



SOUTH SHORE ROLLER HOCKEY
RULEBOOK 2008

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SECTION ONE-GENERAL

RULE	DESCRIPTION
EQUIPMENT	<u>MANDATORY ALL DIVISIONS</u> PROTECTIVE CUP, GLOVES DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY, INTERNAL MOUTH GUARD, ELBOW PADS, KNEE AND SHIN PROTECTION, HELMET WITH FULL CAGE/SHIELD (HECC APPROVED). <u>NO MYLEC EQUIPMENT.</u>
PUCK	LEAGUE DISCRETION
MINOR PENALTIES	TEAMS CANNOT BE REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 PLAYERS WITH 5 ON 5 PLAY AND 2 PLAYERS WITH 4 ON 4 PLAY. THREE MINOR PENALTIES TO SAME PLAYER IN A GAME, PLAYER IS SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF GAME.
MAJOR PENALTIES	CARRY AN AUTOMATIC GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.
GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES	CARRY AN AUTOMATIC 1 GAME SUSPENSION
BODY-CHECKING	NO INTENTIONAL BODY CHECKING ALLOWED AT ANY LEVEL.
RAIN OUTS/DELAYS	GAMES WILL BE DECLARED RAINED OUT AFTER 15 MINUTE DELAY BY THE REFEREE AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED FROM THE TIME OF STOPPAGE. GAMES BEING DECLARED UNPLAYABLE AFTER 10 MINUTES INTO THE THIRD PERIOD WILL BE DECLARED AN OFFICIAL GAME AND <u>NOT</u> RESCHEDULED. TEAM WITH MOST GOALS IS WINNER. IF TEAMS ARE TIED, OUTCOME WILL BE DETERMINED BEFORE NEXT GAME WHERE GAME LEFT OFF WHEN POSSIBLE (DEPENDS ON IF EFFECTS PLAYOFFS) IF PLYOFF SEEDING IS EFFECTED, SHOOTOUT TO DETERMINE WINNER.

RULE	DESCRIPTION
FIGHTING	FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PLUS 1 GAME SUSPENSION FIRST OFFENSE. REST OF SEASON AND PLAYOFFS SECOND OFFENSE.
HAND PASS TO A TEAMMATE	PERMITTED IN DEFENDING ZONE.
SLAPSHOTS	PERMITTED IN ALL DIVISIONS.
OFF-SIDES	NO SUCH RULE. PASSES MAY BE MADE TO A TEAMMATE ANYWHERE ON THE RINK.
LENGTH OF GAME	3 18 MINUTE PERIODS. 5 MINUTE OVERTIME WITH ONE PLAYER LESS THAN NORMAL
TIED GAME	A TWO MINUTE REST PERIOD SHALL FOLLOW. THE TEAMS SHALL <u>NOT</u> CHANGE ENDS. ONE RUNNING 5 MINUTE OVERTIME PERIOD SHALL BE PLAYED. THE GAME SHALL TERMINATE UPON THE SCORING OF A GOAL AND THE TEAM SCORING THE GOAL SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNER. IF, AT THE END OF THE OVERTIME PERIOD, THE SCORE IS TIED, THE GAME WILL BE DECIDED BY SHOOTOUT
SHOOT OUT	EACH TEAM WILL DESIGNATE 5 SHOOTERS TEAMS WILL ALTERNATE SHOTS. IF STILL TIED AFTER 5 SHOOTERS EACH TEAM WILL CHOOSE 1 MORE SHOOTER UNTIL TIE IS BROKEN.
TIME-OUT	EACH TEAM IS PERMITTED 1 ONE- MINUTE TIME OUT PER GAME. THE GAME CLOCK SHALL STOP DURING A TIME-OUT.

SECTION TWO - TEAMS

(A) 5 ON 5 - A TEAM SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SIX PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, INCLUDING THE GOALKEEPER.

NO TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED TO START A GAME WITH LESS THAN FIVE PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE.

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(B) 4 ON 4 - A TEAM SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, INCLUDING THE GOALKEEPER.

NO TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED TO START A GAME WITH LESS THAN FOUR PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE.

A COMPLAINT ABOUT A PENALTY IS NOT A “MATTER RELATING TO THE INTERPRETATION OF RULES” AND A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY CAPTAIN ,COACH OR OTHER PLAYER MAKING SUCH A COMPLAINT.

UPON THE REFEREE’S SIGNAL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME AND FOLLOWING ANY STOPPAGE OF PLAY, THE VISITING TEAM SHALL PROMPTLY PLACE A LINEUP ON THE PLAYING SURFACE READY TO PLAY AND NO SUBSTITUTION SHALL BE MADE FROM THAT TIME UNTIL PLAY HAS RESUMED. THE HOME TEAM MAY THEN MAKE ANY DESIRED SUBSTITUTION WHICH DOES NOT RESULT IN THE DELAY OF THE GAME.

IF THERE IS ANY UNDUE DELAY BY EITHER TEAM IN CHANGING LINES, THE REFEREE SHALL ORDER THE OFFENDING TEAM(S) TO TAKE THEIR POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY AND NOT PERMIT LINE CHANGES.

WHEN A SUBSTITUTION HAS BEEN UNDER THE ABOVE RULE, NO ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTION MAY BE MADE UNTIL PLAY COMMENCES, EXCEPT WHEN A PENALTY IS ASSESSED.

CHANGE OF PLAYERS

(A) PLAYERS MAY BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME FROM THE PLAYERS’ BENCH , PROVIDED THAT THE PLAYER OR PLAYERS LEAVING THE PLAYING SURFACE ARE WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE PLAYERS’ BENCH AND OUT OF THE PLAY BEFORE THE CHANGE IS MADE.

IF, IN THE COURSE OF MAKING A SUBSTITUTION, EITHER PLAYER DELIBERATELY PLAYS THE PUCK WHILE THE RETIRING PLAYER IS STILL

ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, THE INFRACTION "TOO MANY PLAYER'S" SHALL BE ASSESSED.

IF, IN THE COURSE OF A SUBSTITUTION, EITHER PLAYER IS ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK WITH THE PUCK, THE PLAY SHALL NOT BE STOPPED AND NO PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

(B) A GOALKEEPER MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR BY A PLAYER OR GOALKEEPER AT ANY TIME DURING PLAY. THE GOALKEEPER MUST BE WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE PLAYER'S BENCH BEFORE THE SUBSTITUTE MAY ENTER THE PLAYING SURFACE.

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE THERE SHALL BE NO TIME PENALTY TO THE TEAM MAKING THE PREMATURE SUBSTITUTION, BUT THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CENTER FACE-OFF SPOT.

(C) A PLAYER SERVING A PENALTY ON THE PENALTY BENCH, WHO IS TO BE CHANGED AFTER PENALTY HAS BEEN SERVED, MUST PROCEED AT ONCE BY WAY OF THE PLAYING SURFACE BEFORE ANY CHANGE CAN BE MADE. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A BENCH MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

INJURED PLAYERS

(A) WHEN A PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, IS INJURED OR COMPELLED TO LEAVE THE PLAYING SURFACE DURING THE GAME, THE PLAYER MAY RETIRE FROM THE GAME AND BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY BY A SUBSTITUTE.

(B) ANY GOALKEEPER WHO SUSTAINS AN INJURY OR BECOMES ILL MUST BE READY TO RESUME PLAY IMMEDIATELY OR BE REPLACED BY A SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER. NO ADDITIONAL TIME SHALL BE ALLOWED BY THE REFEREE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THE INJURED OR ILL GOALKEEPER TO RESUME THE POSITION. THE SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER SHALL ENTER THE GAME WITHOUT DELAY AND NO WARM-UP SHALL BE PERMITTED.

THE SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REGULAR RULES GOVERNING GOALKEEPERS AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME PRIVILEGES.

(C) WHEN A GOALKEEPER BECOMES INCAPACITATED AND NO SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER IS AVAILABLE A PLAYER MAY BE PERMITTED TO WEAR THE EQUIPMENT OF THE GOALKEEPER WITH FULL GOALKEEPER'S PRIVILEGES. A 10 MINUTE TIME OUT WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE PLAYER SO DESIGNATED TO DRESS, BUT NO WARM-UP WILL BE PERMITTED.

(D) ANY PENALIZED PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN INJURED, MAY PROCEED TO THE PLAYER'S BENCH WITHOUT GOING TO THE PENALTY BENCH. THE PENALIZED TEAM SHALL IMMEDIATELY PUT A SUBSTITUTE PLAYER ON THE PENALTY BENCH TO SERVE THE ENTIRE PENALTY. THE PENALIZED PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN INJURED AND HAS BEEN REPLACED ON THE PENALTY BENCH IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY UNTIL THE PENALTY TIME HAS EXPIRED.

(E) WHEN A PLAYER IS INJURED AND CANNOT CONTINUE PLAY OR GO TO THE PLAYER'S BENCH, PLAY SHALL NOT BE STOPPED UNTIL THE INJURED PLAYER'S TEAM HAS SECURED POSSESSION OF THE PUCK. IF THE PLAYER'S TEAM IS IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK AT THE TIME OF INJURY, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY UNLESS THE TEAM HAS A SCORING OPPORTUNITY.

IN THE CASE WHERE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THAT A PLAYER HAS SUSTAINED A SERIOUS INJURY, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.

(F) A PLAYER, OTHER THAN THE GOALKEEPER, WHOSE INJURY APPEARS SERIOUS ENOUGH TO WARRANT A STOPPAGE OF PLAY, MAY NOT PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THE GAME UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE ENSUING FACE-OFF.

(G) IF A PLAYER OR GOALKEEPER IS OBVIOUSLY BLEEDING, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND THE INJURED PLAYER SHALL BE RULED OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE. SUCH PLAYER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO PLAY UNTIL THE BLEEDING HAS BEEN STOPPED AND THE CUT OR ABRASION COVERED.

SECTION THREE - EQUIPMENT

STICKS

(A) THE STICKS SHALL BE MADE OF WOOD, CARBON COMPOSITE, GRAPHITE OR ALUMINUM MATERIALS AND MUST NOT HAVE ANY PROJECTIONS EXTENDING FROM THE STICK.

(B) NO STICK SHALL EXCEED 60 INCHES IN LENGTH FROM THE HEEL TO THE END OF THE SHAFT, NOR MORE THAN 12-1/2 INCHES FROM THE HEEL TO THE END OF THE BLADE.

THE BLADE OF THE STICK SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 2 INCHES NOR MORE THAN 3 INCHES IN WIDTH AT ANY POINT, NOR SHALL THE TOE OF THE BLADE FIT THROUGH THE CAGE OF A REGULATION FACE MASK.

THE CURVATURE OF THE BLADE OF THE STICK SHALL NOT BE RESTRICTED,.

(C) THE BLADE OF THE GOALKEEPER'S STICK SHALL NOT EXCEED 3-1/2 INCHES IN WIDTH AT ANY POINT EXCEPT AT THE HEEL WHERE IT SHALL NOT EXCEED 4-1/2 INCHES. THE LENGTH OF THE BLADE SHALL NOT EXCEED 15-1/2 INCHES IN LENGTH FROM THE HEEL TO THE END OF THE BLADE.

THE WIDENED PORTION OF THE GOALKEEPER'S STICK EXTENDING UP THE SHAFT FROM THE BLADE SHALL NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 26 INCHES FROM THE HEEL AND SHALL NOT EXCEED 3-1/2 INCHES IN WIDTH.

(D) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER OR GOALKEEPER WHO USES A STICK NOT CONFORMING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RULE.

IF A GOAL IS SCORED WITH AN ILLEGAL STICK, THE PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED AND THE GOAL SHALL BE ALLOWED.

SKATES

(A) THE USE OF SPEED SKATES OR ANY SKATE SO DESIGNED THAT IT MAY CAUSE INJURY IS PROHIBITED. QUAD SKATES ARE ALLOWED.

GOALKEEPER'S EQUIPMENT

(A) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SKATES AND STICK, ALL THE EQUIPMENT WORN BY THE GOALKEEPER MUST BE CONSTRUCTED SOLELY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEAD OR BODY, AND MUST NOT INCLUDE ANY GARMENT OR CONTRIVANCE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE GOALKEEPER UNDUE ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING GOAL.

ABDOMINAL APRONS EXTENDING DOWN THE THIGHS OR THE OUTSIDE OF THE PANTS ARE PROHIBITED.

(B) THE GOALKEEPER'S BLOCKER GLOVE SHALL NOT EXCEED 8 INCHES IN WIDTH NOR 16 INCHES IN LENGTH AT ANY POINT.

THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF A GOALKEEPER'S CATCHING GLOVE SHALL NOT EXCEED 17 INCHES. THE CUFF SHALL NOT EXCEED 9 INCHES IN WIDTH. ANY BAR OR ATTACHMENT BETWEEN THE CUFF AND THE THUMB SHALL ONLY EXTEND IN A STRAIGHT LINE. ANY OTHER POCKET OR POUCH ADDED TO THE GLOVE BY A MANUFACTURER OR OTHERWISE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND MAKES THE GLOVE ILLEGAL.

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

(C) THE LEG GUARDS WORN BY GOALKEEPERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES IN EXTREME WIDTH WHEN ON THE LEG OF THE PLAYER.

