

## Did you know?

- In addition to Denver, the following communities are a part of CIHRA
  - Vail
  - Telluride
  - Durango
  - Gunnison
  - Grand Junction

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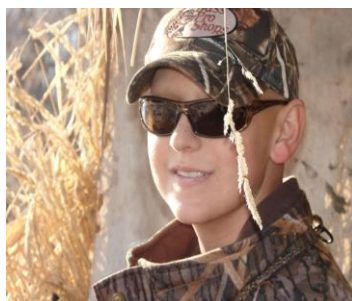
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[www.caha.pucksystems2.com](http://www.caha.pucksystems2.com)

CO Tournaments

[www.cihra.org](http://www.cihra.org)

## Work one for Andrew



Dear Fellow CIHRA Officials,  
We write to you with an invitation to help one of our own, 16-year old fellow-CIHRA and Vail-area official, Andrew Claymon. Andrew has been a USA Hockey certified official and CIHRA member dating back to the 2005-2006 season.

Andrew is a longtime local, born and raised in the Vail valley. He lives in Edwards with his mom Joni, dad Mike, and brother Brian and is a sophomore at Battle Mountain High School. He is an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoys hunting and fishing with family and friends.

For the past two plus years, Andrew has been battling a rare form of cancer at Children's Hospital in Denver. Throughout the duration of Andrew's illness, he has maintained his officiating certifications and registrations with USA Hockey and CIHRA. And, as opportunities have permitted, he has officiated a game here and there. He has been proud to be a part of the hockey community and, notably, our CIHRA officiating family.

Unfortunately, Andrew's condition has worsened in recent months and doctors no longer consider treatment an option. Bluntly, Andrew has been given a very limited amount of time.

Andrew has a final wish...he wants more than anything else to take a dove hunting trip to Argentina with his family. Thankfully, a local Vail Valley family stepped up to provide a portion of the funds which allowed for this trip to be booked. However, recent side effects of his illness have resulted in doctors' recommendations that Andrew not leave the country. While this last wish is not able to be realized at this time, Andrew's family is trying to provide him alternative fishing and hunting experiences within Colorado and

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nearby states. The Vail Valley community is assisting with some of the expenses but additional assistance is needed.

While most of us have never met Andrew or even had the opportunity to share the ice with him, he is one of our very own and needs our help. As a result, for the month of February, CIHRA is conducting the "Work One for Andrew" Campaign in hopes of raising funds to be of assistance to Andrew and his family during this difficult time. To begin, CIHRA has made an initial contribution of \$500 (\$1 per each of CIHRA's members). Additionally, each of the CIHRA Board members has committed to donating one game fee in the month of February. We would like to encourage as many of you fellow members to join us in this campaign.



The process is simple...we have set up a Horizon user account in Andrew's name. If you wish to donate a game fee, all you have to do is inform your assigning scheduler that you wish to donate your game fee to the ANDREW CLAYMON fund. The Andrew Claymon user account will be added to the game with the appropriate donated game fee and your game fee will be set to \$0. Your user account will remain assigned to the game for notification purposes. This user account will allow for CIHRA to simply collect all of the donated Andrew Claymon game fees at the end of the month and send the fees in a single payment to the Andrew Claymon Fund which has been established at FirstBank of Colorado.

We thank you for your consideration of this invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of the CIHRA Board members. Please keep Andrew and his family in your thoughts and prayers!

CIHRA Board

**Horizon Web Ref**

After testing and training, the new on-line scheduling tool will be rolled out to all schedulers and officials beginning with January 2010. Over the past 2 months, those schedulers not currently using Horizon have been doing training sessions and getting ready to go live at the beginning of the year for the Denver Metro area and Vail. Training sessions have taken place at Apex and The Ice Ranch for all schedulers.

What do you need to do as an official?  
If you haven't logged onto Horizon, go to the web site <http://www.horizonwebref.com/index.php?pageID=login> and log in with your username. If you have not done so, please click on the link for NEW USERS REGISTRATION.

**Don't forget to update your user profile. You can update your photo like these other officials. You can also set the number of texts and emails you receive or between what hours you get notifications.**

Get to know your fellow officials  
Here is a who's who of other officials in CIHRA. Do you recognize one of your on-ice partners?



## Mentor Program update

The mentor program is off and running for another season. Jackie Spresser is in charge this year as Rob Wolfe has moved to Arizona. Jackie has been working with the lead mentors at the various rinks to set up mentoring for new officials.

