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Date: September 14, 2010

To: NOHA Officials

From: Bryce Kulik

Re: Throat Protectors

Last season, the NOHA Referee Committee introduced a policy, strongly recommending that all On-Ice Officials wear approved BNQ Throat Protectors. At that time, it was our understanding that the OHF would be mandating this effective for the beginning of the 2010/2011 season.

This has not been passed by the OHF as of yet, but at the annual NOHA Referee-in-Chief Meeting held in August, all Referees-in-Chief were in favour of the NOHA moving forward with its own policy. In fact, some Referees-in-Chief have already advised their Officials to be purchasing throat protectors.

At the recent NOHA Executive Meeting, the following motion was approved:

“That the wearing of a black BNQ approved throat protector be mandatory for all NOHA HCOP on-ice Officials commencing November 15, 2010”

Please see below for some examples of BNQ approved throat protectors that are available for purchase. It is important to note that the only requirements when purchasing a throat protector is that it is BNQ approved and it is black in colour.



BNQ Throat Protector Shirt



BNQ Throat Protector



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We understand that in some cities and towns that it can be difficult to find throat protectors, and therefore we would like to suggest the following website as an alternative for Officials to purchase throat protectors:

<http://www.refstuff.ca> - This website has several options for BNQ throat protectors, as well as other Officiating equipment. Use the promotional code, "REF100" to receive an additional 10% off.

Should you have any questions about the policy, please contact Jason Marchand at the NOHA Office at (705) 474-8851 or jmarchand@noha.on.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryce Kulik".

Bryce Kulik
NOHA President