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"Stay safe, wear a mask, hope to see you at the rink soon!"

"Thank you
Timekeepers,
Referees, Linesmen,
and Officials!"

"I love walking into the referee room after a game I mentored...giving positive/constructive feedback and watching the officials learn...I love watching officials go from game 1 of year 1 to however far they will go!"

In the past I enjoyed officiating for the love of the game and the great connections I've made with others who I'm happy to call friends. Over the last few years I've enjoyed passing my knowledge on to the younger officials supporting them on their development and providing a welcoming environment!

In my first two years of Officiating I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience as an official thanks to many mentors along the way from the APSJ area. I have had a lot of mentorships every year which have undoubtedly help me progress so much as an official.

Almost all the players came to me on the ice after the game and thanked me or said good game. When I played, I never did that but now that I am a ref I know what it means to get that thank you, it may not be much but it shows you that people are noticing the work you put in.

I like being at the rink and seeing familiar faces. I love all things hockey and it's also a good way for a young kid like me to earn a pay cheque!

I enjoy timekeeping because I love sports and when the coaches thank me after I feel good about doing a good job.

One time while I was in the dressing room, a group of very nice coaches brought me and my partner cups of Tim Horton's hot chocolate.

It has allowed me to become more independent and be engage in amateur sport in my community.

It's fun to be part of another family. It's fun to stay in the game, I get to experience the game from a different perspective.

One of the most memorable moments I've experienced is being recognized by one of my former hockey coaches as doing a great job, he shook my hand and complimented me on the game I just officiated - this spoke volumes because this same coach was someone I highly regarded.

I enjoy officiating because it's great exercise, the people I've met and get to work with are great and officiating is a ton of fun!

My most positive experience has been as a mentor. I've been fortunate enough to help get some young women and men started as officials, and then years later I get to sit and watch them work high tier leagues, knowing that I played a small role in getting them to where they are today.

Helped me gain more confidence and I enjoy meeting the reffing community and how helpful they have been.

We get to be on the ice, helping players stay safe, play fair, have fun, and have an overall great experience

It reminds me of when I was younger and how much I enjoyed playing this sport with my friends. I also know many people in the Charleswood community and so it's nice to see all the familiar faces.

I enjoy the comradery in the room and on the ice as you get to higher levels and truly are a team rather than partners for an hour.

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“I love the game of hockey and can't get enough of it! When I'm on the ice, I'm challenged by the many scenarios and these challenges push me to improve myself. One of the most memorable moments I've experienced is being recognized by one of my former hockey coaches as doing a great job, he shook my hand and complimented me on the game I just officiated - this spoke volumes because this same coach was someone I highly regarded.”

“I love giving back to the kids and being part of the game.”



“I love all things hockey.”

“Officiating for me is a great way to give back to a sport that I played growing up.”

“Last season I was unable to play hockey as I had an injury. Being able to timekeep allowed me to stay involved in hockey.”

“I enjoy officiating because it give me the opportunity mentor young hockey players and also gives me the opportunity to learn and grow as an official, as I get into higher levels”

“I love watching the hockey and ensuring it is safe.”

“It’s my first year and given the pandemic, I was happy I could take the online course so I'd be ready once the season started.”

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“It's my first year and hoping to get on the ice soon for my first mentor game!”

“I really enjoy the atmosphere of reffing, as much as I like reffing the higher levels, I also enjoy having fun with the younger players. I am able to teach them a sport that I am so passionate about. That being said i also love the intensity of the higher levels!”

“Chance to be active in hockey.”

“It's a nice way to meet new people.”

“I officiated my brother's hockey game for 9A1 and gave him a goal and a penalty in the same game.”

I like officiating because it gives me the chance to skate and push myself while enjoying some good hockey.

“I haven't started yet but I really hope to get in games this winter!”

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“I enjoy officiating because of the community. Everyone bonds over hockey and officiating to become friends, even if they wouldn't in any other situation.”

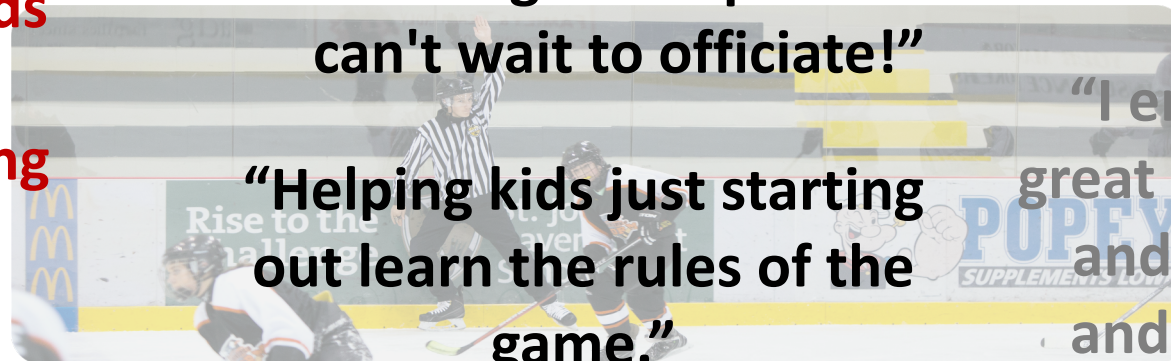
“Helped me gain more confidence and I enjoy meeting the refing community and how helpful they have been.”

“I'm new to officiating and was just certified - waiting for hockey to return to play so I can put what I learned into action. My older brother has reffed for a few years now and talks about what a great experience it is - can't wait to officiate!”

“Getting thanked by the coaches for reffing a good game. I like that my friends ref with me at times. I like working at hockey.”

“Helping kids just starting out learn the rules of the game.”

“I enjoy officiating because it's great exercise, the people I've met and get to work with are great and officiating is a ton of fun!”



“In addition to my 10 years of coaching players the right way, this is an additional opportunity to help educate / coach players regarding the rules & fair play.”

“I enjoy timekeeping because I love sports and when the coaches thank me after I feel good about doing a good job.”

“Officiating gave me an arena to think through decision making and considerations of fairness that balances rule and a bigger picture outcome. I used this knowledge to start my career. But nothing beats post-game hang outs.”

“I enjoy officiating to see all the excitement of the players when they get a first goal . I enjoy watching teams who exemplify teamwork. My best experience was getting told by a coach one year that I had really developed a lot over the years he'd seen me and he said this in a positive way.”

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“I enjoy watching all ages play hockey and feel like I am part of the game while officiating.”





“I have three reasons officiating means so much to me. 1 - I have gotten the opportunity to experience hockey I never would have otherwise experienced as a player (such as university hockey). 2 - it’s a surreal feeling going from being a student at various clinics or on the ice, to being part of the team instructing new officials at clinics and mentorships. Incredibly rewarding. 3 - I have met some fantastic people through officiating, including some of my best friends. Hope everyone is staying safe!”

“Staying involved. Being with a team. The community.”

“The daily challenge of being in position and alert to the developing play to be able to make the right call - to help make the game fun for the players by keeping it safe and fair.”

“Reffing for 40 years and I do not know how to stop. Just Love it! And the orange arm bands...love those too.”

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