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

(D) IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL GOALKEEPERS TO WEAR A HELMET DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY (HECC APPROVED) WITH HELMET STRAP PROPERLY FASTENED AND A FULL- FACE MASK DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY (HECC APPROVED) WITH A CHIN CUP. ALL GOALKEEPERS MUST WEAR CHEST PROTECTION. THROAT PROTECTION IS RECOMMENDED.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

(A) EACH PARTICIPANT IS **PERSONALLY** RESPONSIBLE TO WEAR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR ALL GAMES, WARM-UPS, AND PRACTICES.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT FOR ALL PLAYERS IS: HELMET DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY (HECC APPROVED) WITH HELMET STRAP PROPERLY FASTENED, FULL FACE MASK DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY (HECC APPROVED) WITH A CHIN CUP, INTERNAL MOUTH GUARD, ELBOW PADS, GLOVES DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY, PROTECTIVE CUP, KNEE AND SHIN PROTECTION.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT FOR ALL PLAYERS IS: HIP PADS, PADDED HOCKEY PANTS, CHEST PROTECTION, SHOULDER PADS, AND THROAT PROTECTION.

ALL REFEREES AND LINESMEN MUST WEAR A HELMET DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY (HECC APPROVED) WITH HELMET STRAP PROPERLY FASTENED, ELBOW PADS, AND KNEE AND SHIN PROTECTION.

IF AN INJURY OCCURS WHILE A PLAYER IS NOT WEARING ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MANDATORY EQUIPMENT, THE INSURANCE CARRIER MAY NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLAIM.

ANY PLAYER WHO ATTEMPTS TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THE PROPER MANDATORY EQUIPMENT SHALL BE SENT OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE BY THE REFEREE AND NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN UNTIL SUCH EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN REPLACED. FOR A SECOND VIOLATION OF THIS RULE BY THE SAME PLAYER, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(B) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT GLOVES, HEAD GEAR, AND GOALKEEPER'S LEG PADS, BE ENTIRELY UNDER THE UNIFORM.

(C) A PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, WHOSE HELMET / FACE MASK COMES OFF DURING PLAY MAY NOT RESUME PLAY UNTIL IT HAS BEEN REPLACED. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED. IF THE GOALKEEPER'S HELMET / FACE MASK COMES OFF DURING PLAY, THE PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY. A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER WHO DELIBERATELY REMOVES THE HELMET / FACE MASK DURING PLAY.

(D) PLAYERS ON THE PLAYER'S AND PENALTY BENCH MUST WEAR THE PROTECTIVE HELMET / FACE MASK WHILE IN THE BENCH AREA. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A WARNING WILL BE ISSUED AND THEN A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE NEXT OFFENDING PLAYER

DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

(A) THE USE OF PADS OR PROTECTORS MADE OF METAL OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL THAT MAY CAUSE INJURY TO A PLAYER IS PROHIBITED.

THE WEARING OF CASTS OR SPLINTS MADE OF HARD OR UNYIELDING MATERIALS IS PROHIBITED, EVEN IF PADDED.

ELBOW PADS WHICH DO NOT HAVE A SOFT PROTECTIVE COVERING OF SPONGE RUBBER OR A SIMILAR MATERIAL AT LEAST 1/2 INCH THICK SHALL BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT.

(B) A GLOVE FROM WHICH ALL OR PART OF THE PALM HAS BEEN REMOVED OR CUT TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE BARE HAND SHALL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT. A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WEARING SUCH A GLOVE IN PLAY.

PUCKS

PUCKS USED AT ALL PARKS SHALL BE AT THE LEAGUES DISCRETION.

UNIFORMS

(A) ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN SOUTH SHORE ROLLER HOCKEY MUST BE UNIFORMLY DRESSED AND HAVE MATCHING COLOR JERSEYS WITH LONG SLEEVES.

(B) EACH PLAYER AND GOALKEEPER LISTED IN THE LINEUP MUST WEAR AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING NUMBER AT LEAST 8 INCHES IN HEIGHT ON THE BACK OF THE JERSEY. ALL NUMBERS ASSIGNED MUST BE WHOLE NUMBERS BETWEEN 0-99. NO TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAME TEAM SHALL BE PERMITTED TO WEAR THE SAME NUMBER.

(C) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, THE VISITING TEAM SHALL CHANGE ITS JERSEY, OR WEAR PINNIES, IF THE COLORS OF THE COMPETING TEAMS CONFLICT.

EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT

(A) A REQUEST FOR MEASUREMENT OF ANY EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE REQUEST BY EACH TEAM DURING THE COURSE OF ANY STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

(B) WHEN A FORMAL COMPLAINT IS MADE BY THE CAPTAIN OF A TEAM AGAINST THE DIMENSIONS OF ANY STICK, THE REFEREE SHALL MAKE THE NECESSARY MEASUREMENT IMMEDIATELY. IF THE REQUEST IS NOT SUSTAINED, A BENCH MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE TEAM REQUESTING THE MEASUREMENT.

WHEN A FORMAL COMPLAINT IS MADE BY THE CAPTAIN OF A TEAM AGAINST THE DIMENSIONS OF ANY PIECE OF GOALKEEPER'S EQUIPMENT AND THE MEASUREMENT WOULD CAUSE ANY DELAY WHATSOEVER, OTHER THAN GLOVE MEASUREMENT, SUCH MEASUREMENT SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE FIRST HALF OR IMMEDIATELY IN THE SECOND HALF OR OVERTIME. IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SUSTAINED, A BENCH MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE TEAM REQUESTING THE MEASUREMENT.

(C) A MINOR PLUS A MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO REFUSES TO SURRENDER THE STICK OR OTHER PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE.

(D) THE REFEREE MAY MEASURE ANY EQUIPMENT USED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE GAME.

(E) THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A BENCH MINOR PENALTY TO A TEAM THAT REQUESTS A MEASUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELAYING THE GAME.

SECTION FOUR - PENALTIES

PENALTIES

(A) PENALTIES SHALL BE ACTUAL PLAYING TIME AND SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

1. MINOR PENALTIES
2. BENCH MINOR PENALTIES
3. MAJOR PENALTIES
4. MISCONDUCT PENALTIES
5. MATCH PENALTIES
6. PENALTY SHOT

(B) WHEN PLAY IS NOT ACTUALLY IN PROGRESS AND AN OFFENSE IS COMMITTED BY ANY PLAYER OR TEAM OFFICIAL, THE SAME PENALTY SHALL APPLY AS THOUGH PLAY WERE ACTUALLY IN PROGRESS.

MINOR PENALTIES

(A) FOR A “MINOR PENALTY”, ANY PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, SHALL BE RULED OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE FOR TWO MINUTES, RUNNING TIME, DURING WHICH TIME NO SUBSTITUTE SHALL BE PERMITTED.

(B) FOR A “BENCH MINOR PENALTY” ONE PLAYER OF THE PENALIZED TEAM SHALL BE RULED OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE FOR TWO MINUTES, DURING WHICH TIME NO SUBSTITUTE SHALL BE PERMITTED. ANY NON-PENALIZED PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, MAY BE DESIGNATED TO SERVE THE PENALTY BY THE COACH AND SUCH PLAYER SHALL IMMEDIATELY SERVE THE PENALTY.

(C) IF THE OPPOSING TEAM SCORES A GOAL WHILE A TEAM IS SHORTHANDED BY ONE OR MORE MINOR OR BENCH MINOR PENALTIES, THE FIRST OF SUCH PENALTIES SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATE.

“SHORTHANDED” MEANS THAT THE TEAM MUST BE BELOW THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF ITS OPPONENTS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE AT THE TIME THE GOAL IS SCORED. THE MINOR OR BENCH MINOR WHICH TERMINATES AUTOMATICALLY IS THE ONE WHICH CAUSES THE TEAM TO BE “SHORTHANDED”.

THIS RULE SHALL ALSO APPLY WHEN A GOAL IS SCORED ON A PENALTY SHOT OR AN AWARDED GOAL.

(D) WHEN A PLAYER RECEIVES A MAJOR PENALTY AND A MINOR PENALTY AT THE SAME TIME, THE MAJOR PENALTY SHALL BE SERVED FIRST BY THE PENALIZED PLAYER EXCEPT IF THE MAJOR PENALTIES ARE COINCIDENTAL, IN WHICH CASE THE MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE SERVED FIRST.

(E) WHEN COINCIDENTAL MINOR PENALTIES ARE ASSESSED TO PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS, THE PENALIZED PLAYERS SHALL TAKE THEIR PLACE ON THE PENALTY BENCH AND SUCH PLAYERS SHALL NOT LEAVE THE PENALTY BENCH UNTIL THE FIRST STOPPAGE OF PLAY FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PENALTIES. IMMEDIATE SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE MADE FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MINOR PENALTIES OR COINCIDENTAL MINOR PENALTIES OF EQUAL DURATION TO EACH TEAM SO PENALIZED AND THE PENALTIES OF THE PLAYERS FOR WHOM SUBSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SHALL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A DELAYED PENALTY.

(F) ANY PLAYER INCURRING 3 MINOR PENALTIES IN THE SAME GAME SHALL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME.

MAJOR PENALTIES

(A) FOR A "MAJOR PENALTY", THE OFFENDING PLAYER SHALL BE ASSESSED A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY AND THE OFFENDING TEAM SHALL BE SHORT- HANDED FOR FIVE MINUTES, DURING WHICH TIME NO SUBSTITUTE SHALL BE PERMITTED.

(B) WHEN COINCIDENTAL MAJOR PENALTIES OR COINCIDENTAL PENALTIES OF EQUAL DURATION INCLUDING A MAJOR PENALTY ARE ASSESSED TO PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS, THE OFFENDING TEAM(S) SHALL PLACE A SUBSTITUTE PLAYER(S) ON THE PENALTY BENCH AND SUCH PENALIZED PLAYERS SHALL NOT LEAVE THE PENALTY BENCH UNTIL THE FIRST STOPPAGE OF PLAY FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PENALTIES.

IMMEDIATE SUBSTITUTIONS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE SHALL BE MADE FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MAJOR PENALTIES OR COINCIDENTAL PENALTIES OF EQUAL DURATION INCLUDING A MAJOR PENALTY TO EACH TEAM SO PENALIZED AND THE PENALTIES OF THE PLAYERS FOR WHICH SUBSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SHALL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A DELAYED PENALTY.

WHERE IT IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THE PENALIZED PLAYERS SHALL BE DESIGNATED TO SERVE THE DELAYED PENALTY ,THE PENALIZED TEAM SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE SUCH DESIGNATION NOT IN CONFLICT.

(C) WHEN COINCIDENTAL PENALTIES OF UNEQUAL DURATION (EACH INCLUDING ONE MAJOR PENALTY) ARE ASSESSED TO ONE PLAYER OF

EACH TEAM, THE PENALIZED PLAYERS SHALL NOT LEAVE THE PENALTY BENCH UNTIL THE FIRST STOPPAGE OF PLAY FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PENALTIES.

THE PENALTIES WHICH CREATE THE DISPARITY IN TOTAL PENALTY TIME SHALL BE SERVED FIRST IN THE NORMAL MANNER BY THE PENALIZED PLAYERS. IMMEDIATE SUBSTITUTIONS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR THE MAJOR PENALTIES OF EACH PLAYER.

MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

(A) A “MISCONDUCT PENALTY” INVOLVES THE REMOVAL OF A PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, FOR A PERIOD OF 10 MINUTES, BUT ANOTHER PLAYER IS PERMITTED TO IMMEDIATELY REPLACE A PLAYER SO REMOVED. A PLAYER WHOSE MISCONDUCT PENALTY HAS EXPIRED SHALL REMAIN IN THE PENALTY BENCH UNTIL THE NEXT STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

WHEN A PLAYER RECEIVES A MINOR OR MAJOR PENALTY AND A MISCONDUCT, GAME MISCONDUCT, OR A GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTY AT THE SAME TIME, THE PENALIZED TEAM SHALL IMMEDIATELY PLACE AN ADDITIONAL NON-PENALIZED PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, ON THE PENALTY BENCH AND SUCH PLAYER MAY NOT BE CHANGED.

ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION SHALL BE TREATED AS ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTION.

(B) A “GAME MISCONDUCT” PENALTY INVOLVES THE SUSPENSION OF A PLAYER FOR THE BALANCE OF THE GAME, BUT A SUBSTITUTE IS PERMITTED TO REPLACE THE PLAYER SO REMOVED.

(C) A PLAYER OR TEAM OFFICIAL INCURRING A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO A PLAYER SHALL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE NEXT GAME OF THAT TEAM.

THE REFEREE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME. THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES SHALL HAVE FULL POWER TO IMPOSE FURTHER PENALTIES.

FOR ALL GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES, REGARDLESS WHEN ASSESSED, A TOTAL OF 10 MINUTES SHALL BE CHARGED IN THE RECORDS AGAINST THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(D) A “GROSS MISCONDUCT” PENALTY INVOLVES THE SUSPENSION OF A PLAYER OR TEAM OFFICIAL FOR THE BALANCE OF THE GAME, BUT ANOTHER PLAYER IS PERMITTED TO REPLACE A PLAYER SO REMOVED.

