D4 Update
Sept 15, 2025
6:30pm Google Meet

Attendance

Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**
Past Chair - Del Brown
Vice Chair – Glenn Austin
D4 Hockey Ops -
D4 Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith **Present**
D4 RIC – Brendon Stitt **Present**
D4 Assigning – Mike Clarkson **Present**
D4 Secretary – Jennifer Garner **Present**
D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon **Present**
D4 Webmaster – Brad MacDonald **Present**
LCMHL President – Mike Taylor **Present**
LCMHL Treasurer - Fiona Livingston **Present**
U9 LCMHL Statisticians – Shawna Kealey
U18 & U21 LCMHL Statisticians – Debbie Hechert **Present**
U11 LCMH Statistician – Jordan Heavens **Present**
U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Jane Cameron **Present**
U15 Statistician – Marie Cote **Present**
OVT - Joce Legault
Silver Seven - Tyler Nystedt **Present**
APMHA President - Scott Robillard **Present**
CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson **Present**
Romans – Martin Bouchard
MTK - Jennifer Downey **Present**
RMMHC –Jim Wallace **Present**
SMHA – Terry Foley **Present**
ORMHA - Cameron Legault **Present**
PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin **Present**
WCMHA – Chris Havey **Present**

Agenda Items:

Approval of August Meeting Minutes – Mike Smith & Morgan

LCMHL Update – Mike Taylor

The numbers in green are exceptions. To the 20/60/20 standard.

2025-26 Team Placement - LCMHL

	Almonte	Carleton Place	Osgoode/Rideau	Perth/Lanark	Richmond	Stittsville	West Carleton	Kemptville	Total	
U09 - Tier 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	8	45
U09 - Tier 2	2	4	3	2	3	6	4	-	24	
U09 - Tier 3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	-	13	
U11 - Tier 1	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	7	27
U11 - Tier 2	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	-	13	
U11 - Tier 3	-	1	1	1	-	3	1	-	7	
U13 - Tier 1	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	7	26
U13 - Tier 2	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	-	13	
U13 - Tier 3	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	6	
U15 - Tier 1	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	6	24
U15 - Tier 2	1	3	3	2	2	5	2	-	18	
U15 - Tier 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
U18 - Tier 1	1	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	6	28
U18 - Tier 2	2	3	4	2	2	6	3	-	22	
U21	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	7	7
Total	**14**	**24**	**24**	**15**	**17**	**40**	**22**	**1**	**157**	**157**
Yearly Change	2	1	0	4	-1	1	1	0	8	8
2024-25	12	23	24	11	18	39	21	1	149	149
2023-24	13	21	24	13	18	41	20		150	150
2022-23	14	18	25	13	19	41	20			
2021-22	13	17	24	13	17	43	19		146	146
2019-20	15	17	27	14	20	53	23		169	169
2018-19	13	15	23	13	18	46	24		152	152

CPMHA is requested an exception – Lots of the CP kids that tried out for S7 made it. We don't have the skill to have 2 A teams as a results.

U18 – We do not have the skill to have an A team. There is concern about the fallout if we field an A team.

ORMHA – We have the same number of teams as last year and that was our break down.

PMHA – Our competitive teams take up a lot of our skilled players, which takes from our house A teams. Still waiting for competitive tryouts to finish.

RMMHA – U13 might change. U18 is too early to judge what the numbers will be like.

SMHA – Still early, U11 based on the conditioning skates so far. We have a lot of new skaters at this age group.

U13 – Last year our C team did not have a goalie. This year we would like to have 2 to help balance the two teams.
U15 – we're looking at 7 teams right now, could be 6. Still waiting on tryouts to finish.
U18 – last year we had 9 teams, we believe we're back to 8 this year. But unsure as its still early.

WCMHA – Just starting to hit the ice, so its hard to know. U9 registration grew.
U13 – We're down in numbers.
U18 – We don't have the skill to host 2 A teams. So we're a 1/3 split there.

Fiona requests that we set a date for the late team placement meeting sooner than later.

Debbie – Sept 28th is when she starts to set the schedule, so she would request numbers before then.

Fiona – In terms of Fees for this year, we're still operating with some money in the bank, so I am not looking to increase the fees to $100 per team yet. It will likely be in the $75-$80 fee range. I will let you know shortly.

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

Timekeeper Rate increase.
The last time we gave them a raise was 3 years ago. We had a time keeper reach out to us who does a lot of games for us. Kanata is paying more than what D4 is paying and they're taking on more Kanata games.

We currently pay $17 for a 1 hour game. D11 is paying $18.50.

I can send an email out within the next week with all the information and we can take a secretarial vote.

New HC Regulation F.2 Affiliation

We were forwarded an email for Heo about the new AP rules.
Previously if you were playing U11 house as a minor, A B or C. You could not AP to U10 competitive.
This is now allowed.

Travel Permits - Signed to date 35 permits signed, for 112 tournaments so far. The first weekend starts Sept 19.