Mentoring is when a veteran official goes on the ice with a new official and shadows that official helping them with positioning and giving immediate feedback and then a recap after the game in the referee room.

Mentoring has proven to be an invaluable tool in developing new officials.

The lead mentors are:

Jackie Spresser – Promenade

Michael Fromin – The Edge

Mark Golden – South Suburban

Rick Cohen – Family Sports

Billy Lehrer – Big Bear

Through the month of November there have been 50 mentor contacts with 32 different officials.

Last year there were 153 different mentor contacts during the five month season (end September through end February). A mentor contact is defined as an official receiving instruction from a mentor. A single game may provide one, two or three mentor contacts, depending on to whom the training was delivered.

During these mentor contacts 79 different officials had instruction. Approximately 85% of these officials were Level 1, with the remainder Level 2.



► Meetings

### MEETING SCHEDULE

January, 1/7/10, Family Sports  
 February, 2/4/10, Apex  
 March, 3/4/10, Ice Ranch  
 April, 4/1/10, Family Sports  
 May, 5/6/10, Apex  
 June, 6/3/10, Ice Ranch  
 July, 7/1/10, Family Sports

Meetings start at 7:00 PM and all officials are welcome

See you at the next meeting!

## Direct Deposit

If you haven't done so, you can still sign up for direct deposit for your game fees. The benefit to this is to have access to your game fees without having to go to the bank to cash your check.

To get signed up for direct deposit you will need to send a voided blank check to the CIHRA Treasurer at:

**2075 South University Blvd., # 202,  
 Denver, Colorado, 80210**

If you had direct deposit last season and would like to continue, please let us know at your seminar check in.



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With the implementation of Horizon Web Ref for our scheduling and payroll processes, we want to take this opportunity to emphasize that this tool will NOT complete the most important part of building an official-scheduler relationship...marketing one's interest, capabilities and availability for assignments.

We are interested in seeing that all Level 1 and 2 officials have an opportunity to learn the trade of ice hockey officiating and want to assist you in any manner that we can. If you have not been able to obtain assignments yet this year, there is a lot of hockey remaining for the season. Please contact your schedulers by phone and/or email and let them know of your interest. Games are typically scheduled by the third week of a month for the ensuing month.

A website has been created with video simulations on specific features of the Horizon Web Ref system, including how to edit your user profile, activate/change your availability calendar and more. Please go to [www.hockeyreelife.com](http://www.hockeyreelife.com) and choose from the menu.

Please let any of the CIHRA Board members know if you have any questions.



1) The Horizon scheduling website is going to be fully implemented for ALL CIHRA schedulers effective January 1, 2010.

2) All members wishing to obtain assignments must have a user account. There are approximately 45 member officials who have joined CIHRA since the website was originally set up and do NOT currently have a user account. Please go to [www.horizonwebref.com](http://www.horizonwebref.com) to request a new user account.

3) All CIHRA schedules for the month of December are currently being loaded into the website. Even though most, if not all, of these assignments have been confirmed via phone or email, these assignments will be published by Tuesday, December 15 (some of the schedulers have already done this). Once published, you will receive email and text (if you have set up to receive) notifications of your assignments requesting confirmation. Please log on and confirm your assignments for the entire month.

4) ALL ASSIGNMENTS REQUIRE CONFIRMATION! This is the single most important step for each of you because we know you want to be paid for your assignments worked. This system will be exclusively used by CIHRA Treasurer, Ron Groothedde, to export a payroll breakdown. If you do not accept your assignments, not only is it an inconvenience to the schedulers, but the system also will NOT generated a payroll entry for your assignment and you will NOT be paid.

5) A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) memo is going to be posted on the Horizon Memo Board this afternoon. This memo will address some common question that members may have. Please review it at your convenience and let us know if you have any questions.

## Evaluations

John Eddy and Jessica Hahnle are heading up the evaluation program this season. To kick off the evaluations for the 2009 – 2010 season a request was sent to all level 3 and level 4 officials to try and do some evaluations over the Thanksgiving weekend for The Littleton Hockey Association Thanksgiving Tournament and The Hyland Cup 2009 tournaments. Officials were asked to try and do a couple of evaluations if they were at the rink, with a drawing for a gift card for those officials that were able to do 5 or more evaluations. A total of 49 evaluations were done by 16 evaluators. 30 evaluations were done at The Promenade and 19 were done at the rinks down south.