THE REFEREE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTIES AND THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME. THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES SHALL HAVE FULL POWER TO IMPOSE FURTHER PENALTIES.

FOR ALL GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTIES, REGARDLESS OF WHEN ASSESSED, A TOTAL OF 10 MINUTES SHALL BE CHARGED IN THE RECORDS AGAINST THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(E) A PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN ASSESSED A GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY GAMES OR PRACTICES UNTIL THE CASE HAS BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES. A MANDATORY HEARING SHALL BE HELD AND A DECISION MADE RELATIVE TO ANY FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE INCIDENT. IF CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FROM CONDUCTING THE HEARING, THE SUSPENSION SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED AFTER 30 DAYS.

(F) A TEAM OFFICIAL WHO IS ASSESSED A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY, MAY NOT SIT NEAR THE TEAM BENCH, NOR IN ANY WAY ATTEMPT TO DIRECT THE PLAY OF THE TEAM.

MATCH PENALTIES

(A) A "MATCH PENALTY" INVOLVES THE SUSPENSION OF A PLAYER FOR THE BALANCE OF THE GAME AND THE OFFENDING PLAYER SHALL BE ORDERED OFF THE BENCH IMMEDIATELY. UNLESS IMMEDIATE SUBSTITUTION IS PERMITTED UNDER THE COINCIDENT , THE PENALIZED TEAM SHALL IMMEDIATELY PLACE A NON-PENALIZED PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, ON THE PENALTY BENCH TO SERVE THE FIVE-MINUTE TIME PORTION OF THE PENALTY AND SUCH PLAYER MAY NOT BE CHANGED.

THE PLAYER SHALL ALSO SERVE ANY ADDITIONAL MINOR OR MAJOR PENALTY ASSESSED TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER UNLESS IMMEDIATE SUBSTITUTION IS PERMITTED THE REFEREE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL MATCH PENALTIES AND ALL SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME. THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES SHALL HAVE FULL POWER TO IMPOSE FURTHER PENALTIES.

FOR ALL MATCH PENALTIES, REGARDLESS OF WHEN ASSESSED, A TOTAL OF 10 MINUTES SHALL BE CHARGED IN THE RECORDS AGAINST THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(B) WHEN COINCIDENTAL MATCH PENALTIES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED OR WHEN ANY COMBINATION OF COINCIDENTAL MAJOR AND MATCH PENALTIES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED TO A PLAYER OR PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS

(C) A PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN ASSESSED A MATCH PENALTY SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY GAMES OR PRACTICES UNTIL THE CASE HAS BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES.

A MANDATORY HEARING SHALL BE HELD AND A DECISION MADE RELATIVE TO ANY FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF

THE INCIDENT. IF CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FROM CONDUCTING THE HEARING, THE SUSPENSION SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED AFTER 30 DAYS.

PENALTY SHOT

(A) ANY INFRACTION OF THE RULES WHICH CALLS FOR A “PENALTY SHOT” SHALL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

THE REFEREE SHALL IDENTIFY THE PLAYER ENTITLED TO TAKE THE SHOT (AS APPROPRIATE) AND SHALL THEN PLACE THE PUCK ON THE CENTER FACE-OFF SPOT. THE PLAYER TAKING THE SHOT SHALL, ON THE WHISTLE OF THE REFEREE, PLAY THE PUCK AND SHALL ATTEMPT TO SCORE ON THE GOALKEEPER. ONCE THE PLAYER TAKING THE SHOT HAS TOUCHED THE PUCK, IT MUST BE KEPT IN MOTION TOWARD’S THE OPPONENT’S GOAL LINE AND ONCE IT IS SHOT, THE PLAY SHALL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE. NO GOAL CAN BE SCORED ON A REBOUND OF ANY KIND AND ANY TIME THE PUCK CROSSES THE GOAL LINE THE SHOT SHALL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE.

ONLY A PLAYER DESIGNATED AS A GOALKEEPER, SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER OR TEMPORARY GOALKEEPER MAY DEFEND AGAINST A PENALTY SHOT.

(B) THE GOALKEEPER MUST REMAIN IN THE GOAL CREASE UNTIL THE REFEREE BLOWS THE WHISTLE, TO START THE PENALTY SHOT, AND THE PLAYER TAKING THE SHOT TOUCHES THE PUCK WITH THEIR STICK. IN THE EVENT OF VIOLATION OF THIS RULE OR ANY FOUL COMMITTED BY A GOALKEEPER THE REFEREE SHALL ALLOW THE SHOT TO BE TAKEN AND IF THE SHOT FAILS THE REFEREE SHALL PERMIT THE PENALTY SHOT TO BE TAKEN AGAIN.

THE GOALKEEPER MAY ATTEMPT TO STOP THE SHOT ON ANY MANNER EXCEPT BY THROWING THE STICK OR ANY OTHER OBJECT, IN WHICH CASE A GOAL SHALL BE AWARDED.

(C) IN CASES WHERE A PENALTY SHOT HAS BEEN AWARDED UNDER DELIBERATELY DISPLACING GOAL POST OR REMOVING HELMET/FACE MASK DURING A BREAKAWAY DELAYING THE GAME, ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE GAME, FOR THROWING A STICK AND FOR FOULING FROM BEHIND, THE REFEREE SHALL DESIGNATE THE PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN FOULED AS THE PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN FOULED AS THE PLAYER WHO TAKES THE PENALTY SHOT.

IN CASES WHERE A PENALTY SHOT HAS BEEN AWARDED FALLING ON THE PUCK IN THE GOAL CREASE OR PICKING UP THE PUCK FROM THE GOAL CREASE AREA, THE PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE TAKEN BY A PLAYER SELECTED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM FROM THE PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE AT THE TIME WHEN THE FOUL WAS COMMITTED, EXCEPT THE GOALKEEPER. SUCH SELECTION SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE REFEREE AND CANNOT BE CHANGED.

IF BY REASON OF INJURY THE PLAYER DESIGNATED BY A REFEREE TO TAKE THE PENALTY SHOT IS UNABLE TO DO SO, THE SHOT MAY BE TAKEN BY A PLAYER SELECTED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM FROM PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE WHEN THE FOUL WAS COMMITTED. SUCH SELECTION SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE REFEREE AND CANNOT BE CHANGED.

(D) SHOULD THE PLAYER IN RESPECT TO WHOM A PENALTY SHOT HAS BEEN AWARDED, COMMIT A FOUL IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME PLAY OR CIRCUMSTANCES, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE PENALTY SHOT HAS BEEN AWARDED, THE PLAYER SHALL BE FIRST PERMITTED TO TAKE THE SHOT BEFORE BEING SENT TO THE PENALTY BENCH TO SERVE THE PENALTY, EXCEPT WHEN SUCH A PENALTY IS FOR A GAME MISCONDUCT, GROSS MISCONDUCT OR MATCH PENALTY, IN WHICH CASE THE PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE TAKEN BY A PLAYER SELECTED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM FROM PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE AT THE TIME THE FOUL WAS COMMITTED.

IF, AT THE TIME A PENALTY SHOT IS AWARDED, THE GOALKEEPER OF THE PENALIZED TEAM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE FOR ANOTHER PLAYER, THE GOALKEEPER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE PLAYING SURFACE BEFORE THE PENALTY SHOT IS TAKEN.

(E) WHILE THE PENALTY SHOT IS BEING TAKEN, ALL PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS EXCEPT THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE TAKING OF THE PENALTY SHOT, MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE ONTO THEIR RESPECTIVE PLAYER'S BENCH.

(F) IF, WHILE THE PENALTY SHOT IS BEING TAKEN, ANY PLAYER OF THE OPPOSING TEAM SHALL INTERFERE WITH OR DISTRACT THE PLAYER TAKING THE SHOT, A GOAL SHALL BE AWARDED.

(G) IF THE GOAL IS SCORED DURING A PENALTY SHOT, THE PUCK SHALL BE FACED-OFF AT THE CENTER SPOT. IF A GOAL IS NOT SCORED, THE PUCK SHALL BE FACED-OFF AT EITHER OF THE END FACE-OFF SPOTS ON THE ZONE IN WHICH THE PENALTY SHOT WAS TAKEN.

(H) WHETHER OR NOT A GOAL IS SCORED FROM A PENALTY SHOT, IF AN INFRACTION FOR WHICH THE PENALTY SHOT WAS AWARDED WAS SUCH TO INCUR:

1) A MAJOR, MATCH OR MISCONDUCT PENALTY, THE PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTY SHOT.

2) A MINOR OR BENCH MINOR PENALTY, A FURTHER PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER SHALL NOT BE APPLIED.

(I) IF THE FOUL UPON WHICH THE PENALTY SHOT IS BASED OCCURS DURING ACTUAL PLAYING TIME, THE PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED AND TAKEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NORMAL STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE TAKING OF A PENALTY SHOT SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR PLAYING TIME.

GOALKEEPER PENALTIES

(A) A GOALKEEPER SHALL NOT BE SENT TO THE PENALTY BENCH FOR AN INFRACTION WHICH INCURS A MINOR, MAJOR OR MISCONDUCT PENALTY, BUT INSTEAD THE PENALTY SHALL BE SERVED BY A TEAMMATE WHO WAS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE AT THE TIME THE INFRACTION WAS COMMITTED. SUCH PLAYER SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE COACH AND SHALL NOT BE CHANGED.

(B) WHEN A GOALKEEPER INCURS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY, THE POSITION MAY BE TAKEN BY A TEAMMATE, OR BY A SUBSTITUTE OR TEMPORARY GOALKEEPER WHO IS AVAILABLE, AND SUCH PLAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED THE GOALKEEPER'S FULL EQUIPMENT.

(C) WHEN A GOALKEEPER INCURS A MATCH PENALTY, THE POSITION SHALL BE TAKEN BY A TEAMMATE OR A SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER WHO IS AVAILABLE, AND SUCH PLAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED THE GOALKEEPER'S FULL EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, ANY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR BY THE INDIVIDUAL RULES COVERING MATCH PENALTIES SHALL APPLY, AND THE OFFENDING TEAM SHALL BE PENALIZED ACCORDINGLY. SUCH ADDITIONAL PENALTY SHALL BE SERVED BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE TEAM WHO WAS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE AT THE TIME THE INFRACTION WAS COMMITTED. SUCH PLAYER IS TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE COACH THROUGH THE PLAYING CAPTAIN AND SHALL NOT BE CHANGED.

(D) ALL PENALTIES ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER , REGARDLESS OF WHO SERVES THE PENALTY, OR ANY SUBSTITUTION, SHALL BE CHARGED IN THE RECORDS TO THE GOALKEEPER.

(E) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE PLAY IN ANY MANNER BEYOND THE CENTER LINE.

DELAYED PENALTIES

(A) IF A THIRD PLAYER OF ANY TEAM IS PENALIZED WHILE TWO PLAYERS OF THE SAME TEAM ARE SERVING PENALTIES, THE PENALTY TIME OF THE THIRD PLAYER SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THE PENALTY TIME OF ONE OF THE TWO PLAYERS ALREADY PENALIZED HAS ELAPSED. NEVERTHELESS, THE THIRD PLAYER PENALIZED MUST IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO THE PENALTY BENCH AND MAY BE REPLACED BY A SUBSTITUTE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PENALTY TIME OF THE PENALIZED PLAYER SHALL COMMENCE.

(B) WHEN ANY TEAM SHALL HAVE THREE PLAYERS SERVING PENALTIES AT THE SAME TIME AND BECAUSE OF THE DELAYED PENALTY RULE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE THIRD OFFENDER IS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, NONE OF THE THREE PENALIZED PLAYERS ON THE PENALTY BENCH MAY RETURN TO THE PLAYING SURFACE UNTIL PLAY HAS BEEN STOPPED. WHEN THE PLAY HAS BEEN STOPPED, THE PLAYER(S) WHOSE FULL PENALTY HAS EXPIRED MAY RETURN TO THE PLAYING SURFACE. THE PENALTY TIMEKEEPER SHALL PERMIT THE RETURN TO THE PLAYING SURFACE IN THE ORDER OF EXPIRATION OF THEIR PENALTIES, OF A PLAYER OR PLAYERS WHEN BY REASON OF THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR PENALTIES THE PENALIZED TEAM IS ENTITLED TO HAVE MORE THAN THREE PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE.

(C) IN THE CASE OF DELAYED PENALTIES, THE PENALIZED PLAYERS WHOSE PENALTIES HAVE EXPIRED SHALL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE PLAYING SURFACE WHEN THERE IS A STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

WHEN THE PENALTIES OF TWO PLAYERS OF THE SAME TEAM SHALL EXPIRE AT THE SAME TIME, THE CAPTAIN OF THAT TEAM SHALL DESIGNATE TO THE REFEREE WHICH PLAYER SHALL RETURN TO THE PLAYING SURFACE FIRST AND THE REFEREE SHALL INSTRUCT THE PENALTY TIMEKEEPER ACCORDINGLY.

WHEN A MAJOR AND A MINOR PENALTY ARE ASSESSED AT THE SAME TIME TO DIFFERENT PLAYERS OF THE SAME TEAM. THE MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE RECORDED AS BEING THE FIRST OF SUCH PENALTIES.

