

**ASA Rocky Mountain Cup Tournament– Sherwood Park –  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>  
A Great Experience for Calgary Officials**

A group of Calgary officials (all CDSRA members) were invited to participate in the referee development camp as part of Rocky Mountain Cup in Sherwood Park from July 3 – July 7. It was a great experience for all. Referees invited were Sara Bradshaw (as a role model for the younger female officials invited), JP Shukry (a returnee from 2006), Vangelis Karamanos, Murray Adlard (filled in at the last minute due to a cancellation) and Kevin Donlevy. Richard Sansregret led the instructional program. Dereck Illingworth and Leo Donlevy were there as Assessors.

All of the referees developed their skills throughout the tournament and I am pleased to tell you that the two toughest games of the final day were earned by JP and Kevin. I received a number of very positive comments from parents about the quality of the officiating overall and I certainly witnessed some great on-field performances.

The camp began a day before the tournament with technical sessions and the FIFA fitness test. Seven of the 20 referees passed it. Every day the crews were at the fields for breakfast and some had 8:00 a.m. games. Each game had an assessor assigned. After the day's games there were stretching sessions, dinner and technical sessions until about 9:30. Long days, and never enough sleep, but the on-field improvement across the board was really great to see.

Rocky Mountain cup featured provincial rep teams of U 13 and U 15 boys and girls from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and NWT, plus a few high-level club teams (Calgary Foothills and Sherwood Park). The soccer was very skilled and physical at times, and really tested the officials.

Great job, Calgary crew. You did us all proud!

Leo Donlevy