Transfers - 128 transfers as of Sept 11 @ 11pm

New HEO Minor Hockey Infraction Chat – Discipline

11.4 Discriminatory Slur - Same process as last year. We will not over turn a call unless we have proof the one accused did not say it. This has come up many times and HEO will not review it.

Video Review Policy - attached is the draft that was reviewed and discussed at the last meeting.

Suspensions cannot be appealed to HEO if they are under 3 games. If there is evidence that a suspension for less should be overturned (wrong player) then this will come to the District, but only after your executive has reviewed it and feels it is valid. D4 has a fee for appeals, however if it is a case of a wrong player we will not be applying the fee to this.

Appeal process - associations should handle all issues internally. D4 should only get involved if the parties are not satisfied with the outcome of their hearing / suspension etc. We will report monthly on any suspensions and expect each association to do the same. We want to be able to discuss these at the district table so that we all can learn from each others experiences as we can learn things to make all our volunteerism easier.

U21 League - If the LCMHL has a U21 league we need to ensure a consistent program. Teams and players must know the following:
1. No Alcohol or drugs of any kind
2. Bench staff must be certified and present for all games.

I would like to impose the same discipline as D9, which is a one and done. Fighting penalties will not be tolerated. They will be removed without refund.

TTM Access - I have updated the access lists and sent an email to each person to go in and reset their passwords. Registrars are to set everything up for your association.
Gamesheets - I have not received gamesheets yet…I have some that can get people through tryouts / sort outs if required.

Glenn – VP/Treasurer

We will be sending out officiating advances out within the next year. This will be based on what you burnt last year for officiating.

Fees will be about $750 per association this year. We have not asked for fees the last few years as we had a surplus. I got that down to nil last year, so the fees will be back this season.

We had a lot of tournaments last year which burnt up a lot of your contributions. What we are changing this year is that if you hold a tournament, we will send you an itemized list to be charged for which you will receive after the tournament.

District Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith

I sent out a note to all the Risk and Safety officers with reminders for the start of the season.

One I want to address is that they enforce the 2 deep rule for ALL ages. I've been in arenas where they are not doing this for the older ages.

Cell phones – There are NO pictures taken in the dressing rooms.

Well travelling around the arenas, I've noticed a lot of younger kids not wearing the proper equipment. Including neck guards, the cages must be atleast 1" from their chin and must hit the J clip.

Parent code of conduct – There have been parents using earpieces to talk to their kids on the ice. This is NOT permitted. It is considered illegal equipment. If these parents want to coach, they can volunteer to be on the bench.

This year we will be having meetings with risk and safety officers, this will happen monthly or atleast quarterly to discuss things we're experiencing.

We're waiting to hear back from Hockey Canada regarding what equipment on ice volunteers need to wear on the ice.

I will be going through TTM to clean up things from last year.

AMPHA – can you draft up something to mention the ear pieces not being allowed or the equipment requirements.

MS – Yes I will draft something up.

BS – I think you and I should be conversing a lot this season about the equipment expectations so officials can uphold these expectations.

SMHA – Brendon, please have your Ref's call penalties on those cages not fitting appropriately.

AW – Please also remind your coaches of the equipment requirements as a first line.

District Hockey Ops –

RIC & Assigning – Brendon Stitt & Mike Clarkson

All associations are currently focused on reviewing officials & ratings to ensure appropriate game assignments and onboarding their new officials.

Ray Cronkwright – CPMHA

- **Sept 16th:** MTK Exhibition Games in Pakenham and Carleton Place
    - Hunter Coady and Brendon Stitt will supervise in Pakenham
    - Ray and Brendan Boucher will supervise in Carleton Place
    - Officials seeking to advance to competitive hockey will volunteer and rotate each period. Supervisors ("Coaches") will provide feedback between periods as crews rotate.
- October 1st: CPMHA Officials On-Ice Session
    - Coaches: Ray Cronkwright, Ian Coutts, Brendan Boucher, and Brendon Stitt

Hunter Coady – APMHA

- **Sept 24th:** APMHA On-Ice Session at Pakenham Arena
    - Coaches: Hunter Coady, Brendon Stitt, Brendan Boucher, and Caleb Brown
    - Focus: drills, puck drop practice, procedures, and positioning
- Currently working through administrative tasks as new RIC of APMHA

Jared Coyle – ORMHA

- Planning an on-ice session for early October
- Completing administrative tasks as new RIC of ORMHA

Brayden Bowditch / Chris Clarkson – SMHA

- Preparing for a busy season
- Stittsville continues to have one of the largest groups of on-ice officials and timekeepers

Tim Reidel / Marek B. – RMMHA

- Both doing excellent work in their roles
- Tim has provided key input on the group's Code of Conduct updates
- Marek assisted at the Sept 9th Level 1/2/3 Recertification Clinic at JLA, alongside myself, Boucher, and instructor Tyler Conner

Brendon Stitt – PLMHA / WCMHA

PLMHA:

- Attending coaches meeting on **October 3rd** to provide rule change updates and reinforce the Green Armband initiative
- **PLMHA Duel Tournament (Oct 24–26):** PLMHA Duel Tournament will use a concept for the U18 rep level. It is for a tournament and was approved by PLMHA executive will be fine to run this. We will run four official for the tournament, the purpose being to invite officials to come and try to attain their rating to Referee and Lines U18 Rep hockey. A senior/HP Referee will work a set of three with an official looking to attain the rating and a senior/HP linesperson will work a set of three with a linesperson looking to get this rating. Only the semi- and finals will have a full experienced crew to work these games 4-official, the rest of the games will be for advancement purposes.