CALLING OF PENALTIES

(A) SHOULD AN INFRACTION OF THE RULES BE COMMITTED BY A PLAYER OF THE TEAM IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK, THE REFEREE SHALL IMMEDIATELY STOP PLAY AND ASSESS THE PENALTY(S) TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER(S).

(B) SHOULD AN INFRACTION OF THE RULES WHICH CALL FOR A MINOR, BENCH MINOR, MAJOR OR MATCH PENALTY, AS COMMITTED BY A PLAYER OF A TEAM NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK, THE REFEREE SHALL SIGNIFY THE CALLING OF A DELAYED PENALTY BY RAISING THE ARM AND, ON COMPLETION OF THE PLAY BY THE TEAM IN POSSESSION, SHALL IMMEDIATELY STOP PLAY AND ASSESS THE PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

“COMPLETION OF THE PLAY BY THE TEAM IN POSSESSION” IN THIS RULE MEANS THAT THE PUCK MUST HAVE COME INTO THE POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF AN OPPOSING PLAYER, OR HAS BEEN “FROZEN”. THIS DOES NOT MEAN A REBOUND OFF THE GOALKEEPER, THE GOAL OR THE BOARDS OR ANY ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH THE BODY OR EQUIPMENT OF AN OPPOSING PLAYER.

(C) THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE END FACE-OFF SPOT (DEEP) IF THE INFRACTION IS CAUSED BY THE DEFENDING TEAM IN

THEIR DEFENSIVE ZONE. IF THE INFRACTION IS CAUSED BY THE OFFENSIVE TEAM IN THE DEFENDING TEAM'S ZONE THEN THE FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE OFFENSIVE TEAM'S SPECIAL FACE-OFF SPOT. SIMULTANEOUS PENALTIES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT.

(D) IF THE PENALTY TO BE ASSESSED IS A MINOR PENALTY, AND A GOAL IS SCORED ON THE PLAY BY THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM, THE MINOR PENALTY SHALL NOT BE ASSESSED, BUT ALL OTHER MINOR, MAJOR OR MATCH PENALTIES SHALL BE ASSESSED IN THE NORMAL MANNER REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT A GOAL IS SCORED.

(E) IF, AFTER THE REFEREE HAS SIGNALLED A PENALTY, BUT BEFORE PLAY HAS BEEN STOPPED, THE PUCK ENTERS THE GOAL OF THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM AS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE ACTION OF A PLAYER OF THAT TEAM, THE GOAL SHALL BE ALLOWED AND THE PENALTY SIGNALLED SHALL BE ASSESSED IN THE NORMAL MANNER.

(E) IF THE REFEREE SIGNALS AN ADDITIONAL MINOR PENALTY(S) AGAINST A TEAM THAT IS ALREADY SHORT- HANDED BECAUSE OF ONE OR MORE MINOR OR BENCH MINOR PENALTIES, AND A GOAL IS SCORED BY THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM BEFORE THE WHISTLE IS BLOWN, THE GOAL SHALL BE ALLOWED, THE DELAYED PENALTY(S) SHALL **NOT** BE ASSESSED AND THE MINOR PENALTY BEING SERVED WHICH CAUSED THE TEAM TO BE SHORT-HANDED SHALL TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY.

(G) SHOULD THE SAME OFFENDING PLAYER COMMIT OTHER FOULS ON THE SAME PLAY, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE REFEREE HAS STOPPED PLAY, THE OFFENDING PLAYER SHALL SERVE SUCH PENALTIES CONSECUTIVELY.

(H) ALL MINOR AND BENCH MINOR PENALTIES OCCURRING AFTER A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED OR DURING THE STOPPAGE OF PLAY WHEN A PENALTY SHOT IS BEING ATTEMPTED, SHALL BE SERVED IN THE NORMAL MANNER UNDER THIS RULE.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE

(A) IN ADDITION TO THE SUSPENSIONS ASSESSED UNDER THESE RULES, THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES MAY, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME, AT THEIR DISCRETION, INVESTIGATE ANY INCIDENT THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY GAME AND MAY ASSESS ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS FOR ANY OFFENSE COMMITTED BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER ANY GAME BY A PLAYER OR TEAM OFFICIAL, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH OFFENSE HAD BEEN PENALIZED BY A REFEREE.

SECTION FIVE - OFFICIALS

(A) THE REFEREE SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY AND FINAL DECISION IN ALL MATTERS OF DISPUTE, AND NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL, DURING THE COURSE OF THE GAME.

(B) ALL REFEREES SHALL WEAR STRIPED JERSEYS DESIGNED FOR HOCKEY (WEATHER PERMITTING), A HOCKEY HELMET WITH CHIN STRAP PROPERLY FASTENED, ELBOW PADS AND SHIN AND KNEE PROTECTION. REFEREES SHALL ALSO BE EQUIPPED WITH FINGER WHISTLES.

REFEREE

(A) THE "REFEREE" SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE GAME AND SHALL HAVE FULL CONTROL OF ALL GAME OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE GAME, ON AND OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE, IN CASE OF ANY DISPUTE, THE DECISION OF THE REFEREE SHALL BE FINAL.

THE REFEREE(S) SHALL ENTER THE PLAYING SURFACE PRIOR TO WARM-UPS AND REMAIN ON THE SURFACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH HALF UNTIL ALL PLAYERS HAVE PROCEEDED TO THE PLAYER'S BENCH.

PENALTIES MAY BE ASSESSED AT ANY TIME BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE GAME.

NO SPECTATOR, FRIEND OR PARENT SHALL BE PERMITTED IN THE BENCH AREA.

(C) THE REFEREE SHALL ORDER THE TEAMS ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE AT THE APPOINTED TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF EACH GAME AND AT THE START OF EACH HALF.

IF FOR ANY REASON THERE SHOULD BE MORE THAN A FIVE MINUTE DELAY IN THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GAME OR ANY UNDUE DELAY IN RESUMING PLAY FOR THE SECOND HALF, THE REFEREE SHALL STATE IN THE REPORT TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY AND THE TEAM(S) THAT WAS AT FAULT.

(D) THE REFEREE(S) SHALL MAKE A VISUAL INSPECTION OF ALL PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME. ALL PLAYERS SHALL LINE UP SINGLE FILE ON THE CENTER LINE FOR THIS INSPECTION. IF THERE IS ANY LACK OF CONFORMITY TO THE REGULATIONS ON MANDATORY EQUIPMENT THE REFEREE(S) SHALL ENSURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS IN PLACE. ANY PLAYER REFUSING SUCH AN INSPECTION SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME AND THE REFEREE(S) SHALL REPORT THE PLAYER TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES AT THE END OF THE GAME.

(E) THE REFEREE(S) SHALL, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME, SEE THAT THE APPOINTED GAME TIMEKEEPER/OFFICIAL SCORER IS IN PLACE AND THAT THE TIMING EQUIPMENT IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

(F) THE REFEREE(S) SHALL IMPOSE SUCH PENALTIES AS ARE PRESCRIBED BY THE RULES FOR INFRACTIONS THEREOF AND THE REFEREE(S) SHALL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING ALL GOALS. THE REFEREE(S) SHALL CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER, IF NECESSARY, BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION.

(G) THE REFEREE(S) SHALL REPORT TO THE OFFICIAL SCORER/PENALTY TIMEKEEPER, ALL GOALS AND ASSISTS LEGALLY SCORED AND ALL PENALTIES ASSESSED AND THE REASON FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SUCH PENALTIES.

THE REFEREE(S) SHALL REPORT THE REASON FOR NOT ALLOWING A GOAL DURING THE COURSE OF A GAME AND EVERY TIME A GOAL IS ILLEGALLY SCORED.

(H) IF THE REFEREE DOES NOT APPEAR FOR A GAME OR IS UNABLE TO CONTINUE DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY, THE COACHES OF THE TEAMS SHALL APPOINT ASSISTANT COACHES WHO SHALL ACT AS REFEREE AND LINESMAN. THE ASSISTANT COACH OF THE HOME TEAM SHALL ACT AS THE REFEREE AND THE ASSISTANT COACH OF THE VISITING TEAM SHALL ACT AS THE LINESMAN.

IF ONLY ONE REFEREE APPEARS FOR A GAME (TWO MAN SYSTEM) THE HOME TEAM COACH SHALL APPOINT AN ASSISTANT COACH TO ACT AS LINESMAN.

IF ONLY ONE REFEREE APPEARS FOR A GAME (TWO MAN SYSTEM BANTAM AND SENIOR DIVISIONS) THE SOLE REFEREE SHALL CONDUCT THE GAME.

IF THE REGULARLY APPOINTED REFEREE APPEARS DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE GAME, HE SHALL AT ONCE REPLACE THE TEMPORARY OFFICIAL(S).

(I) AFTER EACH GAME THE REFEREE(S) SHALL CHECK AND SIGN THE SCORE SHEET AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICIAL SCORER.

LINESMAN

(A) THE DUTIES OF THE "LINESMAN" SHALL BE TO ASSIST THE REFEREE IN THE OVERALL CONDUCT OF THE GAME.

THE LINESMAN SHALL STOP PLAY WHEN THE PUCK GOES OUTSIDE OF THE PLAYING AREA, WHEN IT IS INTERFERED WITH BY ANY INELIGIBLE PERSON, WHEN IT IS STRUCK ABOVE THE HEIGHT OF THE SHOULDER, WHEN IT IS PASSED TO A TEAMMATE WITH THE HAND AND WHEN THE GOAL POST HAS BEEN DISPLACED FROM ITS NORMAL POSITION. WHEN IN THE VICINITY OF THE GOAL, THE LINESMAN SHALL STOP PLAY WHEN THE PUCK IS OBSERVED ENTERING THE GOAL. WHEN THERE HAS BEEN A

PREMATURE SUBSTITUTION FOR A GOALKEEPER, FOR INJURED PLAYERS AND FOR INTERFERENCE BY SPECTATORS.

(B) THE LINESMAN SHALL CONDUCT FACE-OFFS AT ALL TIMES, EXCEPT AT THE START OF A PERIOD AND AFTER A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED.

(C) THE LINESMAN SHALL, WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE, DESCRIBE ANY INCIDENT THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THE PLAYING OF THE GAME.

(D) THE LINESMAN SHALL NOT STOP PLAY TO ASSESS ANY PENALTY EXCEPT FOR ANY VIOLATION OF TOO MANY PLAYERS, ARTICLES THROWN ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE AND ILLEGALLY RECEIVED REPLACEMENT STICK. THE LINESMAN SHALL REPORT VIOLATIONS TO THE REFEREE WHO SHALL ASSESS A BENCH MINOR PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING TEAM.

THE LINESMAN SHALL REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE REFEREE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ANY VIOLATION OF DELAYING THE GAME AND ANY INFRACTION OF THE RULES WHICH CONSTITUTES A BENCH MINOR, MAJOR, MISCONDUCT, GAME MISCONDUCT, GROSS MISCONDUCT, MATCH PENALTY OR PENALTY SHOT. THE REFEREE MAY ASSESS A PENALTY FOR SUCH INFRACTIONS.

(E) IF THE REFEREE ACCIDENTLY LEAVES THE PLAYING AREA OR RECEIVES AN INCAPACITATING INJURY, WHILE PLAY IS IN PROGRESS, THE LINESMAN SHALL STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY.

TIMEKEEPER

(A) THE "TIMEKEEPER" SHALL KEEP A CORRECT RECORD OF ALL THE PENALTIES ASSESSED BY THE REFEREE(S) INCLUDING THE NAMES OF THE PENALIZED PLAYERS, THE INFRACTIONS PENALIZED, THE DURATION OF EACH PENALTY AND THE TIME AT WHICH EACH PENALTY WAS ASSESSED. THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL RECORD EACH PENALTY SHOT AWARDED AND THE RESULT OF THE SHOT.

(B) THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL CHECK AND ENSURE THAT THE TIME SERVED BY ALL PENALIZED PLAYERS IS CORRECT. THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CORRECT POSTING OF ALL MINOR AND MAJOR PENALTIES ON THE SCOREBOARD AND SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE REFEREE(S) OF ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE TIME RECORDED ON THE CLOCK AND THE CORRECT OFFICIAL TIME.

THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL, UPON REQUEST, INFORM A PENALIZED PLAYER OF ANY UNEXPIRED PENALTY TIME.

MISCONDUCT AND COINCIDENTAL MINOR PENALTIES SHALL NOT BE RECORDED ON THE CLOCK, BUT SUCH PENALIZED PLAYERS SHALL BE ALERTED AND RELEASED AT THE FIRST STOPPAGE OF PLAY FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE PENALTIES.

(C) IF A PLAYER LEAVES THE PENALTY BENCH PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE PENALTY, THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL NOTE THE TIME AND SIGNAL THE REFEREE(S) AT THE NEXT STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

(D) THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL OBTAIN A LIST OF ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FROM EACH TEAM, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COACH OF EACH TEAM.

THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL SECURE THE NAMES OF THE CAPTAIN AND ASSISTANT CAPTAINS OF EACH TEAM AND NOTE SUCH ON THE OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET.

