

## **Western Region Officiating Report May 2019**

It was another successful season for Western Region officials. We were very well represented at U12 Provincials, As, AAs, Easterns, and CRCs. It was a very busy season with many officials from the Western region being upgraded in rank and invited to provincial level events for the first time. We have been working very hard at a provincial and regional level to develop officials and I was very pleased to see that it is starting to pay off. I was very impressed with the young officials moving through the ranks in the Western Region and being invited to these events.

This year we welcomed approximately 40 new referees to the Western Region. A great way for associations to start building their referee base is to host a level 1 referee clinic (which is required in order to officiate). We will be looking for associations to host level 1 clinics in the fall.

Steve Baker from London continued assigning officials for WORL for A/AA games using the Arbiter. Association need to continue to schedule league games where possible during the week and not on weekends. Officials are busy on most weekends with multiple tournaments. Also, if they can schedule games back to back is helpful in getting games covered. We have several younger referees ready to step in to some higher level games next year. We have been working hard to develop these referees and are excited about their growth in officiating.

Regionals was a huge success, we had supervisors (in most cases evaluators) at all arenas during the weekend. We were able to make sure that all referees received feedback over the course of the weekend.

We had 4 referees attend the evaluators clinic this year. So it was great to add more evaluators to the mix of a very large and busy evaluation network.

Next year will once again be a rule change year so we will be looking for associations to host referee refresher clinics as well as rules clinics for coaches during the months of September and October.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in a few months.

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