A random drawing was held for evaluators. Winners receive \$15 gift card...includes Timm Walsh, Gary Pedigo, Sr., Leigh Max, Leah O'Brien, Nick Bergman and Andy Whilden. One winner chosen from those that completed at least 5 evaluations through the Thanksgiving weekend. Rick Cohen will receive a \$50 gift card. Thank you to everyone who gave time to this effort during the Thanksgiving weekend.



## Ask the Official

How many times are you at the rink and you have a question about a particular play. None of the officials there can seem to agree about what should have been the correct call. The USA Hockey-Officials section has a link where you can ask a question. This is also a great resource if you can't find the answer in the rule book under case studies or in the officiating manuals (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced). Here is the link to the site:

[http://www.usahockey.com//Template\\_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=OF\\_07&ID=20800](http://www.usahockey.com//Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=OF_07&ID=20800)

Here are some of the questions that were answered over the course of last season

### **QUESTION #1**

I don't understand the whole line-change, putting your arm up stuff. I understand that the Home Team gets the last change but I never really got a hold of the arm raising thing.

A. The use of the arm by the Referee to conduct line-changes is so that the process is done quickly and the Home Team receives their "last change" privilege.

Once play has been stopped the line-change process begins. The Visiting Team is given roughly eight seconds to change their players. At this point (eight seconds) the Referee will face the Visiting Team Bench and raise his arm (in a "high-five" fashion) to their bench indicating that the Visiting Team may no longer change any players.

Now the Home Team has roughly eight seconds to change their players (and potentially match playing lines with the Visiting Team) while the Referee's arm is in the air. After eight seconds, the Referee will lower his arm indicating that the line-change procedure is complete and no more players may be changed.

### **QUESTION #2**

Team 'A' turns over the puck to a Team 'B' player who skates past the lone Team 'A' player and easily meets the criteria for a breakaway. In this situation, not one, but two players threw their stick along to ice to dislodge the puck from the attacker. Assuming both players were in their defensive zone, both warrant a penalty shot, although two penalty shots seems out of order. Is the correct way to handle this one Penalty Shot and one Minor penalty for interference? What if both sticks met at the same time? Are two penalty shots ever appropriate in a situation like this? Will you also clarify in 636(a) "in his Defending Zone"? Does that mean, when the puck is in the zone, or when the player throwing the stick is in his defending zone?

A. To clarify Rule 636(a) the puck needs to be in the defending zone for this rule to apply. The defending players could be at the Red Line when they throw their sticks and Rule 636(a) would still apply if the attacking player has crossed the attacking Blue Line with the puck.

Furthermore, since two defending players threw their sticks at the puck in their defending zone we have two violations of Rule 636(a), however only one scoring opportunity was compromised so only one Penalty Shot is awarded in this situation. The other violation would result in a Minor penalty that would start once the penalty shot has been taken (if the penalty shot results in a goal it does not cancel the Minor penalty).

### **QUESTION #3**

What are the USA Hockey guidelines for measuring goalkeeper equipment? Also what is the recommended procedure for handling equipment disputes? Do you stop the game and measure immediately or is this a post game protest?

A. Goalkeeper equipment can be measured at any time from when the goalkeeper first participates in the game to the final buzzer. His equipment cannot be challenged during warm-ups or while he is on the bench.

The equipment is measured as it is worn by the goalkeeper (no adjustments) immediately at the time of the challenge. The challenge must come during a stoppage and is limited to one request per team, per stoppage.

If the equipment challenge is sustained (illegal equipment), the goalkeeper receives a Minor penalty and must replace the equipment. He cannot "buy" his way into wearing illegal equipment. No unnecessary delay will be allowed for the goalkeeper to change his equipment

## Managing the game – are you calling the major infractions?

The following 2 articles are from thestar.com in Canada. They are articles relating to the increased violence in youth hockey and officials fearing for their safety. I hope CAHA games are not getting to these levels of violence. I don't believe they are, but I only know what is taking place in the south rinks. I have not heard of anything really over the top, but every now and then I hear the talk in the locker room from our refs who see potentially major infractions, but for one reason or another don't make the calls that may need to be made. I'm talking about infractions that deserve a major penalty, but not necessarily a game misconduct. Officials need to take major penalties if and when they see players going for the big hit with only punishment in mind. We all know when this happens. Officials should not have a problem handing out the 5 min major for head contact/elbowing or cross checking when they see a player skating around with zero focus on the play or the puck....when you give a major penalty, the rest of the game should not be an issue and should not get flack from either bench.