(E) THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL KEEP A CORRECT RECORD OF ALL GOALS SCORED, AND TO WHOM CREDIT SHALL BE GIVEN FOR ASSISTS.

THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL ALSO RECORD THE TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE GAME OF ANY SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER AND SHALL RECORD WHEN A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED WHILE THE GOALKEEPER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE.

(F) NO REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN ANY AWARD OF POINTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THEY ARE MADE AT OR PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME BY THE TEAM HEAD COACH.

(G) THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL PREPARE THE OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET FOR SIGNATURE BY THE OFFICIALS AND FORWARD IT TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES.

(H) THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL SIGNAL THE REFEREE(S) FOR THE START OF EACH HALF AND THE REFEREE(S) SHALL START PLAY PROMPTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULED PLAYING TIME. THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL RECORD ALL OFFICIAL PLAYING TIME.

(I) IF THE RINK IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATIC SOUND DEVICE, OR SUCH SOUND DEVICE FAILS, THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL SIGNAL THE END OF PLAY TIME BY BLOWING A WHISTLE.

.LEAGUE AUTHORITIES

(A) THE "LEAGUE AUTHORITIES" AS APPLIED UNDER THESE RULES, SHALL BE DEFINED AS THE IMMEDIATE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TEAM OR TEAMS INVOLVED.

SECTION SIX - PLAYING RULES

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER MISCONDUCT

(A) ANY PLAYER WHO CHALLENGES OR DISPUTES THE RULING OF AN OFFICIAL, ATTEMPTS TO INCITE AN OPPONENT OR CREATE A DISTURBANCE DURING THE GAME SHALL BE ASSESSED A MINOR PENALTY FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT. IF THE PLAYER PERSISTS IN SUCH CONDUCT, A MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED AND ANY FURTHER PERSISTENCE BY THE SAME PLAYER SHALL RESULT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY.

IN THE CASE OF A COACH OR OTHER TEAM OFFICIAL, A BENCH MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED FIRST AND IF SUCH CONDUCT CONTINUES, A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

(B) ANY PLAYER WHO SHOOTS THE PUCK AFTER THE WHISTLE SHALL BE ASSESSED A MINOR PENALTY IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE, THE PLAYER HAD SUFFICIENT TIME AFTER THE WHISTLE TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING THE SHOT.

(C) IF ANY PLAYER DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, THE TEAM SHALL BE ASSESSED A BENCH MINOR PENALTY:

1) AFTER BEING PENALIZED, DOES NOT PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE PENALTY BENCH WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE. (EQUIPMENT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE PENALTY BENCH BY A TEAMMATE).

2) THROWS ANYTHING ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE FROM THE PLAYER'S BENCH OR PENALTY BENCH.

3) INTERFERES WITH ANY GAME OFFICIAL, (NON-PHYSICAL) IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

(D) IF ANY PLAYER DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, A MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED:

1) USES OBSCENE, PROFANE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TO ANY PERSON BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME.

2) DURING A STOPPAGE OF PLAY, INTENTIONALLY SHOOTS OR THROWS THE PUCK OUT OF THE REACH OF AN OFFICIAL WHO IS RETRIEVING IT.

3) TOUCHES OR HOLDS ANY GAME OFFICIAL WITH THE HAND OR STICK.

4) INTENTIONALLY BANGS THE BOARDS, PROTECTIVE GLASS OR GOAL WITH A STICK AT ANY TIME.

(E) IF ANY PLAYER DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED:

- 1) PERSISTS IN ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT FOR WHICH THE PLAYER HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSESSED A MISCONDUCT PENALTY.
- 2) USES OBSCENE GESTURES ANYWHERE IN THE RINK BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME.

(F) IF ANY PLAYER DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, A GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED:

- 1) DELIBERATELY INFLICTS OR ATTEMPTS TO INFLICT, PHYSICAL HARM TO A GAME OFFICIAL OR A TEAM OFFICIAL IN ANY MANNER.
- 2) BEHAVES IN ANY MANNER WHICH IS CRITICALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE GAME INCLUDING SPITTING AT AN OPPONENT, GAME OFFICIAL, OR TEAM OFFICIAL.

(G) IF ANY TEAM OFFICIAL DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, THE TEAM SHALL BE ASSESSED A BENCH MINOR PENALTY:

- 1) BANGS THE BOARDS WITH A STICK OR OTHER INSTRUMENT AT ANY TIME.
- 2) USES OBSCENE, PROFANE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TO ANY PERSON BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME.
- 3) THROWS ANYTHING ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE FROM THE PLAYER'S BENCH.
- 4) INTERFERES WITH ANY GAME OFFICIAL, (NON-PHYSICAL) IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.
- 5) ATTEMPTS TO INCITE AN OPPONENT INTO INCURRING A PENALTY.

(H) IF ANY TEAM OFFICIAL DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED:

- 1) PERSISTS IN ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT FOR WHICH THE TEAM OFFICIAL HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSESSED A BENCH MINOR PENALTY.
- 2) USES OBSCENE GESTURES ANYWHERE IN THE RINK BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME.

(I) IF ANY TEAM OFFICIAL DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, A GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED:

- 1) DELIBERATELY INFLICTS OR ATTEMPTS TO INFLICT, PHYSICAL HARM TO A GAME OFFICIAL OR A TEAM OFFICIAL IN ANY MANNER.
- 2) BEHAVES IN ANY MANNER WHICH IS CRITICALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE GAME INCLUDING SPITTING AT AN OPPONENT, GAME OFFICIAL OR TEAM OFFICIAL.

ADJUSTMENT TO CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(A) PLAY SHALL NOT BE STOPPED OR DELAYED BY REASON OF ADJUSTMENT OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, SKATES, OR STICKS. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

(B) THE ONUS OF MAINTAINING CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT IN THE PROPER CONDITION SHALL BE UPON THE PLAYER. IF ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED, THE PLAYER SHALL RETIRE FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE AND PLAY SHALL CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED WITH A SUBSTITUTE.

(C) NO DELAY SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR THE REPAIR OR ADJUSTMENT OF GOALKEEPER'S EQUIPMENT (EXCEPT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE REFEREE DURING A STOPPAGE OF PLAY).

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE BY A GOALKEEPER, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

ATTEMPT TO INJURE

(A) A MATCH PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTS TO INJURE AN OPPONENT, OFFICIAL, COACH OR TRAINER IN ANY MANNER, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION. A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PENALIZED PLAYER SHALL BE PERMITTED AT THE END OF THE FIFTH MINUTE.

BODY-CHECKING AND BOARDING

(A) **A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY**, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO INTENTIONALLY BODY-CHECKS AN OPPONENT, WITH OR WITHOUT THE PUCK.

(B) **A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY**, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO MAKES PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AN OPPONENT AFTER THE WHISTLE HAS BEEN BLOWN, IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE, THE PLAYER HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO AVOID SUCH CONTACT.

(C) **A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY**, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE BASED UPON THE DEGREE OF VIOLENCE OF THE IMPACT WITH THE BOARDS, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO FOULS AN OPPONENT IN SUCH A MANNER THAT CAUSED THE PLAYER TO BE VIOLENTLY THROWN INTO THE BOARDS.

"ROLLING" AN OPPOSING PUCK CARRIER ALONG THE BOARDS WHERE THE PLAYER IS ATTEMPTING TO GO THROUGH TOO SMALL AN OPENING IS NOT BOARDING.

(D) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF “BOARDING” OR “BODY-CHECKING”, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

BROKEN STICK

(A) A PLAYER WHOSE STICK IS BROKEN MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME PROVIDED THE BROKEN STICK IS DROPPED IMMEDIATELY. A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR AN INFRACTION OF THIS RULE.

A BROKEN STICK IS ONE WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF A REFEREE, IS UNFIT FOR NORMAL PLAY.

(B) A GOALKEEPER MAY CONTINUE TO PLAY WITH A BROKEN STICK UNTIL THE NEXT STOPPAGE OF PLAY OR UNTIL A REPLACEMENT STICK HAS BEEN LEGALLY OBTAINED.

(C) A REPLACEMENT STICK MAY ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PLAYERS’ BENCH OR FROM A TEAMMATE ON THE PLAYING SURFACE. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A BENCH MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE TEAM OF THE OFFENDING PLAYER, UNLESS A PENALTY HAS BEEN ASSESSED UNDER RULE 601 FOR THROWING ARTICLES ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE.

THE INTENT OF THIS RULE IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ONE PENALTY FOR ONE ILLEGAL STICK REPLACEMENT.

(D) A GOALKEEPER MAY NOT GO TO THE PLAYERS’ BENCH FOR A REPLACEMENT STICK DURING A STOPPAGE OF PLAY, BUT MUST RECEIVE A REPLACEMENT STICK FROM A TEAMMATE.

FOR AN INFRACTION OF THIS RULE, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE OFFENDING GOALKEEPER.

CHARGING AND CHECKING FROM BEHIND

(A) ***A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY***, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO RUNS, JUMPS INTO, OR CHARGES AN OPPONENT.

IF MORE THAN TWO STEPS OR STRIDES ARE TAKEN, IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED “CHARGING”.

(B) ***A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY***, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO PUSHES OR BODY-CHECKS AN OPPONENT FROM BEHIND.

(C) ***A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY*** SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO BODY-CHECKS OR CHARGES A GOALKEEPER WHILE THE GOALKEEPER IS WITHIN THE GOAL CREASE OR PRIVILEGED AREA.

A GOALKEEPER IS NOT “FAIR GAME” JUST BECAUSE THE GOALKEEPER IS OUTSIDE THE PRIVILEGED AREA. A PENALTY FOR INTERFERENCE OR CHARGING MUST BE ASSESSED IN EVERY CASE WHERE AN OPPOSING PLAYER MAKES UNNECESSARY CONTACT WITH A GOALKEEPER.

(D) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF “CHARGING” OR “CHECKING FROM BEHIND” , THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

CROSS-CHECKING AND BUTT-ENDING

(A) *A MINOR PENALTY OR MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY*, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO CROSS-CHECKS AN OPPONENT.

(B) *A MINOR PENALTY OR MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY*, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO BUTT-ENDS OR ATTEMPTS TO BUTT-END AN OPPONENT.

AN ATTEMPT TO BUTT-END SHALL INCLUDE ALL CASES IN WHICH A BUTT-END GESTURE IS MADE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BODY CONTACT IS MADE OR NOT.

(C) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF “CROSS-CHECKING” OR “BUTT-ENDING”, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(D) BUTT-ENDING MAY ALSO BE TREATED AS A MATCH PENALTY UNDER ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY TO AN OPPONENT.

DELIBERATE INJURY OF OPPONENTS AND HEAD-BUTTING

(A) A MATCH PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO DELIBERATELY INJURES AN OPPONENT, TEAM OFFICIAL, OR GAME OFFICIAL IN ANY MANNER, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

(B) NO SUBSTITUTE SHALL BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE PENALIZED PLAYER UNTIL AFTER FIVE MINUTES ACTUAL PLAYING TIME HAVE ELAPSED, FROM THE TIME THE PENALTY WAS ASSESSED.

(C) A MATCH PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO DELIBERATELY HEAD-BUTTS AN OPPONENT, TEAM OFFICIAL OR GAME OFFICIAL, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

DELAYING THE GAME

(A) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER OR GOALKEEPER, WHO DELAYS THE GAME DELIBERATELY SHOOTING, BATTING OR THROWING THE PUCK OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA.

THIS PENALTY SHALL ALSO BE ASSESSED WHEN IT OCCURS DURING A STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

INTENTIONAL DELAY OF THE GAME BY A GOALKEEPER SHALL BE ASSESSED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE.

(B) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER OR GOALKEEPER WHO DELAYS THE GAME BY DELIBERATELY DISPLACING THE GOAL POST FROM ITS NORMAL POSITION. PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE GOAL POST HAS BEEN DISPLACED.

IF A GOALKEEPER DELIBERATELY DISPLACES THE GOAL POST OR DELIBERATELY REMOVES THE HELMET OR FACE MASK DURING THE COURSE OF A BREAKAWAY BY THE ATTACKING TEAM, A PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM. THE PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE PLAYER LAST IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK.

(C) A BENCH MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY TEAM WHICH, AFTER A WARNING BY THE REFEREE, FAILS TO PLACE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, THEREBY CAUSING A DELAY IN ANY MANNER.

(D) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO, AFTER A WARNING BY THE REFEREE, FAILS TO MAINTAIN A PROPER POSITION DURING THE FACE-OFF.

ELBOWING AND KNEEING

(A) ***A MINOR PENALTY OR MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY*** SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO USES THE ELBOW OR KNEE IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO FOUL AN OPPONENT IN ANY WAY.

(B) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF "ELBOWING" OR "KNEEING", THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

FACE-OFFS

(A) THE PUCK SHALL BE “FACED-OFF” BY THE REFEREE OR THE LINESMAN DROPPING THE PUCK ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE BETWEEN THE STICKS OF THE TWO PLAYERS FACING-OFF. PLAYERS FACING-OFF SHALL STAND FACING THEIR OPPONENT’S END OF THE RINK WITH THE BLADE OF THEIR STICKS IN CONTACT WITH THE RED AREA OF THE FACE-OFF SPOT. THE ATTACKING TEAM PLAYER SHALL BE THE FIRST PLAYER TO PLACE THE STICK ON THE PLAYING SURFACE.

