



D4 Update

April 20 2026

6:30pm Cardel Recreation Complex

Attendance

Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**

Past Chair - Del Brown

Vice Chair – Glenn Austin

Treasurer – Andrea Tunks

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 **Present**

U18 & U21 LCMHL Statisticians – Debbie Hechert

U11 LCMH Statistician – Jordan Heavens

U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Jane Cameron

U15 Statistician – Amanda Wagorn **Present**

OVT - Joce Legault

Silver Seven - Tyler Nystedt

APMHA President - Scott Robillard **Present**

CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson

Romans – Martin Bouchard **Present**

MTK - Jennifer Downey **Present**

RMMHC –Jim Wallace **Present**

SMHA – Terry Foley – Natasha

ORMHA - Cameron Legault **Present**

PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin

WCMHA – Chris Havey **Present**

Agenda Items:

Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Heather Nixon & Mike Smith

Approval of Agenda for April - Terry Foley

LCMHL Update – Mike Taylor

1. Playoffs

Division	Pool	Team
U11 T1	Championship	Stittsville Rams 02
U11 T2	Championship	Almonte Pakenham Thunder 01
U11 T2	Consolation	Stittsville Rams 03
U11 T3	Championship	Almonte Pakenham Thunder 01
U11 T3	Consolation	Stittsville Rams 02
U13 T1	Championship	Stittsville Rams 01
U13 T2	Championship	Perth Lanark Wings 02
U13 T2	Consolation	Almonte Pakenham Thunder 01
U13 T3	Championship	Perth Lanark Wings 01
U15 T1	Championship	Stittsville Rams 02
U15 T2	Championship	Osgoode Rideau Senators 04
U15 T2	Consolation	Stittsville Rams 05
U18 T1	Championship	Almonte Pakenham Thunder 01
U18 T2	Championship	Perth Lanark Wings 01
U18 T2	Consolation	Stittsville Rams 05
U21 T2	Championship	Almonte Pakenham Thunder 01

Banners have been ordered – Awaiting confirmation of completion

2. Handbook Changes

- a. Submitted to Fiona as she is going through the book
- b. Working with Fiona to have something to Present in the summer with a goal of having it published before beginning of next season
 - i. Playoff format
 - ii. Exceptions
 - iii. Weather related cancellation process
 - iv. Game curfew
 - v. Overtime format
 - vi. Referencing # of games for automatic suspension – Remove and refer to HEO guidelines so there is no discrepancy (for example ineligible player
 - vii. Game allocation and how to proceed with an exhibition game
 - viii. Run-time and 5 goal differentials

3. Electronic Game sheets – Brad McDonald

- a. Motion to approve moving forward with Teamlinkt as the electronic game sheet supplier with roll-out ready for the 2026-2027 season.

TeamLinkt would invoice LCMHL then LCMHL would bill the associations. Drawback we would lose individual team sites, only in Stittsville seems to use this.

Timekeepers would enter the game sheet in Teamlinkt on their phone.

Jim W - If we agree what is the commitment?

Brad - It is year to year.

Mike T - I think we should come up internally to an agreed time frame.

Terry Foley motions to approve TeamLinkt as our digital gamesheet provider for LCMHL.

Scott Robillard 2nds this and no one opposes.

Cam asks that the league emails sportzheads to let them know we will be moving to TeamLinkt.

4. Exceptions - Fiona

Quite a few exceptions this year.

4 team leagues are very tough.

U18 - 6 Tier 1
23 Tier 2

U15 5 Tier 1
18 Tier 2

HEO has two guidelines for splits, one for 3 Tiers and one for 2 Tier leagues.

Scott R asks about bringing back U15 Tier 3, Stittsville has a need for this. Osgoode would be good with U15 Tier 3 as well.

Amanda Wagorn - What was disastrous about U15 C last time?

Fiona - Not many teams, no tournaments for that level.

Mike C - In the past we would play with Kanata house C.

West Carleton would like U15C

Amanda Waterfield suggests seeding games for team placements.

The short time frame for asking for exceptions is a concern.

We agree to follow HEOs team placement rules next season.

5. AGM

a. Amanda and I will be trying to attend all AGM's

1. **Thank you again to the statisticians and schedulers for all of their hard work and dedication, it is not an easy job to manage managers and coaches. I appreciate what you have done for the league and thank you again for your help this year.**

1. **U9 – Shawna**
2. **U11-Jordan (not in attendance)**
3. **U13 – Not in attendance**
4. **U15 – Amanda**
5. **U18-21 – Debbie – Not in attendance**

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

Waterfield - we have 5 ITP reviews with a third party investigator.

Modified d4 constitution coming to be voted in at our AGM in May.

Associations are busy preparing for their AGMs.

Glenn – VP/Treasurer

District Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith

Mike sent out all the carry over suspensions.

District Hockey Ops –

RIC & Assigning – Brendon Stitt & Mike Clarkson

Last week, I attended two meetings: the HEO Minor RIC meeting with all District RICs, followed the next night by a meeting with my Association RICs and D4 Officiating Executive. Some of this

may already be familiar or may have been mentioned previously, but I felt it was easiest to provide a full recap in one report.