WE need to promote good hockey as opposed to bad hockey – Respect the game.

### Solutions for fixing the state of minor hockey

For 120 years, hockey has been Canada's lifeblood. But with the rise in offensive and dangerous on-ice behavior comes the realization that our national sport requires renewal

thestar.com - Published On Sat Dec 12, 2009 Robert Cribb Sports Reporter / Lois Kalchman Special to the Star

Canada's top hockey boss is calling for a crackdown on out-of-control conduct on the ice, from life-altering head shots to racial slurs to verbally and physically abusive coaches. "We have to take some responsibility," says Bob Nicholson, president of Hockey Canada, responding to a *Star* investigation into the state of minor hockey that found ugly patterns of racism, violence and anti-social behaviour at the game's most grassroots level: Youngsters. "It is a serious situation."

Nicholson says he was shocked by examples of repeat offenders detailed in the series.

Players and coaches with a string of penalties for serious infractions are frequently assessed short suspensions before returning to the game to reproduce the conduct all over again – a cycle of offensive, threatening and even

dangerous behaviour that requires stricter deterrence, experts have told the *Star*.

Hockey Canada will be considering rule changes to accomplish that, Nicholson says.

"We have to give more severe penalties," he says. "Any of those type of (abuses) should get harder suspensions. If it happens more than once, the suspension should be stronger again."

If Hockey Canada does get tough with repeat offenders, the impact will be far-reaching.

As the sport's top governing body in the country, Hockey Canada has the authority to establish rule changes affecting all minor hockey organizations across the country.

Nicholson commended the Greater Toronto Hockey League for releasing its penalty and suspension data to the *Star* and said the series will help chart improvements to the game.

"A lot of times, (hockey organizations) try to sweep these things under the table. Now we have to look at the data. We can't control the past, but we can control the future and this type of information should help us with a positive process." More than 40 parents, coaches, officials and experts interviewed for this series agree that after 120 years, the game that now lives inside our national psyche requires renewal.

They have ideas. Some are controversial. Others inspire a surprising degree of consensus.

### HEAD SHOTS

Dr. Jason Smith, a Toronto orthopedic surgeon who consults with the Blue Jays and Maple Leafs, was a first-round draft choice of the Calgary Flames in 1993. But that's where Smith's Canadian hockey dream ended. Concussions knocked him out of the game. The first came as a 16-year-old in midget hockey. He would have at least three more playing with the Flames' farm clubs. "I had noises in my head. It sounds like a vibrating sledgehammer with that oscillating sound and then I would lose my vision and it would come back as tunnel vision. You don't want it to happen again. It's scary." The *Star* interviewed GTHL players as young as 13 who dropped out of the game after their still-developing brains suffered concussions. "I feel the solution is in research," says Smith. "We need real data on the incidents, real data to support the short-term management, and real data on the long-term consequences."

What we are slowly learning about hockey-triggered concussions is troubling. "A lot of players were playing concussed," says Nicholson. "We didn't know

what was happening." Considering the stakes involved in blunt hits to young skulls, many are calling for greater vigilance, especially at the youth level.

Mark Moore, a former professional hockey player whose career was ended by a concussion in 2003, wrote *Saving the Game* as a blueprint for change in hockey. His head-saving proposal: Four-on-four hockey. The added room on the ice would reduce concussions by half, says Moore, who also authored a just-released book called *Making It In Hockey*. "There would be enough time and space to see players coming, to avoid injury. I also think the game would be more exciting and fun."

**Recommendation:** More research into the impact and scope of head hits and a zero-tolerance policy on head shots with tougher penalties and suspensions.

### ENFORCEMENT

"Look at how many repeat offenders are out there," says Randy Blomme, a coach with the Etobicoke Canucks minor bantam AA and Mississauga North Stars bantam AA teams. "You would be shocked."

While the GTHL can exercise discretion in leveling tougher suspensions than the mandatory minimums set by the Ontario Hockey Federation, it doesn't often happen, according to a *Star* analysis of 122 suspensions from last season. Moore, whose brother Steve also saw a promising pro hockey career end after a head injury resulting from the now-infamous Todd Bertuzzi hit in 2004, says hockey organizations should automatically track penalties for each player in order to assess escalating suspensions against repeat offenders. Nicholson says that kind of escalating suspension system has been discussed at Hockey Canada. "I am very supportive of any way we can get a safer environment," he says. "Suspensions have to increase and repeat offenders we have to look at to see if we want them in our game at all."