IF A PLAYER FACING-OFF FAILS TO TAKE THE PROPER POSITION IMMEDIATELY WHEN DIRECTED BY THE OFFICIAL, THE OFFICIAL MAY ORDER A REPLACEMENT FOR THAT FACE-OFF BY A TEAMMATE ON THE PLAYING SURFACE.

NO OTHER PLAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FACE-OFF CIRCLE OR COME WITHIN 15 FEET OF THE PLAYERS FACING-OFF THE PUCK, AND THEY MUST STAND ON-SIDE ON ALL FACE-OFFS.

WHEN A PLAYER, OTHER THAN THE PLAYER FACING-OFF, FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER POSITION, THE CENTER OF THE OFFENDING TEAM SHALL BE EJECTED FROM THE FACE-OFF.

FOR A SECOND VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RULE, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE PLAYER WHO COMMITS THE SECOND VIOLATION.

NO SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS SHALL BE PERMITTED UNTIL THE FACE-OFF HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND PLAY HAS BEEN RESUMED EXCEPT WHEN ANY PENALTY IS ASSESSED DURING THE FACE-OFF.

THE WHISTLE SHALL NOT BE BLOWN TO START PLAY. PLAYING TIME SHALL COMMENCE FROM THE INSTANT THE PUCK IS FACED-OFF AND SHALL STOP WHEN THE WHISTLE IS BLOWN.

(B) IF, AFTER A WARNING BY THE OFFICIAL, EITHER OF THE PLAYERS FAILS TO TAKE THE PROPER POSITION FOR THE FACE-OFF PROMPTLY, THE OFFICIAL SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CONDUCT THE FACE-OFF REGARDLESS OF SUCH DEFAULT.

(C) DURING THE CONDUCT OF ANY FACE-OFF, NO PLAYER SHALL MAKE ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AN OPPONENT EXCEPT IN THE COURSE OF PLAYING THE PUCK AFTER THE FACE-OFF HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MINOR PENALTY TO THE PLAYER WHOSE ACTION CAUSED THE PHYSICAL CONTACT.

“CONDUCT OF ANY FACE-OFF” COMMENCES WHEN THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATES THE SPOT OF THE FACE-OFF AND TAKES UP A POSITION TO DROP THE PUCK.

(D) NO FACE-OFF SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN AT A FACE-OFF SPOT.

(E) WHEN A STOPPAGE OF PLAY OCCURS BETWEEN THE END ZONE FACE-OFF SPOTS AND THE NEAR END OF THE RINK, THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE END FACE-OFF SPOT ON THE SIDE WHERE THE STOPPAGE OCCURRED, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THESE RULES.

(F) WHEN A STOPPAGE OF PLAY CAUSED BY A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM SHOOTING THE PUCK ONTO THE BACK OF THE DEFENDING TEAM'S GOAL WITHOUT ANY INTERVENING ACTION BY THE DEFENDING TEAM THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE ATTACKING TEAM'S SPECIAL FACE OFF SPOT.

(G) WHEN A VIOLATION OF A RULE HAS BEEN COMMITTED OR A STOPPAGE OF PLAY HAS BEEN CAUSED BY PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS, THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT (EXCLUDING CENTER FACE-OFF SPOT) TO WHERE THE PUCK WAS WHEN THE STOPPAGE OCCURRED.

(H) WHEN A GOAL IS LEGALLY SCORED, THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CENTER FACE-OFF SPOT.

(I) WHEN THE GAME IS STOPPED FOR ANY REASON NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES, THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT TO WHERE THE PUCK WAS LAST PLAYED.

FALLING ON PUCK

(A) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, WHO DELIBERATELY FALLS ON OR GATHERS THE PUCK INTO THE BODY OR WHO HOLDS THE PUCK AGAINST ANY PART OF THE GOAL OR THE BOARDS.

ANY PLAYER WHO DROPS TO BLOCK A SHOT SHALL NOT BE PENALIZED IF THE PUCK IS SHOT UNDER THE PLAYER OR BECOMES LODGED IN ANY CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT. A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO USES THE HANDS TO OBTAIN SUCH A STOPPAGE.

(B) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER WHO FALLS ON OR GATHERS THE PUCK INTO THE BODY, WHEN THE BODY IS ENTIRELY OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PRIVILEGED AREA OR WHO FALLS ON OR GATHERS THE PUCK INTO THE BODY, WHEN THE BODY IS ENTIRELY OUTSIDE THE GOAL CREASE AND THE PUCK IS BEHIND THE GOAL LINE.

A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER WHO HOLDS THE PUCK AGAINST ANY PART OF THE GOAL OR BOARDS.

(C) NO DEFENDING PLAYER, EXCEPT THE GOALKEEPER, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO FALL ON THE PUCK, HOLD THE PUCK, OR GATHER A PUCK INTO THE BODY OR HANDS WHEN THE PUCK IS WITHIN THE GOAL CREASE.

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND A PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM. HOWEVER, IF THE GOALKEEPER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE WHEN THE INFRACTION OCCURS, A GOAL SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM IN LIEU OF THE PENALTY SHOT.

THIS RULE SHALL BE INTERPRETED SO THAT A PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED ONLY WHEN THE PUCK IS IN THE GOAL CREASE AT THE INSTANT THE INFRACTION OCCURS. HOWEVER, IN CASES WHERE THE PUCK IS OUTSIDE THE GOAL CREASE, RULE 612 (A) MAY STILL BE APPLIED AND A MINOR PENALTY ASSESSED, EVEN THOUGH NO PENALTY SHOT IS AWARDED.

FIGHTING

(A) A MAJOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO IS INVOLVED IN A FIGHT ON OR OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME.

(B) A MINOR OR DOUBLE MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO, HAVING BEEN STRUCK, RETALIATES WITH A PUNCH OR AN ATTEMPTED PUNCH. HOWEVER, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, A MAJOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED IF THE PLAYER CONTINUES THE ALTERCATION.

THE REFEREE IS PROVIDED WITH VERY WIDE LATITUDE IN REGARD TO THE PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE ASSESSED UNDER THIS RULE. THIS IS DONE TO ENABLE THE REFEREE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE OBVIOUS DEGREES OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS EITHER FOR, STARTING THE FIGHT, OR PERSISTING IN CONTINUING THE FIGHT.

REFEREES ARE DIRECTED TO EMPLOY EVERY MEANS PROVIDED BY THESE RULES TO PREVENT "BRAWLING".

(C) ANY PLAYER RECEIVING A MAJOR PENALTY FOR FISTICUFFS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE ASSESSED A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY.

(D) A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER OR GOALKEEPER WHO IS THE FIRST TO INTERVENE IN AN ALTERCATION ALREADY IN PROGRESS. THIS PENALTY IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY INCURRED IN THE SAME INCIDENT.

(E) A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO RESISTS THE GAME OFFICIALS IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES DURING AN ALTERCATION.

(F) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER WHO LEAVES THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE GOAL CREASE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ALTERCATION. THIS PENALTY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY INCURRED DURING THE ALTERCATION.

GOALS AND ASSISTS

(NOTE) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REFEREE TO AWARD GOALS AND ASSISTS, AND SUCH DECISION IS FINAL.

IN CASES OF AN OBVIOUS ERROR IN AWARDING A GOAL OR AN ASSIST WHICH HAS BEEN RECORDED, IT SHOULD BE CORRECTED PROMPTLY. CHANGES SHALL NOT BE MADE ON THE SCORING SUMMARY AFTER THE COACH HAS SIGNED THE OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET.

(A) A GOAL SHALL BE SCORED WHEN THE PUCK HAS BEEN PUT BETWEEN THE GOAL POSTS BY THE STICK OF A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM FROM IN FRONT, BELOW THE CROSS BAR AND ENTIRELY ACROSS THE GOAL LINE.

A "GOAL" SHALL BE CREDITED IN THE SCORING RECORDS TO A PLAYER WHO SHALL HAVE PROPELLED THE PUCK INTO THE OPPONENT'S GOAL. EACH "GOAL" SHALL COUNT AS ONE POINT IN THE PLAYER'S RECORD.

AN "ASSIST" SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE PLAYER OR PLAYERS TAKING PART IN THE PLAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GOAL, BUT NO MORE THAN TWO ASSISTS CAN BE CREDITED ON ANY GOAL.

ONLY ONE POINT CAN BE CREDITED TO ANY ONE PLAYER FOR ANY ONE GOAL SCORED.

(B) A GOAL SHALL BE SCORED IF THE PUCK IS PUT INTO THE GOAL IN ANYWAY BY A PLAYER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM. THE PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM WHO LAST PLAYED THE PUCK SHALL BE CREDITED WITH THE GOAL, BUT NO ASSISTS SHALL BE AWARDED.

(C) IF AN ATTACKING PLAYER KICKS THE PUCK AND THE PUCK GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE GOAL OR IS DEFLECTED INTO THE GOAL BY ANY PLAYER, INCLUDING THE GOALKEEPER, THE GOAL SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

(D) IF THE PUCK IS DEFLECTED INTO THE GOAL FROM THE SHOT OF AN ATTACKING PLAYER BY STRIKING ANY PART OF ANY PLAYER, THE GOAL SHALL BE ALLOWED. THE PLAYER WHO DEFLECTED THE PUCK SHALL BE CREDITED WITH THE GOAL. THE GOAL SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE PUCK HAS BEEN KICKED, THROWN, OR OTHERWISE DELIBERATELY DIRECTED BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER INTO THE GOAL BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN A STICK.

(E) IF A GOAL IS SCORED AS A RESULT OF A PUCK BEING DEFLECTED DIRECTLY INTO THE GOAL OFF AN OFFICIAL, THE GOAL SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

(F) SHOULD A PLAYER LEGALLY PROPEL THE PUCK INTO THE GOAL CREASE OF THE OPPOSING TEAM AND THE PUCK BECOMES LOOSE IN THE GOAL CREASE AND AVAILABLE TO A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM, ANY GOAL SCORED ON THE PLAY SHALL BE ALLOWED.

(G) ANY GOAL SCORED, OTHER THAN AS COVERED BY THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES, SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

GROSS MISCONDUCT

(A) A REFEREE MAY SUSPEND FROM THE GAME ANY PLAYER, COACH, OR TRAINER GUILTY OF GROSS MISCONDUCT OF ANY KIND AND MUST REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES.

HANDLING PUCK WITH HANDS

(A) IF A PLAYER, OTHER THAN A GOALKEEPER, CLOSSES THE HAND ON THE PUCK, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND A FACE-OFF SHALL FOLLOW; HOWEVER, IF THE PUCK IS DROPPED IMMEDIATELY, PLAY SHALL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

IF A GOALKEEPER HOLDS THE PUCK WITH THE HAND FOR MORE THAN THREE SECONDS, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND A FACE-OFF SHALL FOLLOW; HOWEVER, AFTER AN INITIAL WARNING BY THE REFEREE, A GOALKEEPER WHO HOLDS THE PUCK UNNECESSARILY SHALL BE ASSESSED A MINOR PENALTY FOR DELAYING THE GAME.

(B) A GOALKEEPER SHALL NOT INTENTIONALLY DROP THE PUCK INTO THE PADS OR ONTO THE GOAL NET NOR DELIBERATELY PILE OBSTACLES AT THE GOAL THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE, WOULD TEND TO PREVENT THE SCORING OF A GOAL.

THE OBJECT OF THIS RULE IS TO KEEP THE PUCK IN PLAY CONTINUOUSLY AND ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOALKEEPER WHICH CAUSES AN UNNECESSARY STOPPAGE SHALL BE PENALIZED.

FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(C) IF A GOALKEEPER THROWS THE PUCK FORWARD TOWARD THE OPPONENT'S GOAL AND IT IS FIRST PLAYED BY A TEAMMATE, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE NEAREST END ZONE FACE-OFF SPOT OF THE OFFENDING TEAM.

(D) IF A DEFENDING PLAYER, OTHER THAN THE GOALKEEPER, PICKS UP THE PUCK IN THE GOAL CREASE FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE WITH THE HANDS, OR HOLDS THE PUCK WHILE IT IS IN THE GOAL CREASE, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND A PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM.

IF THE ABOVE SITUATION OCCURS WHILE THE GOALKEEPER IS OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE, A GOAL SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM.

(E) A PLAYER SHALL PERMITTED TO STOP OR “BAT” THE PUCK IN THE AIR WITH THE HAND, OR PUSH IT ALONG THE PLAYING SURFACE WITH THE HAND, AND PLAY SHALL NOR BE STOPPED UNLESS THE PUCK HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY DIRECTED TO A TEAMMATE IN THE ATTACKING ZONE, IN WHICH CASE THE PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND THE PUCK FACED-OFF AT THE NEAREST SPECIAL FACE-OFF SPOT.

