

Training Coordinator Report – VLOA

1. VLOA was very successful in offering training clinics for new officials throughout the state of Vermont during the months of February and March 2012. Jim Manahan conducted 2 clinics in northern VT on March 4th and March 11th in Colchester, VT. Jamie Stewart conducted clinics on February 19, 26th and March 4th in Rutland. Jim Farrell conducted a clinic on 3/18 in Bennington, VT. The clinics were well publicized and it's estimated that we had over 55 attendee's at all of the clinics.
2. Next season, the training clinics will again be offered and attempts will be made to offer training in the White River Junction area in addition to our current locations.
3. The Agenda for next years Annual Clinic will be developed by the Training Coordinator in conjunction with the Assignor/ Rules Interpreter and VLOA Executive Board. The Assignor will continue to run the meeting but the Training Coordinator will be responsible for meeting content.
4. Some follow-up items to note for the remainder of the season based on the Training Coordinator's presentation from the Annual Clinic include: a) On Face Off's – FO official needs to be set before bringing down the players along with making sure to adjudicate the FO before leaving the FO area. B) We need to penalize Hits to the Head with multiple NR minutes if warranted. We also agreed that when high hits occur on the field, the officials will get together and discuss before administering the penalty. C) New Counts – once ball is brought into the box – not need for an additional 10 second count unless the ball is INTENTIONALLY propelled or brought over mid-field by the team in possession. D) Slashes – VLOA needs to be

- consistent and look for intent and severity of the blow in determining slash calls.
5. Some items to consider to further enhance training for VLOA Officials include 1) Possible development of mentor program for newer officials 2) Consider offering a couple pre-season training clinics for CURRENT VLOA members to review rules, mechanics, game situations, etc. These items will be discussed by the VLOA Training Coordinator at the VLOA year end meeting on May 29th under new business.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the VLOA Training Coordinator as it's a work in progress!!

Respectfully Submitted:

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