



Inline Hockey Australia Chair of Official's Report AGM 2008

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I would like to submit a very brief report to the 2nd Annual Inline Hockey General Meeting. I will report on courses, opportunities and our future direction of the Officiating Program.

The first thing I would like to comment on is the status of our nationally accredited and registered on and off rink officials. I have requested from the National Office a complete listing of all officials. The list was sorted and sent to the State Chair of Officials. I requested that all States review these lists and update any missing information. We have many officials listed who have current accreditation with the NOP but are not current Skate Australia members. We have to correct this and find out why these Officials are not registered?

We currently have two levels of officiating approved for delivery. There were very few courses run in 2008 but Queensland and Victoria ran a Level 1 course. Over the past few years we have had several courses run in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. We have many Level 1 Officials who have completed the Sport Specific component but lack the General Principles of Officiating. We have moved away from the combined course that integrates the GP and Sport Specific because the Australian Sports Commission has put that course online and it is free of charge. To gain full accreditation the GP must be completed. It is also more effective to take the GP course online allowing more time to be spent on the actual skills of refereeing.

I would like to thank Terry Black from South Australia and Hugues Deraps from Victoria for their work in presenting Level 1 courses in their States. If your State is in need a referee or off rink official's course please contact me and we will assist you in setting one up.

I would like to thank both on and off rink officials who attended and worked the Nationals in 2007. The days were long, the competition was great. Thank you for your efforts, without you there is no Championship.

I also sit on the FIRS International Inline Hockey Committee and the focus is Asia. This will benefit our Officials in the future because there should be opportunities to get some more of our Officials upgrade to International status in the near future. If this happens we will get opportunities to advance.

We competed at the 2008 Oceania Games Championship and had three referees attend in Palmerston North, NZ.

As time moves on and ILHA matures we will gain more officials and hopefully we will see a return of officials that have left the sport.

In closing, I would like to thank Paula Maclou and the NEC for their continued support for the National Officiating Program without the support the difficult job would be even tougher.

Best Regards,

Gordon Young
ILHA Chair of Officials