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**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE :** November 10, 2015

**TO | À :** National Referee Program, Provincial Referee Managers

**FROM | DE :** Isaac Raymond; Manager, Referee Department

**RE :** Advice on the mechanics for applying advantage.

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Traditionally, when a referee signals to play advantage the voice command is recommended as “advantage, play on”. However, the words “play on” or just “play” are also used by referees at other times when there is no foul. For example, it is also appropriate to say “play on” when the referee wants to ensure that the players continue to play because they may think there was a foul (but the referee disagrees).

As such, it can be confusing to the players as to when advantage has really been applied. The recommendation and guidance to referees is to say the word “advantage” only, along with the correct arms signal when there is a foul committed and advantage is applied.

In addition, when there is a possibility of applying advantage the referee should wait as long as possible before signaling and shouting “advantage” to ensure that it is not done too quickly and then have to retract the signal when the anticipated advantage does not ensue. In this case it is preferred that the referee delays the advantage signal until in fact the advantage has developed.

