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SEVEN HOCKEY EAST OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR ELITE DUTY ***Five major international hockey tournaments will feature Hockey East officials***

Offering another testimony to the level of professionalism and skill of its officials, the Hockey East Association is pleased to acknowledge the selection of seven of its own to five major international tournaments.

Bob Bernard, a 7th year assistant referee, is the first of the group to see action. He is currently officiating the World Junior Championship, Division I, in Belarus. Steve Glines, in his first year with Hockey East, will be officiating later this month in the World Junior Championships, featuring the best junior players in the world. Nathan Gerbe and Cory Schneider of Boston College are slated to compete as members of Team USA.

Three Hockey East officials have gotten the call to officiate in the sport's culminating event, the Winter Olympics. Danyel Howard and Julie Piacentini, who have worked regular assignments for Hockey East since the inception of the women's league, will be working the women's Olympic tournament, while Kevin Redding has been assigned to the men's tournament. In May, Dave Hansen and Joe Ross will work the World Championships.

"The quality of officials in Hockey East increases every year," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna. "We're proud and excited that our personnel have been selected to work such prestigious events. Their experiences can only enhance the quality of our competitions in the future."

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team Division-I college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 1983, the conference is entering its 22nd season as one of the premier collegiate hockey conferences in the country. Hockey East teams are consistently ranked among the top programs in the nation and member teams have won four NCAA championships in the past 13 years. The conference also sponsors a women's league, founded in 2001, which currently features eight Division-I programs.

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