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## Officials Grassroots Development Grant Recipients

### Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association – Initiative

To implement a "Referee Coach Policy" whereby an officiating coach will be on the ice for all full-ice Novice games and Atom games played within the region. The Referee Coach will not make any game calls, but rather be on the ice to help coach and mentor officials, communicate with players, coaches, and spectators, and aid in rule questions throughout the game. If necessary, the Referee Coach will have the power to eject players, coaches, and spectators from the arena if behavior isn't to standard. Following each game, each Referee Coach is to provide a written mentorship report for both officials on the ice.

Money received from potential grants would be put toward the roll out of the program throughout the region ie: Referee Coaches Uniforms, development of mentorship forms, payment of Referee Coach games fees.

### Foxwarren Minor Hockey – Initiative

To partner experienced officials with new officials to provide them an opportunity to learn firsthand from an older, confident official. Funds will be used to institute a process and system where new officials receive 3 mentorship opportunities. Our primary goal is to encourage female officials into the officiating program. Funds would be used to cover the cost associated with the on and off-ice mentorship and we would like to recognize each new official who completes the program.

### Westman South Minor Hockey Association – Initiative

This project is a "Ref Camp" targeting level 1 officials and new level 2 officials, but open to all young officials. Westman South with assistance from the Brandon and Yellowhead regions, would host a half day camp for young officials looking to refresh, practice, and improve. Ref Camp would take place in December in order to give officials some time to get a feel for what they learned at their clinics. After Ref Camp, they would then have the second half of the season to practice their further learning.

The day would be facilitated by the RRC's from the three regions mentioned above, along with other senior officials from the area. There would be an information session and dry land warm-up, on-ice session focusing on the needs and interests identified from the registration form and information session, and end with lunch and a question and answer period.

### Flin Flon Minor Hockey Association – Current Program

Currently Flin Flon MHA is using the shadow mentoring program and we have found it to be a great success. It is only used on our brand new officials and would like to expand our program to include shadows that are required for additional support on officials in their 2nd year of officiating.

Funds would be used for additional shadowing opportunities and a potential ice booking to utilize as an officials practice time in a smaller group than what they would receive in the officiating clinics as well as a question and answer period after the practice incorporating more refs than in a game opportunity.

### Seven Oaks Minor Hockey Association – Initiative

#### Development of the SOMHA Officials Mentorship Program

- Identification of 5 Level II or III officials as Senior Officials in the program (minimum experience 3 yrs at PW or higher).
- Mentorship officials will be provided with a SOMHA tracksuit for their on ice mentorships.
- 2 hour seminar/training will be held with selected mentors to explain their role as a mentor with Referee in Chief in Mid October
- Each mentor will be required to do 20 mentorships. 10 mentorships per half, 5 on ice, 5 off ice

### Assiniboine Park Minor Hockey Association – Ongoing

The APHA has worked hard over the last year with our referee in chief and officials development program. There has been an increase in the number of on ice shadowing games per official as well as increased substantially the off-ice evaluations and mentorships. In 2015-16 – 70 evaluations were completed this season 2016-17 there were 236! This money would be used to continue on the success of this program.

### Winkler Minor Hockey Association - Ongoing

What our association has done the past years is with all new officials we have a senior ref work games with them, providing feed back during games positioning, correct call making and speaking with coaches. This past year we did a mid season refresher course open to all officials in our region. In this course we did 45 min class time and 45 min on ice. This outline was similar to what is covered in the certification courses with the opportunity to have a more interaction.

### Hockey Winnipeg – Ongoing

HW hosted three clinics this year, throughout the season. They were Beginner Linesman, Beginner Headman, and Intermediate Game Management. These 3 clinics were all hosted by officials who had officiated at MidAAA Prov level and higher, and were well attended by officials of all capabilities. We were at capacity for all but the Intermediate Game Management one, and our goal is to expand on these next season, offering in different locations throughout the city, allowing more officials to attend.

