



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2018
TO: Officials
FROM: Curtis Nichols – Manager, Officiating
SUBJECT: **Non-Sanctioned Hockey Programs - Officials**

In recent years competing hockey organizations have emerged in Alberta, operating outside of the Hockey Canada structure.

Hockey Alberta wants to ensure our registered officials have the correct information about the impact these non-sanctioned programs and leagues have on the eligibility of an on-ice official. Hockey Alberta also wants to ensure that participants are aware of the facts, the options, and that they do not take for granted some of the privileges of membership within the Hockey Alberta structure that includes over 100,000 participants and dedicated, highly trained volunteers.

Hockey Alberta does not support or sanction hockey programs that choose to operate teams outside the parameters of our member Minor Hockey Associations (MHA), Junior and Senior Club Teams, and sanctioned Leagues. PX3 AMP, the Hockey Super League (HSL) and the Western Provinces Hockey Association (WPHA), and their participating teams, are currently operating amateur hockey outside the structure of Hockey Alberta.

Hockey Alberta, and our membership, put a considerable amount of time and money into the training and development of officials. We respect the right for a person to choose the programs with which they associate themselves. We also believe that it is a conflict of interest to work/support non-sanctioned programs while using the skills and tools gained from Hockey Alberta.

An Official who works in a non-sanctioned program WILL NOT:

- have access to the Hockey Canada insurance program for any injuries that may occur as a result of participation;
- have access to the Hockey Alberta Match Penalty on Official process for any infractions that may occur during the non-sanctioned activity;
- be eligible to be selected by Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada for any Regional, National or International assignments; and/or
- be eligible to participate as an official in Hockey Alberta's Officiating Development Programs such as the Alberta Cup and Development Camp;
- be eligible to act in the capacity of Officials Committee member and/or a Clinic Instructor.

Hockey Alberta reserves the right to make choices regarding the officials and/or officials administrators that we deem to be the best fit for our programs. Those participating in and/or supporting non-sanctioned programs could be perceived to pose a conflict and therefore may not be considered for assignments within sanctioned programs, events or committees.