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To all officials working Minor Hockey in Calgary:

The CZRC has partnered with Minor Hockey Association of Calgary (MHAC) this year to use an internet tool to assist in tracking the behavior of players, coaches and fans at all levels of Minor Hockey, from Junior B down to Novice.

This is expected to assist MHAC in tracking any teams or organizations that are consistently displaying unsportsmanlike behavior, or treating officials with a great deal of disrespect. It is also expected that it will assist us, as CZRC officials, to find officials who are having difficulty when working their games and provide coaching and assistance to those officials, so they get more enjoyment out of the job they are doing.

We will be using the tool developed at <http://wejustplay.com> to track this information. It will be introduced at our clinics this season, along with instruction on how to use the website.

To be able to use this website, officials must register their information individually, from a name and e-mail list that will be provided to the administrators at We Just Play. Each official who is willing to register will receive an e-mail from We Just Play, requesting your name, age, gender, level of hockey officiated, current official number and how long they have been officiating. This information will be kept confidential and will **NOT** be distributed to any third party. The information will not be seen by anybody other than We Just Play administrators; CZRC Executive members will not have access to passwords, etc. CZRC Executive members will be able to view officials names from reports generated by the web tool, so we can provide the above-mentioned coaching and assistance where necessary. MHAC Executive members will be able to view referee numbers, and have added incentives, in the form of prizes such as Hitmen game tickets to encourage participation by all officials who work Minor Hockey in Calgary.

As a result of this, we are asking all our officials to give their approval to have their names and e-mail addresses, where they exist, forwarded to We Just Play to begin this process. If you do **NOT** wish to have your name and e-mail address forwarded, please let me know by August 21, 2006, so that it is not included in the list forwarded to We Just Play. For those officials who are younger than 18 years of age, please discuss this with your parents or guardians before granting your approval to have this information forwarded.

We on the CZRC Executive are very excited about this, as we feel this is a tool that will assist all our officials, but especially our newer officials. Currently, there is no way to voice complaints about overall team behavior and we believe this is one of the issues that cause officials to quit.

This tool addresses that concern and gives us a voice that MHAC has committed to listening to. MHAC has already implemented several practices (Fair Play, as an example) to help alleviate abuse of officials and this is a tool that will allow us, as officials, to assist MHAC in their goal. We also believe this will help us provide assistance to our officials who may be struggling and not enjoying the game as much as they can to improve and gain more enjoyment from being on the ice.

Sincerely,

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