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HOCKEY EAST TO ASSIGN OFFICIALS FOR ATLANTIC HOCKEY

The Hockey East Association will assign and monitor on-ice officials for the inaugural season of the Atlantic Hockey Association, it was announced today jointly by Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna and Atlantic Hockey Commissioner Bob DeGregorio. Brendan Sheehy will hold the title of Supervisor of Officials for both conferences and will be assisted by David Murphy, a longtime observer for Hockey East. Murphy's title will be Associate Supervisor of Officials.

"It is exciting to be part of Atlantic Hockey's first season," said Joe Bertagna. "We are honored to be asked to provide this service and we feel the expanded number of games will prove to be a benefit to all the officials who collectively work these two leagues."

Under the agreement, Hockey East will assume responsibility for identifying the pool of officials who will work the 140+ games scheduled for Atlantic Hockey arenas. These include league and non-league games alike. Hockey East will also take responsibility for all assignments and will also monitor the performance of these officials, in consultation with Atlantic Hockey coaches, assigned observers, and league office staff.

"We are pleased that Hockey East has responded so favorably and enthusiastically to our request that they assign our on-ice officials," said Atlantic Hockey Commissioner Bob DeGregorio. "I am very familiar with many of the officials and with both Brendan and Dave. I hope and expect that this is just the first step in what will be a close working relationship between Atlantic Hockey and Hockey East."

Brendan Sheehy is a 1971 graduate of Merrimack College. His resume includes an extensive background in both coaching and officiating. The Hockey East Supervisor of Officials since 1994, Sheehy works as a manufacturer's rep for Bauer Nike Hockey, Inc.

Dave Murphy played his college hockey at Salem State before beginning a career as an official and administrator. He joined Hockey East in 1999 after serving many years as an observer for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

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