Overview

• Significant changes were achieved.
• Players, coaches, officials and individual leagues should all be commended for their commitment to the New Standard of Play.
• The Canadian Ball Hockey Association felt that full compliance would take up to five years.
• With continued diligence by officials, this time frame is being reduced so that we will see our goal reached either this season or next summer.
Your Role……

Break officials of old habits and establish new ones.

Motivate the change.

- See it, react to it.
- Put the whistle away.
- Only call it if it takes away a scoring opportunity.
- Don’t guess. Don’t over-react. Establish good sightlines.
- Let them play.
- Speed and skill must be rewarded, not eliminated.
- Let the players decide the game.
Issues with New Standard of Play

- Some officials had difficulty transitioning to the New Standard.
- Applying the proper rule to the offence - eg hooking instead of Interference.
- **Phantom calls** made – official saw only part of the play and reacted.
- **Positioning was paramount** – to ensure proper sightlines bad positioning means missed calls.
Safe & Fair

• The official must also ensure that the game is *fair* to all players. This is done by ensuring that the rules are adhered to.

• The primary function of all officials is to ensure the *safety* of all players in the contest.

• When the official ensures the game is safe and fair to all, then the *integrity* of the game is maintained.
Competitive Advantage

• Refereeing by the new standard is about recognizing when a player uses an unfair tactic to gain a competitive advantage; e.g. Holding, Hooking, Interference.

• Recognizing when actions move from the “danger zone” to “actions of consequence” will determine if a penalty shall be called.
How?

- Refereeing is about “SEEING AND REACTING”, not “PICKING AND CHOOSING” when it comes to the Standard of play.
- Calling penalties based on the act.
- A possible missed infraction is justifiable, but a phantom call is unacceptable.