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To: MCYH Referees

From: Dave Feemster
President, MCYH

Subject: Referee-in-Chief
Officiating class

Starting next season Marathon County Youth Hockey will have a Referee-in-Chief position within our organization. We are happy to announce Jim Brown as our new Referee-in-Chief for the 2006/7 season. I'm sure most of you know Jim as he has been involved in officiating for many years with MCYH, the WIAA and the NCHA. Jim has been a USA level 4 official and is a USA Hockey Certified officiating instructor, he brings extensive knowledge to the position and we look forward to having him at the focal point of our officiating program.

Jim has expressed many objectives he would like to accomplish at MCYH with regard to improving our officiating program. One challenge which faces our officials each year is the USA hockey certification program. The certification process provides training and is a necessary element that each of our officials must complete.

Early this fall Jim Brown and MCYH will hold an officiating class for MCYH officials. There will be a general discussion on hockey officiating and the importance of certification seminars. We will be introducing the new officiating objectives of MCYH and learn how to utilize the Referee-in Chief and our more experienced officials. Time will also be allocated to help prepare our officials for their certification seminar.

If you are planning to officiate for MCYH next season we strongly recommend you attend this event.

Event: MCYH officials meeting

Instructor: Jim Brown, Referee - in - Chief, MCYH

Place: Wausau West High School, teachers lounge, enter through commons doors

Date / Time: Wednesday August 23, 2006, 6:30- 8 PM

On page 2 of this letter you will find more information on topics to be covered and WHOA seminar dates.

Anyone having questions can reach Jim at 432-7642 or can call me at 359-8234.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Dave Feemster
President, MCYH

Topics to be covered on August 23:

General discussion on hockey officiating and the importance of the seminars. Introduce the new officiating objectives of MCYH. How to utilize the referee in chief and experienced officials.

For new officials:

- Learn what to expect at your first seminar.
- What to bring with you.
- How to get registered.

Officials going for level 2:

- What to expect on your first closed book test
- What to study, how to prepare
- What are expected to know.

Officials trying for level 3:

- How to pass level 3 closed book, sample questions from last year.
- Where questions are taken from, what to study.
- Open discussion, bring question you got wrong last year.

Officials going for Level 4:

- Why become a level 4 official.
- What is the closed book test like?
- Describe the skating test.

Reminder: Higher officiating level attained means higher level games can be worked on also more pay!

Let us help you get to the next level.

Area Seminar Dates and Locations:

Stevens Point August 27, level 1,2,3

Appleton September 23, level 1,2,3

Minocqua October 7, level 1,2,3

Waupaca November 4, level 1,2,3

Wisconsin Rapids October 29, level 4

Reminder new officials will not be able to officiate until they have completed a seminar, turned in their test and received their crest in the mail.

Registration:

The on-line registration period begins August 1st. Register early to ensure you get the seminar of your choice as they have filled up in the past. There was a change for this years registration age, the age requirement is that you must be 12 years old as of November 4th. Anyone wishing to be an official will need to register with USA Hockey at: <http://www.usahockey.com/officials> and for your seminar with the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association(WHOA) at: <http://www.usahockey.com/WHOA>.

Why Officiate?

- Additional income
- To help out youth hockey in the area.
- To further develop your skating skills.
- To gain a better understanding of the game
- To develop interpersonal skills and confidence.
- It provides players with an "extra edge" that comes from the additional ice time and rules knowledge that they receive.
- To stay involved in a game you love.