

Hong Kong, China Inline Hockey Association Limited (HKCIHA)

Rules and Regulations (Effective as of September 2006)

Hong Kong, China Inline Hockey Association (HKCIHA) is committed to develop inline hockey by providing quality leadership training programs and by otherwise supporting sanctioned events and member inline hockey clubs to develop quality programs.

Our Objectives:

- To promote and facilitate the development of the sport of inline hockey.
- To provide leadership training and opportunity for player and official development.
- To help those persons interested in learning and developing their skills in inline hockey to do so in a properly organized program (sanctioned by HKCIHA) and in a manner consistent with a healthy and positive philosophy of sports.
- To develop the capabilities of coaches, referees and other officials involved in the sport of inline hockey.
- To provide advice and support to clubs for the development of inline hockey in Hong Kong.
- To promote, hold, sanction and/or sponsor leagues and tournaments with a view to further the objects of the Association.

The Spirit of the Rules

Rules are set to instill such values as honour and fairness into the competition. The rules are administered with a view to guide behaviour of players, coaches, officials, parents and all persons involved in the sport to develop an attitude of good sportsmanship and to nurture a code of honour that respects self and others. Rules are part of the game of inline hockey and part of the game of life. The HKCIHA counsels all its members to adopt high standards of behaviour and etiquette and be ambassadors of high character so as to distinguish themselves and the city of Hong Kong.

Definitions:

Sanctioned League: Is a league, which offers a youth and/or adult league program and rep/tournament team opportunity to compete and operates according to the rules, guidelines and standards set out by the HKCIHA. Individuals in sanctioned leagues must be members of the HKCIHA.

Sanctioned Club: Is a team or school or club that may or may not play in a HKCIHA sanctioned league but trains with the intent to advance the sport of inline hockey and possibly play in tournaments. Individuals in such a “Club” must be HKCIHA members in order for the HKCIHA to sanction.

General Rules for HKCIHA Sanctioned Activity:

1. All sanctioned leagues, clubs, teams and events must play under HKCIHA playing rules, guidelines and leadership/program standards. (E.g. – HKCIHA certified coaches and referees.)
2. All league games must be officiated by HKCIHA certified officials at a rank appropriate for the league age and skill level.. (e.g. – junior training or scrimmage leagues may use “Trainee referees” provided a certified referee supervises the activity.)
3. All sanctioned leagues, clubs, teams, players, officials and volunteers must abide by HKCIHA standards of good practice, including having adequate insurance cover.
4. All sanctioned leagues are required to ensure each player and official are HKCIHA members.
5. Age Groups are determined as of December 31 of each calendar year as follows: (These are the ages for the September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 league and the 2007 tournament season.)

Youth:	Birth Year	
6 & Under	(2000 & 2001)	Tyke / 6U
8 & Under	(1998 & 99)	Novice / 8U
10 & Under	(1996 & 97)	Atom / 10U
12 & Under	(1994 & 95)	Pewee / 12U
14 & Under	(1992 & 93)	Bantam / 14U
16 & Under	(1990 & 91)	Midget / 16U
18 & Under	(1988 & 89)	Collegiate / 18U
Women		14+ (See note 2)
Adult		18+ (See note 2)

Note 1: It is recommended that leagues and tournaments operate within the above age groupings. For training and training leagues, HKCIHA standards limit age group differentiation to maximum of two only (e.g. U14 + U12) so as to keep the age, ability and size as close as possible. Advance skilled players may play up from age group. To avoid confusion we recommend that leagues make a chart at the start of each season based on date of birth for age group qualifications.

Note 2: For adult age groups, leagues may use their discretion to dispense with age classification. HKCIHA recommends that size, maturity, experience and skill be taken into consideration when deciding on eligibility.

6. All leagues, teams and clubs are required to provide the entire league database (family name, given names, mailing address, phone, fax, email, age group age and

date of birth) by electronic mail and a hard copy, along with payment for all players prior to any sanctioned games being played. League administrators must also send their undertaking that standards of good practice are being kept and must provide a copy of their insurance policy cover sheet. Data is managed in accordance to the Hong Kong Privacy Ordinance.

7. All Hong Kong players of HKCIHA sanctioned leagues or tournaments must be registered as members with the HKCIHA.
8. Tobacco companies, breweries, distilleries or wineries shall not sponsor any youth team or league of HKCIHA. No youth team will display or allow to be displayed, any advertising of a tobacco company, brewery, distillery or winery in relation to a team.
9. All coaches must wear a properly fastened CSA approved helmet during all on surface instruction and practices and ensure that players adhere to stringent safety standards (see HKCIHA equipment rules).
10. All players under 18 years must wear full-face mask. Adult women and men are strongly advised to wear a full-face mask or at least a face shield sufficient to protect eyes. All adult players are to sign a specific acknowledgement of risk clause outlining the dangers of determining not to wear a face mask.
11. League statistics are to be sent to HKCIHA at least each month and incident reports (suspensions, serious injury, etc.) are to be sent to the HKCIHA as soon as possible after the incident. (within 48 hours) Suspensions will carry over from tournament to tournament or league season to season.
12. Teams and players participating in tournaments outside of Hong Kong must be HKCIHA members if such tournaments are sanctioned by the National Sports Association of that particular country.
13. The HKCIHA reserves the right to classify any member team for local, regional or international leagues or tournaments for the purpose of creating fair competition for all members.
14. Coaches or administrators caught using non-registered players or players outside HKCIHA or host tournament age grouping will be subject to discipline, which may include suspension of membership.
15. The HKCIHA may form agreements with other sports bodies for use of players during tournaments and other competitions. (e.g. – ice hockey groups)
16. All leagues, tournaments and events must have good medical/emergency procedures and officials who are trained in these procedures. For major events a dedicated team of trained paramedical persons is required.

