact or boarding. Watch the player's upper body by keeping your eyes up.
 - ⊙ Area of emphasis: Players driving the defensive triangle. When a player drives through the defensive triangle watch for body contact occurring.
 - ⊙ Ringette is a non-body contact sport and we need to ensure that we are being consistent in what body contact we do and do not call. Players MUST be in control of their bodies.
- ⊙ Ending a game due to safety issues and aggressive play
 - ⊙ If a game is starting to turn unsafe and the level of aggressive play continues to increase regardless of the penalties being called. You as the official have the power to end the game.
 - ⊙ If you end a game you MUST submit a written report that is submitted to your Local RIC, League RIC and Ringette BC Technical Director.
 - ⊙ In games where there are two different divisions or between two teams of different caliber: AA vs. A playing against each other the referee must ensure safety is followed at all times. If aggressive play begins the officials have the authority to end games.
- ⊙ Major, Misconduct and Game Ejection Incident Report form
 - ⊙ **A Major penalty is committed if: a player commits a boarding, body contact, charging, cross checking or elbowing infraction that includes initial contact to the head or from behind.**
 - ⊙ Any time a player, coach or spectator is ejected from a game for a Major, Misconduct, etc. the officials refereeing the game must ensure that one of these forms is completed.
 - ⊙ To complete the form go to: www.ringettebc.ca/the-office/online-forms/. Paper copies are being sent to all the Associations. Form is sent to Local RIC, League RIC, and Technical Coordinator.
 - ⊙ Follow the notes on the form for information on where to send copies of the form.
 - ⊙ Any time a player is ejected please take the scoresheet and note on the WHITE COPY "Please see *Misconduct, Match and Incident Report*" and sign.
- ⊙ Conduct of Coaches on the bench
 - ⊙ All coaches are to treat referees and minor officials with respect. If a coach is being disrespectful and acting in an unsportsmanlike manner you as the official have the authority to remove this coach from the field of play.