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**TO:** Officers  
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**INFO:** Referee in Chiefs  
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**SUBJECT:** Sharing of Water Bottles

Over the past year there has been concern shown over the potential health risks related to the sharing of water bottles by players, officials, coaches and other participants. The Canadian Hockey Safety Program recommends the following protocol as it relates to the use of water bottles:

“Good team hygiene includes ensuring all players and staff have their own water bottles to prevent the transmission of viruses and bacteria. Bottles should be labeled and washed after each practice or game.”

It is further recommended that officials avoid the practice of drinking from the goaltenders water bottle. If officials require water during a game, we suggest they have their own water bottle at the penalty bench.

Good hygienic practices will help to maintain a healthy team atmosphere and ultimately assist in keeping all participants healthy throughout the season.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 613-562-5677 extension 2323.

Sincerely

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