WCMHA:

- Significant growth with **15 new officials** of various ages
- **Sept 21st:** WCMHA On-Ice Session at Kinburn
- Coaches: Brendon Stitt and Ian Coutts (additional coaches to be confirmed)

District-Level Reports

Keith Hollyer – Officiating Manager

- Created a **Timekeeper Manual** for all D4 arenas particularly assist uncertified volunteers
- Assisting RICs with administrative responsibilities particularly Jared Coyle and Hunter Coady

Brendan Boucher – Assistant Referee-in-Chief

- Brendan had a Google Meets session with **Hockey Alberta's Director of Grassroots Officiating**. This was a meeting set up by and initiated by the Asst. RIC.
- Has submitted a comprehensive **Training; Development Plan** for D4 officials (see attached document)

Brendon Stitt – Referee-in-Chief

Key Focus: Traininn; Development/Rebuild

- Progress on Assistant RIC and Officiating Manager roles will be provided at the meeting in greater detail.
- Working to update D4 Officiating Code of Conduct…work in progress…

- Goal: **Double the number of supervisions** from last season in a fiscally responsible manner
- Addressed current **Hockey Canada suspensions** of 3 D4 officials:
    - Leo Makovich (RMMHA): Suspension lifted
    - Ella Hogan (SMHA): Suspended until Dec 31
    - Phillip Keogan (SMHA): Suspension under review
    - Note: These are Hockey Canada suspensions, not HEO or D4 decisions
- **Rule Reminders:**
    - U9 = 1-minute minors, etc.
        - 3 minute majors which still carry a 1 game
    - U11 = 2-minute minors, etc.
- **Clinic Updates:**
    - **New Official Clinic in Carleton Place**: 72 attendees (highest in years, per HEO Clinic Lead Mike Ostrom)
    - **Returning Level 1/2/3 Recert in Stittsville:** 68 attendees

Mike Clarkson – A lot of data base updates bc we have a lot of new officials, so that is on-going.

Lots of exhibition games loaded.

One sensplex tournament has already been loaded.

D4 Webmaster- Brad MacDonald

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

All the registrars are doing a great job to stay on top of things. I know a lot of them were working over the weekend this weekend to get things done.

Transfers are coming in.

Things are going pretty well.

Just make sure people are registering for clinics.

APMHA - Scott Robillard

We're just getting started with our conditioning skates. Ice is in in Pakenham. Lots of volunteers and so far so good.

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

Is PLMHA and AMHA has a surplus of U15 goalies, I have none.

Amanda and Stu met with the town of CP, they're in the works with Livebarn.

We've been doing conditioning since the beginning of September. Things are going good.

Mike Smith, maybe we can take this offline, We're are struggling with 2 deep with VSC people.

Other than that, everything else is good.

ORMHA – Cameron Legault

U9 sortouts are just starting.

Everything is just getting going.

Our biggest challenge has been Osgoode being shut down so we've been shuffling around the city finding ice. We should be ok to start everything on time.

The start up for Osgoode is the 2nd week of October. As soon as we hear confirmation, we will touch base with you guys.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

All good here, we just started tryouts on the weekend.

We'll have to watch that 2 deep rule in the dressing room.

AW – we also need trainers at conditionings.

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

We're doing the best we can with the volunteers at sortouts as well. We struggle getting enough volunteers to fulfill.

We do have trainers on hand.

I have not received access to TTM if you've sent that out?

Our risk and safety doesn't have access to check on coaches. Etc.

SMHA – Terry Foley

We're off and running, we are through conditioning for house. Sort outs start this weekend for them.

We're off and rolling

WCMHA – Chris Havey

Exhibition games – Do we send an email for every exhibition game?

AW – You're allowed 4 games, not including your tryout games. These need to be included on your travel permit.

DH – As scheduler is it acceptable for me to send you an email with all the exhibition games we had that month?

AW – Yes. We could even have a shared document for people to list their exhibition games.

DH – That would be perfect.

AW – I will created a shared doc tomorrow.

I accepted the resignation of our risk and safety director. Another director is expected to take on that role quickly.

We put in a new policy for players, if they are not dressed in full equipment, they are not allowed to be on a bench.

MTK – Jennifer Downey

We're good. Plugging away at tryouts. It was a big weekend this past weekend.

We are happy to work with the officials to get them evaluated.

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

Titans – Joce Legault

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

This Saturday we finished u9 tryouts.

We're waiting for the AAA U18 combine to finish and then we can start out U18 tryouts.

Exhibition season is here.

We’re moving a head and everything is good.