As it stands, there's insufficient deterrence for violence and racism in hockey, says Paul Dennis, a psychologist and former minor hockey coach who also spent 20 years with the Leafs in player development. "I don't think 10 games is too stiff a penalty," says Dennis. "This type of behavior is abhorrent and it's got to be stopped." GTHL president John Gardner says his own unwritten rule dictates that a player who injures another with reckless behavior should sit out as long as his victim. That doesn't always happen, records and experts say. And it's an unwritten rule that should be written, says Steve Kupresak, a GTHL vice-president last season and head of the referee committee for the past four seasons.

**Recommendation:** Increase the minimum suspension levels for serious penalties to better reflect their seriousness and provide greater deterrence.

### COACHING

As a team's coaching goes, so goes the behavior of players and their parents. Experts say the coach is the single biggest factor in determining the quality and tone of a team's on-ice performance. And while most coaches are dedicated to fair play and teamwork, experts agree there are often head-shaking examples of hotheaded conduct. "If I work three games in a night, in one of them I'm going to see a coach acting inappropriately," says referee Todd Clark. "I've had a water bottle thrown at me. I've seen coaches intimidating a player on an opposing team. If you referee long enough, there isn't an official who doesn't have a few of these stories. It's just part of the culture." While all coaches must be certified by Hockey Canada, the level of training is considered by many experts to be questionable. "It's a joke," says Dr. Bill Montelpare, a sports injury researcher at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. "Good coaches require far more understanding than what they're getting." Brian Coles, referee-in-chief for the GTHL, agrees. "Taking certification courses doesn't make them a good coach," he says. "I have had some wing-ding coaches."

**Recommendation:** More exhaustive training for coaches, focusing on skills development and a positive environment in which winning is not the primary motivation.

### EQUIPMENT

Hockey equipment manufacturers return to the drawing board every year with new ideas for enhancing style and safety on the ice. In recent times, the result has been harder, tougher, bigger gear. But that isn't necessarily a good thing, experts say. Dr. Pat Bishop, chair of the Canadian Standards Association committee that sets standards for hockey helmets, says there's no evidence the new model helmets prevent concussions. No such clinical trials have been done, he says. Dr. Charles Tator, a brain specialist in Toronto who works with the GTHL to educate coaches on the impact of hockey violence on young bodies, says it's time equipment standards were reviewed. "The CSA standard for hockey helmets is many years old. I'm old enough to see that the forces in hockey have gone up. ... If you skate faster and weigh more, you deliver more force." Dr. Paul Piccininni, president of the International Society for Dentistry, Sport and Trauma and a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation Medical Committee, says mouth guards can play a "huge role" in injury reduction. "The teeth are at risk from both direct blows and from the lower teeth being banged into the upper ones as a result of a fall or a hit," he says. There is also some data showing mouth guards can reduce the incidence and severity of concussions,

he says.

**Recommendation:** A review of hockey equipment standards with a focus on protecting both players and their opponents on the ice.

## SOCIAL TRENDS

Some issues facing minor hockey have roots deep beneath the ice and well beyond hockey's ability to fix. The celebration of violence in the media amounts to a self-fulfilling prophecy, says Dr. Howard Winston, a sport injury specialist and minor hockey coach. "The media, and someone like Don Cherry, have a huge responsibility when they speak in public or print in the paper because they do have a potentially dramatic impact on how players behave on the ice." Broken homes, drugs and alcoholism, and problems at school can also provide the hidden backdrop to abusive behavior on the ice, says the GTHL's Gardner. He tells the story of one 14-year-old with a clear record who suddenly got into trouble after cross-checking an opposing player to the head amid a fury of profanity. Rewind to three hours earlier. The teen arrived home from school to an emotionally devastating scene. "His father lost his job two weeks before and had taken to drinking," says Gardner. "The kid walks in the back door of the house and his mother is lying on the kitchen floor. His father had just hit her. What are you going to do in a situation like that? The problem didn't occur in hockey. Hockey provided the stage." Hockey officials can't solve all the problems facing the modern game, says Nicholson. "A lot of those are entrenched in the home. The family is different today. It's a new society. We have to find a way to address it. We are trying."