(F) A GOAL THAT IS SCORED AS A RESULT OF THE PUCK BEING PROPELLED BY THE HAND OF AN ATTACKING PLAYER AND ENTERED THE GOAL EITHER DIRECTLY OR AFTER DEFLECTING OFF ANY PLAYER INCLUDING THE GOALKEEPER, SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

HIGH STICKS

(A) THE CARRYING OF THE STICK ABOVE THE NORMAL HEIGHT OF THE SHOULDERS IS PROHIBITED. THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A **MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY** TO ANY PLAYER WHO STRIKES AN OPPONENT WITH A STICK SO CARRIED.

(B) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF “HIGH STICK”, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(C) A GOAL SCORED BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER WHO STRIKES THE PUCK WITH THE STICK WHICH IS CARRIED ABOVE THE HEIGHT OF THE GOAL FRAME CROSS BAR, SHALL NOR BE ALLOWED.

(D) BATTING THE PUCK ABOVE THE NORMAL HEIGHT OF THE SHOULDERS WITH THE STICK IS PROHIBITED. WHEN IT OCCURS PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT AN END ZONE FACE-OFF SPOT OF THE OFFENDING PLAYER’S TEAM UNLESS:

1) THE PUCK IS BATTED TO AN OPPONENT, IN WHICH CASE THE PLAY SHALL CONTINUE.

2) A PLAYER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM SHALL BAT THE PUCK INTO THE PLAYER’S OWN GOAL, IN WHICH CASE THE GOAL SHALL BE ALLOWED.

HOLDING AN OPPONENT

(A) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO HOLDS AN OPPONENT WITH THE HANDS, LEGS, FEET, STICK, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY.

(B) A MINOR OR MAJOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO GRABS OR HOLDS THE FACE MASK OF AN OPPONENT WITH THE HAND.

(C) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF "HOLDING THE FACE MASK", THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

HOOKING

(A) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO IMPEDES OR SEEKS TO IMPEDE THE PROGRESS OF AN OPPONENT BY HOOKING WITH THE STICK.

(B) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF "HOOKING", THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

INTERFERENCE

(A) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO INTERFERES WITH OR IMPEDES THE PROGRESS OF AN OPPONENT WHO IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK, DELIBERATELY KNOCKS A STICK OUT OF AN OPPONENTS HAND, PREVENTS A PLAYER WHO HAS DROPPED THE STICK OR ANY OTHER PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FROM REGAINING POSSESSION OF IT, OR SHOOTS A STICK OR OTHER OBJECT TOWARD AN OPPONENT.

THE LAST PLAYER TO TOUCH THE PUCK SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE PLAYER IN POSSESSION.

(B) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER ON THE PLAYERS' OR THE PENALTY BENCH WHO, BY MEANS OF THE STICK OR BODY, INTERFERES WITH THE MOVEMENTS OF THE PUCK OR AN OPPONENT ON THE PLAYING SURFACE DURING THE PROGRESS OF PLAY.

(C) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO, BY MEANS OF THE STICK OR BODY, INTERFERES WITH OR IMPEDES THE MOVEMENTS OF THE GOALKEEPER WHILE THE GOALKEEPER IS IN THE GOAL CREASE AREA.

(D) UNLESS THE PUCK IS IN THE GOAL CREASE AREA, A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM MAY NOT STAND ON THE GOAL CREASE LINE OR IN THE GOAL CREASE OR HOLD THE STICK IN THE GOAL CREASE. IF THE PUCK SHOULD ENTER THE GOAL WHILE SUCH A CONDITION PREVAILS, A GOAL SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, WHILE THE ATTACKING TEAM HAS POSSESSION OF THE PUCK, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST SPECIAL FACE-OFF SPOT.

THIS RULE SHALL NOT APPLY WHEN THE GOALKEEPER IS OUT OF THE GOAL CREASE.

(E) IF A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM HAS BEEN PUSHED OR OTHERWISE PHYSICALLY FORCED INTO THE GOAL CREASE BY AN OPPOSING PLAYER, AND THE PUCK SHOULD ENTER THE GOAL WHILE THE PLAYER SO INTERFERED WITH IS STILL IN THE GOAL CREASE, THE GOAL SHALL BE ALLOWED.

(F) WHEN THE GOALKEEPER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE AND ANY MEMBER OF THE OPPOSING TEAM NOT LEGALLY ON THE PLAYING SURFACE INTERFERES BY MEANS OF THE BODY, STICK, OR ANY OTHER OBJECT WITH THE MOVEMENTS OF THE PUCK OR AN OPPOSING PLAYER, THE REFEREE SHALL IMMEDIATELY AWARD A GOAL TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM.

(NOTE) THE ATTENTION OF THE REFEREE IS DIRECTED PARTICULARLY TO THREE TYPES OF OFFENSIVE INTERFERENCE WHICH SHALL BE PENALIZED.

1) WHEN THE DEFENDING TEAM SECURES POSSESSION OF THE PUCK IN ITS OWN ZONE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SAME TEAM RUN INTERFERENCE FOR THE PUCK CARRIER BY FORMING A PROTECTIVE SCREEN AGAINST FORECHECKERS.

2) WHEN A PLAYER FACING-OFF OBSTRUCTS AN OPPONENT AFTER THE FACE-OFF WHEN THE OPPONENT IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK.

3) WHEN THE PUCK CARRIER MAKES A DROP PASS AND FOLLOWS THROUGH SO AS TO MAKE BODY CONTACT WITH AN OPPOSING PLAYER.

INTERFERENCE BY SPECTATORS

(A) IN THE EVENT OF A PLAYER BEING HELD OR INTERFERED WITH BY A SPECTATOR, THE REFEREE SHALL IMMEDIATELY STOP THE PLAY, UNLESS THE TEAM OF THE PLAYER BEING INTERFERED WITH IS IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK AT THE TIME, IN WHICH CASE THE PLAY SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BE COMPLETED. THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT TO WHERE THE PUCK WAS LAST PLAYED.

(B) ANY PLAYER WHO PHYSICALLY INTERFERES WITH A SPECTATOR SHALL BE ASSESSED A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY AND THE

CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

(C) IN THE EVENT THAT OBJECTS ARE THROWN ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE WHICH INTERFERE WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE GAME, THE REFEREE SHALL STOP THE PLAY AND THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT TO WHERE THE PUCK WAS LAST PLAYED.

KICKING PLAYER

(A) A MATCH PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO KICKS OR ATTEMPTS TO KICK ANOTHER PLAYER. A SUBSTITUTE SHALL BE PERMITTED AT THE END OF THE FIFTH MINUTE.

KICKING PUCK

(A) KICKING THE PUCK SHALL BE PERMITTED IN ALL ZONES; HOWEVER, A GOAL THAT IS SCORED AS THE RESULT OF THE PUCK BEING KICKED BY AN ATTACKING PLAYER AND ENTERED THE GOAL EITHER DIRECTLY OR AFTER DEFLECTING OFF ANY PLAYER INCLUDING THE GOALKEEPER, SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

LEAVING PLAYER OR PENALTY BENCHES

(A) NO PLAYER MAY LEAVE THE PLAYER'S BENCH OR PENALTY BENCH AT ANY TIME DURING AN ALTERCATION. SUBSTITUTIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE ALTERCATION SHALL NOT BE PENALIZED UNDER THIS RULE PROVIDED THE PLAYERS SO SUBSTITUTING DO NOT ENTER THE ALTERCATION.

A DOUBLE MINOR PENALTY PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE PLAYER WHO WAS THE FIRST TO LEAVE THE PLAYERS' OR PENALTY BENCH DURING AN ALTERCATION. IF PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS LEAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE BENCHES AT THE SAME TIME, THE FIRST IDENTIFIABLE PLAYER OF EACH TEAM SHALL BE PENALIZED UNDER THIS RULE.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHICH PLAYER WAS THE FIRST TO LEAVE THE PLAYERS' BENCH DURING AN ALTERCATION, THE REFEREE MAY CONSULT WITH THE LINESMAN OR OTHER GAME OFFICIALS.

ANY PLAYER WHO LEAVES THE PLAYER' BENCH DURING AN ALTERCATION AND IS ASSESSED A MINOR, MAJOR OR MISCONDUCT PENALTY FOR SUCH ACTIONS, SHALL ALSO BE ASSESSED A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY.

OTHER PLAYERS WHO LEAVE THE PLAYERS' BENCH OR PENALTY BENCH DURING AN ALTERCATION SHALL BE ASSESSED A MISCONDUCT PENALTY (MAXIMUM 5 PER TEAM).

IF A PLAYER ILLEGALLY ENTERS A GAME, ANY GOAL SCORED BY THAT TEAM WHILE THE ILLEGAL PLAYER IS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE SHALL BE DISALLOWED, BUT ALL PENALTIES ASSESSED TO EITHER TEAM SHALL BE SERVED AS REGULAR PENALTIES.

(B) EXCEPT AT THE END OF EACH PERIOD, OR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF A PENALTY, NO PLAYER MAY LEAVE THE PENALTY BENCH, AT ANY TIME.

A PENALIZED PLAYER WHO LEAVES THE PENALTY BENCH PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE PENALTY, WHETHER PLAY IS IN PROGRESS OR NOT, SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ADDITIONAL MINOR PENALTY AFTER SERVING THE UNEXPIRED PENALTY TIME.

WHEN A PLAYER LEAVES THE PENALTY BENCH PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE PENALTY, THE TIMEKEEPER SHALL NOTE THE TIME AND VERBALLY ALERT THE REFEREE WHO SHALL STOP PLAY WHEN THE OFFENDING PLAYER'S TEAM GAINS POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE PUCK.

IN CASE OF A PLAYER RETURNING TO THE PLAYING SURFACE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE PENALTY, THROUGH AN ERROR OF THE TIMEKEEPER, THE PLAYER IS NOT TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY, BUT MUST SERVE THE UNEXPIRED TIME.

A PENALIZED PLAYER WHO LEAVES THE PENALTY BENCH DURING AN ALTERCATION SHALL BE ASSESSED A MINOR PENALTY PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY, IN ADDITION TO ANY UNEXPIRED TIME. WHEN A PENALIZED PLAYER RETURNS TO THE PLAYING SURFACE FROM THE PENALTY BENCH PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE PENALTY, ANY GOAL SCORED BY THAT TEAM, WHILE THE PLAYER IS ILLEGALLY ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, SHALL BE DISALLOWED, BUT ALL PENALTIES ASSESSED TO EITHER TEAM SHALL BE SERVED AS REGULAR PENALTIES.

(C) IF A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK SHALL BE IN A POSITION AS TO HAVE NO OPPOSING PLAYER TO PASS OTHER THAN THE GOALKEEPER, AND IS INTERFERED WITH BY A PLAYER WHO HAS ENTERED THE GAME ILLEGALLY, THE ATTACKING PLAYER SHALL BE AWARDED A PENALTY SHOT.

IF THE OPPOSING GOALKEEPER IS OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE AND THE ATTACKING PLAYER IS INTERFERED WITH BY AN ILLEGAL PLAYER, A GOAL SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM.

(D) IF A TEAM OFFICIAL STEPS ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE AFTER THE START OF A HALF AND BEFORE THAT HALF IS COMPLETED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE REFEREE, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A BENCH MINOR PENALTY TO THE TEAM OF THE OFFENDING COACH.

(E) DURING ANY FACE-OFF, IF A TEAM STARTS WITH FEWER PLAYERS THAN ENTITLED TO, ANY PLAYER SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERING THE GAME

SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY ANY PUCK COMING FROM THE DEFENDING ZONE WHILE THE PLAYER IS IN THE ATTACKING ZONE UNLESS THE PUCK IS FIRST PLAYED BY ANOTHER PLAYER IN THE ATTACKING ZONE.

PUCK MUST BE KEPT IN MOTION

- (A) THE PUCK MUST BE KEPT IN MOTION AT ALL TIMES. PLAY SHALL NOT BE STOPPED BECAUSE THE PUCK IS FROZEN ALONG THE BOARDS BY TWO OR MORE OPPOSING PLAYERS, UNLESS ONE OF THE PLAYERS FALLS ONTO THE PUCK. IF ONE PLAYER FREEZES THE PUCK ALONG THE BOARDS OR IF A PLAYER DELIBERATELY FALLS ON THE PUCK A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR DELAYING THE GAME. HOWEVER, THE REFEREE MAY STOP THE PLAY ALONG THE BOARDS IF ALLOWING PLAY TO CONTINUE SHALL LEAD TO UNNECESSARY CONTACT SURROUNDING THE PUCK.
- (B) THE PUCK MAY NOT BE KEPT IN MOTION WITH THE TIP OF THE BLADE ON THE CENTER OF THE PUCK. FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MINOR PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

PUCK OUT OF BOUNDS OR UNPLAYABLE

- (A) WHEN THE PUCK GOES OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA OR STRIKES ANY OBSTACLES ABOVE THE PLAYING SURFACE OTHER THAN THE BOARDS, GLASS OR WIRE, IT SHALL BE FACED-OFF AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT TO WHERE IT WAS LAST PLAYED.

WHEN THE PUCK BECOMES UNPLAYABLE DUE TO A DEFECT IN THE RINK, IT SHALL BE FACED-OFF AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT TO WHERE IT WAS LAST PLAYED.