HEO Minor RIC Meeting Recap

- * District 4 finished the season with **649 supervisions**, which placed us **2nd overall out of 11 Districts**. This is a strong result and reflects the effort that went into supervision and development this season.
- * On the quiz side, we finished **6th of 11 Districts** in TTM Quiz participation/completion. That is an area where we need to be better next season.
- * The **HEO Video Review Policy** has now been finalized and is expected to be posted on HEO site and emailed out next week.
- * As District RIC, I continue to have the authority to nominate officials for Central Assigning (AA/AAA). In addition, I now also, after a policy change, have the authority to recommend removal from Central for officials who are not pulling their weight at the District level or are otherwise not in good standing.
- * The **HEO Officials Code of Conduct** was updated by John Reid and is now available on the HEO website.
- * At the Hockey Canada level, the **U9 Pathway** has changed, and U9 will move to **full ice late December**.
- * Officials will also be seeing a **\$2 pay raise per official, per division, per role**.
- * Rule 11.5 (Abuse of Official) was another topic of discussion. Last season, we saw just **3 calls** under 11.5. This season, there were **22**. In some cases, calls were made and upheld, some were overturned and in others they could've been avoided by better officiating procedures. This is HEO-wide numbers including Junior, AAA, A/AA and Minor.
- * This is also a **rule change year**, so there will be more to come on that front.
- * Another item coming down the pipeline is **Shift Focus** on Spordle. This will replace Respect in Sport and must be completed by the **2027–28 season**.
- * The timeline for certification and re-certification clinics being posted will remain the same as in previous years. I will again be putting in for **two clinics in District 4**.
- * Lastly, after taking home **four HEO awards last season**, HEO opted this year to spread recognition more broadly across the other Districts. Given that we have **19 awards of our own** to hand out at our banquet, I was perfectly fine letting that one go.

D4 RIC / Executive Meeting Notes

- * District 4 will be offering **three dryland sessions this summer**.

* In **May and June**, Association RICs will begin providing me with their approximate staffing needs for next season. We will then hold **information sessions/open houses in June** for new officials. Those who remain interested will move on to an off-ice basic rules and hockey IQ test **in July**, followed by **on-ice sessions in August** to evaluate skating proficiency and overall ability. The timeline will be tight, but decisions will be made before clinics begin in September.

* The D4 Officiating Executive has also decided **not to further pursue the 2 Referee + 1 Linesperson system**. Instead, we will continue using **1 Referee + 2 Linespersons** as our standard. That said, for games where we anticipate issues, as well as certain tournaments and older playoff finals, we reserve the right to use a **4-official system** when needed (for LCMHL only). We believe this approach is more practical than the 2+1 system, which would increase payroll and create consistency issues.

* We also believe that **16-year-old officials turning 17, as well as 17-year-old officials who are no longer actively playing**, can line **U18 hockey**. This would be for lining only, not reffing, and ideally alongside an experienced partner. We feel this is a better option than running a 2-official system at the U18 level. Perfect world would be three experienced adult officials, but that's not always an option. If any Association President has a serious concern with this, they are welcome to bring it directly to my attention.

* Our **D4 Officiating Banquet** is set for **August 25th**. With **19 awards**, food, and beverages, it should be a fun event following a short meeting to start things off.

* We are also postponing any final decision on **Referee Buddies** and **Referee Reps** until a larger percentage of our officials have responded to the feedback form.

D4 Officiating Executive Team – 2026–27

The D4 Officiating Executive Team for next season is now confirmed (minus one role) and as follows:

RIC: Brendon Stitt

Assistant RIC: Trevor Harding

Supervision Director: Ian Coutts

Officiating Manager: Keith Hollyer

Assignor: Mike Clarkson

The **Policy & Ethics Supervisor** role is still to be finalized. The two candidates are **Jason Etele** and **Jordan LeBlanc**, and a selection will be made by the time of the D4 Officiating Banquet.

* The reason for creating two additional support volunteer roles is simple. Unlike me, where I can put in 40 hours plus a week during the winter into a volunteer role, the Assistant RIC and Officiating Manager positions were carrying too much for what should realistically be casual or part-time volunteer roles. These new positions are extensions of those roles and are intended to better spread responsibilities across the executive in a way that is more fair, sustainable, and realistic.

Association Notes

Association RICs will, by and large, remain the same heading into next season. There may be some changes in the works at **RMMHA** and **WCMHA**, but I will leave those decisions and possible announcements to the respective associations.

I also want to note that **Daniel Manchisi and Marcus Almeida** remain two of the top supervisors/coaches within our program as well.

Mike Clarkson Referee rates are going up and timekeepers have not had a rate increase in many years. This is not Hockey Canada rules, it would be up to the district to determine if timekeepers should receive a rate increase. They're currently being paid \$17/hr

Terry Suggests \$19/hr

Terry motions for the rate to increase from \$17/hr to \$19/hr and Martin seconded this.

D4 Webmaster- Brad MacDonald

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

Should we still be collecting the \$25 tryout fee for players trying out at competitive teams regardless if they're successful? The work for registrars stays the same.

Waterfield - We are the only district that collects this.

Romans, Osgoode, Almonte Pakenham and Richmond all want to keep collecting this tryout fee.

Richmond is using this money to pay their registrar.

Cam asks Heather what her opinion is.

Heather feels that registrars feel better about their efforts for transferring these players as there is a gain for their home association.

Martin puts the motion forward to keep charging the \$25. Chris Havey 2nds it.

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