## Minor hockey referees fear for game, own safety

Increased threats, verbal and physical abuse against officials called 'disgusting'  
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When a Toronto teen lifted his stick and took a baseball-like swing at an opponent's leg during a minor hockey tournament in January, it was only the warm-up act. Enraged by the resulting penalty for slashing, the 16-year-old turned his temper at the referee in the kind of anti-authoritarian outburst that has many officials concerned for the game and, in some cases, their own safety. The player spun around, skated at the official and "cross-checked him in the chest," says a Greater Toronto Hockey League report on the incident. "(It was an) attempt to injure."

The Star gained exclusive access to 122 such reports into the GTHL's most serious on-ice incidents last

year. They revealed a disturbing pattern of growing racism, hits to the head and referee abuse.

Like many aggressors penalized for abusing officials, the player who cross-checked the referee had a long record of misdeeds. Since 2002, the player had accumulated 18 major penalties, including six for checking from behind, two for checks to the head and two for disputing the call of an official. He was given a seven-game suspension for the cross-check. "What I see today is a lack of respect for the game, for players and no respect for the referees," says Stan Butler, a coach currently with the Ontario Hockey League's Brampton Battalion. He spent decades in the GTHL, junior hockey and with Team Canada Juniors. "In the GTHL, I see kids getting into tussles with linesmen. I see kids disputing with the referees and slamming their sticks. ... It's disgusting."

There were more than 1,100 major penalties assessed in the GTHL last season for varying degrees of outbursts against officials. That's an instance every 10 games. There was an increased incidence last season of several serious penalties dealing with official abuse. There were 226 calls for "harassment of an official/unsportsmanlike conduct" – up from 65. The league conducted six investigations last season into "threatening an official" incidents, up from two the year before. Add to that a dozen calls of "physical abuse of an official," 200 "verbal abuse" of officials, and more than 650 cases of disputing officials' calls. At least some of those problems have nothing to do with hockey, says GTHL president John Gardner. The ice is merely the forum where deeper social problems play out, including troubles at home and frustration at school. "Hockey provided the stage where the spark ignited," Garner says. Others believe hero worship of rough-and-tumble NHL players inspires disrespect for officials. "Patterns do form from the way the pro game is played," says Brian Coles, chief referee for the GTHL. "All these kids want to be at the pro level. It is monkey see, monkey do."

In a survey done the league of 62 of the league's top under-17 players last year, all but 12 said they fashion their play after the pros. Youthful defiance could also be an expression of on-ice anxiety. Asked if there's too much pressure placed on young hockey players, about half the respondents answered yes.

Among the listed causes were "parents with unrealistic expectations"; "coach telling you need to perform for the scouts," agents and getting drafted into the Ontario Hockey League. Nearly half of respondents said they had endured intimidation tactics including "verbal attacks," "physical intimidation," "trash talking" and "chirping." "They all want to go to the NHL," said Pat Flatley, who coaches the GTHL's minor peewee

AAA Toronto Young Nationals after a 14-year career in the NHL. The pressure to get there, often intensified by coaches and parents, can set the stage for on-ice explosions, he says. "The kids feel that pain but then it's the coaches (in the dressing room) and the parents in the car." When things go wrong, says Flatley, there is a deeply held tradition in hockey: Blame someone else. "It's not the refs. Some nights, you just need to look in the mirror." Still, the refs are often scapegoats.

During a November 2008 game of 15-year-olds, officials broke up a fight between two players. One player "began to swing his fists at me and in the process hit me once in the chin, once in the helmet as he tried to break free to start another fight," says a league investigation report. "There was a clear attempt by (the player) ... to hit me out of the way as to instigate another encounter with the opposing player."

The fist thrower had seven major penalties between 2005 and 2008, including two game ejections and five for checking from behind. "We get what we tolerate," says Paul Dennis, who worked for the Toronto Maple Leafs in player development for two decades and is now a sports psychologist teaching at the University of Toronto and York University. "The penalties are clearly not severe enough and, therefore, we've built up this crescendo of players losing it (their self-control) because they're allowed to." Like Gardner, he says there are social factors beyond the rink that prompt such misconduct. "We're in a downward spiral with some of these children. It started somewhere before it got to this abhorrent behavior on the ice. It started with parents, teachers, coaches. But as long as we continue not to stop it, it's going to fester." Officials aren't the sole targets of on-ice rage. League records show numerous attempts by players to injure opponents.

## Survey Winners announced

Congratulations to the survey winners from the seminars earlier this season. These names were picked from all of the respondents to the post-seminar survey. The winners are:

- Thomas Evon
- Andrew Rosenthaler
- Richard Fisher
- Nick Hillier
- Aaron Krese