- (B) WHEN THE PUCK BECOMES LODGED IN THE NETTING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GOAL OR IF IT IS FROZEN BETWEEN OPPOSING PLAYERS, THE REFEREE SHALL STOP PLAY AND FACE-OFF THE PUCK AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT TO WHERE IT WAS LAST PLAYED UNLESS, IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE THE STOPPAGE WAS CAUSED BY A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM, IN WHICH CASE THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE NEAREST SPECIAL FACE-OFF SPOT.

THE DEFENDING TEAM AND/OR THE ATTACKING TEAM MAY PLAY THE PUCK OFF THE NET AT ANY TIME. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE PUCK REMAIN ON THE NET FOR LONGER THAN THREE SECONDS, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED AND THE FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST END ZONE FACE-OFF SPOT, EXCEPT WHEN THE STOPPAGE IS CAUSED BY A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM, IN WHICH CASE THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE NEAREST SPECIAL FACE-OFF SPOT.

IF THE PUCK COMES TO REST ON TOP OF THE GOAL FRAME, THE PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.

(C) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A GOALKEEPER WHO DELIBERATELY DROPS THE PUCK ON THE GOAL NETTING TO CAUSE A STOPPAGE OF PLAY.

(D) IF THE PUCK COMES TO REST ON TOP OF THE BOARDS SURROUNDING THE PLAYING AREA, IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN PLAY AND MAY BE PLAYED LEGALLY BY THE HAND OR STICK.

PUCK OUT OF SIGHT AND ILLEGAL PUCK

(A) SHOULD A SCRAMBLE TAKE PLACE, OR A PLAYER ACCIDENTLY FALLS ON THE PUCK AND IT IS OUT OF THE SIGHT OF THE REFEREE, PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY. THE ENSUING FACE-OFF SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEAREST FACE-OFF SPOT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES.

(B) IF, AT ANY TIME DURING PLAY, A PUCK OTHER THAN THE ONE OFFICIALLY IN PLAY SHALL APPEAR ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE GAME, THE PLAY SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.

PUCK STRIKING OFFICIAL

(A) PLAY SHALL NOT BE STOPPED BECAUSE THE PUCK TOUCHES AN OFFICIAL ANYWHERE ON THE RINK.

REFUSING TO START PLAY

(A) IF, WHEN BOTH TEAMS ARE ON THE PLAYING SURFACE, ONE TEAM FOR ANY REASON SHALL REFUSE TO PLAY WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE, THE CAPTAIN SHALL BE WARNED AND THE TEAM SO REFUSING SHALL BE ALLOWED 15 SECONDS TO BEGIN THE GAME OR RESUME PLAY. IF, AT THE END OF THAT TIME THE TEAM SHALL STILL REFUSE TO PLAY, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A BENCH MINOR PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING TEAM.

SHOULD THERE BE A RE-OCURRENCE OF THE SAME INCIDENT, THE REFEREE SHALL SUSPEND THE GAME, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

(B) IF A TEAM, WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE, FAILS TO GO ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE PROMPTLY, IT SHALL BE ASSESSED A BENCH MINOR PENALTY.

IF THE TEAM SHALL STILL REFUSE TO GO ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE AND START PLAY WITHIN FIVE MINUTES, THE REFEREE SHALL

SUSPEND THE GAME, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

SLASHING

(A) ***A MINOR PENALTY OR A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY***, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO SLASHES OR ATTEMPTS TO SLASH AN OPPONENT WITH THE STICK.

REFEREES SHOULD PENALIZE AS “SLASHING” ANY PLAYER WHO SWINGS THE STICK AT AN OPPONENT (WHETHER IN OR OUT OF RANGE) WITHOUT ACTUALLY MAKING CONTACT, OR WHEN A PLAYER ON THE PRETEXT OF PLAYING THE PUCK MAKES A WILD SWING AT THE PUCK WITH THE INTENT TO INTIMIDATE AN OPPONENT.

(B) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF “SLASHING”, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(C) ANY PLAYER WHO SWINGS THE STICK AT ANOTHER PLAYER DURING THE COURSE OF ANY ALTERCATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A MATCH PENALTY, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

(D) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO MAKES STICK CONTACT WITH THE OPPOSING GOALKEEPER, IN THE GOAL CREASE, WHO HAS COVERED OR CAUGHT THE PUCK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE REFEREE HAS STOPPED THE PLAY.

SPEARING

(A) ***A MINOR PENALTY OR MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY***, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, SHALL BE ASSESSED TO A PLAYER WHO SPEARS OR ATTEMPTS TO SPEAR AN OPPONENT.

ATTEMPT TO SPEAR SHALL INCLUDE ALL CASES WHERE A SPEARING GESTURE IS MADE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BODY CONTACT IS MADE OR NOT.

(B) WHEN A PLAYER INJURES AN OPPONENT AS THE RESULT OF “SPEARING”, THE REFEREE SHALL ASSESS A MAJOR PLUS A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO THE OFFENDING PLAYER.

(C) SPEARING MAY ALSO BE TREATED AS A MATCH PENALTY UNDER ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY TO AN OPPONENT.

THROWING STICK

(A) WHEN ANY PLAYER OR TEAM OFFICIAL OF THE DEFENDING TEAM DELIBERATELY THROWS OR SHOOTS A STICK OR ANY OTHER OBJECT AT THE PUCK IN THE DEFENDING ZONE, THE REFEREE SHALL ALLOW THE PLAY TO BE COMPLETED AND IF A GOAL IS NOT SCORED, A PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE FOULED PLAYER.

IF, HOWEVER, THE GOAL IS UNATTENDED AND THE ATTACKING PLAYER HAS NO DEFENDING PLAYER TO PASS AND HAS A CHANCE TO SCORE ON AN OPEN GOAL, AND A STICK OR ANY OTHER OBJECT IS THROWN OR SHOT AT THE PUCK BY A MEMBER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM, THEREBY PREVENTING A SHOT ON THE OPEN GOAL, A GOAL SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM.

(B) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER ON THE PLAYING SURFACE WHO THROWS OR SHOOTS A STICK OR ANY OTHER OBJECT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE PUCK IN ANY ZONE EXCEPT WHEN SUCH ACT HAS BEEN PENALIZED BY A PENALTY SHOT OR AWARDED GOAL.

WHEN A PLAYER DISCARDS A BROKEN STICK BY TOSSING IT TO THE SIDE OF THE RINK (AND NOT OVER THE BOARDS) IN SUCH A WAY THAT SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH PLAY OR AN OPPOSING PLAYER, NO PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR DOING SO.

(C) A MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO THROWS A STICK OR ANY PART THEREOF OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA.

A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO DELIBERATELY THROWS A STICK OR ANY PART THEREOF OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA AT OR IN THE DIRECTION OF ANY SPECTATORS.

TIME OF MATCH AND TIME-OUTS

(A) A GAME SHALL CONSIST OF THREE 18 MINUTE RUNNING TIME PERIODS.

STOP TIME SHALL BE PLAYED DURING THE LAST TWO MINUTES OF PLAY.

A ONE MINUTE REST PERIOD SHALL BE PERMITTED BETWEEN PERIODS, AFTER WHICH THE TEAMS SHALL CHANGE ENDS.

(B) THE TEAM SCORING THE GREATER NUMBER OF GOALS DURING THE THREE PERIODS SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNER, AND SHALL BE CREDITED WITH TWO POINTS IN THE STANDINGS.

(C) THE REFEREE MAY ORDER THE GAME TO BE SUSPENDED ANYTIME THE PLAYING AREA IS DEEMED TO BE IN AN UNSAFE CONDITION. THE GAME SHALL REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL SUCH CONDITION IS CORRECTED. REFEREES ARE PARTICULARLY CAUTIONED ABOUT WET PLAYING SURFACES AND SHOULD TAKE THE OVERLY-CAUTIOUS APPROACH WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT PLAYING CONDITIONS ARE SAFE.

(D) EACH TEAM SHALL BE PERMITTED TO TAKE ONE TIME-OUT OF A ONE MINUTE DURATION WHICH MUST BE TAKEN DURING A STOPPAGE OF PLAY. THE CLOCK SHALL BE STOPPED DURING A TIME-OUT. THE CLOCK SHALL BE RESTARTED UPON THE CONDUCTING OF THE ENSUING FACE-OFF.

DURING A TIME-OUT, ALL PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE MAY PROCEED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PLAYERS' BENCH. ANY PENALIZED PLAYER MUST REMAIN IN THE PENALTY BENCH DURING A TIME-OUT.

A TIME OUT MAY NOT BE USED TO WARM-UP A GOALKEEPER.

TIED GAMES

(A) IF, AT THE END OF THREE PERIODS, THE SCORE IS TIED:

- 1) A TWO MINUTE REST PERIOD SHALL FOLLOW.
- 2) THE TEAMS SHALL NOT CHANGE ENDS.
- 3) A RUNNING 5 MINUTE OVERTIME PERIOD SHALL BE PLAYED, THE CLOCK SHALL RUN FOR PLAY AND PENALTIES.
- 4) THE GAME SHALL TERMINATE UPON THE SCORING OF A GOAL AND THE TEAM SCORING THE GOAL SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNER.
- 5) IF, AT THE END OF THE OVERTIME PERIOD, THE SCORE IS TIED, A SHOOTOUT WILL DETERMINE THE WINNER.

(B) IN PLAYOFF GAMES WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE A WINNER THE FOLLOWING SHALL TAKE PLACE:

- 1) A TWO MINUTE REST PERIOD SHALL FOLLOW.
- 2) THE TEAMS SHALL NOT CHANGE ENDS.
- 3) A RUNNING 18 MINUTE OVERTIME PERIOD SHALL BE PLAYED.
- 4) THE GAME SHALL TERMINATE UPON THE SCORING OF A GOAL AND THE TEAM SCORING THE GOAL SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNER.

(C) ANY OVERTIME PERIOD SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A PART OF THE GAME AND ALL UNEXPIRED PENALTIES SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE.

TRIPPING

(A) A MINOR PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO PLACES THE STICK, LEG, KNEE, FOOT, ARM, HAND, OR ELBOW IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT CAUSES AN OPPONENT TO TRIP OR FALL.

IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE, A PLAYER IS UNQUESTIONABLY HOOK-CHECKING THE PUCK AND OBTAINS POSSESSION OF IT, THEREBY TRIPPING THE OPPOSING PLAYER, NO PENALTY SHALL BE ASSESSED.

ACCIDENTAL TRIPS THAT OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE WHISTLE SHALL NOT BE PENALIZED.

ANY PLAYER WHO DELIBERATELY DIVES ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE TO BLOCK A SHOT, CONTACTS AN OPPONENT AND CAUSES THE PLAYER TO TRIP OR FALL, SHALL BE ASSESSED A MINOR PENALTY.

(B) WHEN A PLAYER, IN POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE PUCK IN THE ATTACKING ZONE AND HAVING NO OPPONENT TO PASS OTHER THAN THE GOALKEEPER, IS TRIPPED OR OTHERWISE FOULED FROM BEHIND, THUS PREVENTING A REASONABLE SCORING OPPORTUNITY, A PENALTY SHOT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM. THE REFEREE SHALL NOT STOP THE PLAY UNTIL THE ATTACKING TEAM HAS LOST POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE PUCK TO THE DEFENDING TEAM.

THE INTENT OF THIS RULE IS TO RESTORE A REASONABLE SCORING OPPORTUNITY WHICH HAS BEEN LOST BY REASON OF A FOUL FROM BEHIND WHEN THE FOUL IS COMMITTED ON THE OPPONENT'S SIDE OF THE CENTER RED LINE.

"POSSESSION AND CONTROL" OF THE PUCK MEANS THE ACT OF PROPELLING THE PUCK WITH A STICK. IF, WHILE IT IS BEING PROPELLED, THE PUCK IS TOUCHED BY ANOTHER PLAYER, HITS THE GOAL OR GOES FREE, THE PLAYER SHALL NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED TO BE "IN POSSESSION AND CONTROL" OF THE PUCK.

(C) IF, WHEN THE OPPOSING GOALKEEPER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING SURFACE, A PLAYER IN POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE PUCK IS TRIPPED OR OTHERWISE FOULED WITH NO OPPOSING PLAYER TO PASS, THUS PREVENTING A REASONABLE SCORING OPPORTUNITY, THE REFEREE SHALL IMMEDIATELY STOP PLAY AND AWARD A GOAL TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM.

UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS (ROUGHING)

(A) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, A MINOR OR DOUBLE MINOR PENALTY MAY BE ASSESSED TO ANY PLAYER WHO USES UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS AGAINST AN OPPONENT.

(B) A MINOR PENALTY FOR UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS MUST BE ASSESSED EVERY TIME AN OPPOSING PLAYER MAKES UNNECESSARY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE PLAYER IN POSSESSION OF THE PUCK.

IT IS NOT THE INTENT TO PENALIZE INCIDENTAL CONTACT BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING PLAYERS WHO ARE ACTIVELY IN PURSUIT OF THE PUCK. THE ACT OF RIDDING AN OPPONENT OFF THE PUCK SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED ROUGHING. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT ALLOW THE PLAYER WITHOUT THE PUCK TO THROW HIS OR HER BODY INTO THE OPPONENT TO ACHIEVE POSSESSION.