17. Host centres requesting HKCIHA sanction must apply at least 3 months in advance and provide a full listing of rules that they propose to govern the tournament or league along with information assuring the HKCIHA that they will operate according to high standards of safety and program.
18. HKCIHA on-site staff or officials have the right to suspend any coach, player, referee, or team staff for misconduct or improper behaviour.
19. Each coach should have a full set of the HKCIHA rules for competitive games and should make the effort to train themselves and their players in these rules. Any playing rules modified to suit local conditions should be approved by HKCIHA and communicated to all coaches and officials of the league or tournament.

HKCIHA Sanctioned Tournament and League Rules and Requirements

1. All games will be played under rules approved by Hong Kong, China Inline Hockey Association.
2. The maximum number of players per team roster is 14, (2 goalies, 12 skaters).
3. All player rosters must be submitted with payment and entry package. Any Hong Kong player not on the HKCIHA membership list will be afforded the opportunity to join prior to the tournament but may not play if he/she is not a member by the roster cut-off date.
4. The team manager (or Coach or Captain) must confirm team roster at check-in time prior to tournament.
5. Skaters will not be able to substitute for another team (e.g. – if a team is short of skaters). A goalie may substitute for another team provided express consent is given by the host organizer and the opposing team. However, this special permission for a goalie substitute can only be given during pool play but not during the play-down phase of the tournament. If special arrangements are made in tournament or leagues to the contrary (e.g. – back up goalie or skater to play for other team) then this must be clearly outlined as a special rule and drawn to the attention of all coaches and captains prior to the event or season. Any Hong Kong team who forfeits a game during a tournament will be subject to discipline of the HKCIHA.
6. All protests must be filed in writing along with the prescribed tournament protest fee within one hour of the end of the game. The decision of the HKCIHA official on-site will be final.

7. Verbal abuse or other disrespectful behaviour of officials or others will not be tolerated. Game or gross misconduct and suspension may be ruled immediately by any HKCIHA official (on or off the rink).
8. All jerseys must have a readable number on the back and players must wear the same jersey number for home and away jerseys.
9. All safety rules noted above, including the use of full-face masks or partial shields is to apply during tournament and league play.
10. Any changes to the above rules or additional rules of the host organizer must be approved by HKCIHA before circulated to teams.

Rules Governing Tie Breaks in Tournaments

The tie breaking procedure at the end of round robin play is as follows:

If Two Teams are Tied In Points After Round Robin Play:

- a) The winner of the Round Robin game between the two tied teams (head to head match) gains the highest seed.
- b) If they tied that match then the team with the least goals against gains higher seed.
- c) If the two teams are tied after a) and b) above, then the team with the more favourable net of goals for less goals against gains the highest seed.
- d) If two teams are still tied to this point then the team with the least number of penalty minutes gains the highest seed.
- e) If still tied then a single coin toss will determine which team gains highest seed.

Example of Tie Break Procedure If Three or More Teams are Tied And In Different Round Robin Pools

Note that if at anytime through the process outlined below, the number of teams still tied falls to two in the same pool, then automatically revert to the above Two Team Tie Breaking Formula beginning at a).

- a) If teams from different pools are tied in points then the higher seed goes to the team with the most wins.
- b) If still tied the team with least goals against gains the highest seed.

- c) If still tied the team with most favourable goal differential gains the highest seed.
- d) If still tied the team with least amount of penalty minutes gains highest seed.
- e) If still tied the team that scored earliest in any Round Robin game gains highest seed.
- g) If still tied then a single coin toss will determine which team gains highest seed.

Codes, Pledges and Creeds

The following codes, pledges and creeds express the spirit of the rules and culture of inline hockey players, coaches, administrators and officials:

Player Code

- Make every effort to “Honour the Game” by respecting officials, fellow and opposing players and otherwise behaving in honourable and dignified manner.
- Play hard within the rules; be generous in winning and graceful in losing.
- Value fair play, sportsmanship, teamwork and honesty above all.
- Be satisfied with a game played with your very best effort, regardless of the outcome.
- Always gracefully accept the decision of the officials.

Officials Pledge

- I pledge to do my best to create a fair, safe environment for healthy competition.
- I pledge to communicate with and respect all coaches and players.
- I pledge to review rules and train my skills for continual improvement.
- I promise to “Honour the Game”.

Coaching Creed

- My role is to assist the athlete to develop their skills as well as their character.
- I realize that inline hockey is a means to develop and nurture confident and capable individuals who are strong and healthy in spirit, mind and body and who honour the game and other players, coaches and parents.
- I believe in the player’s code and will respect the officials. In every way I will try to impress upon my players in importance of Honouring the Game.
- I will follow the “Fun, Fitness, Fundamentals and Fulfillment” philosophy and approach as promoted by the HKCIHA.
- In all circumstances I commit to “Honour the Game”.

Attachments and Additions

Additional codes, rules and other information will be circulated from time to time and will be considered to form part of this package of rules and regulations. Coaches, administrators and officials are expected to keep up to date with circulars.

Hong Kong, China Inline Hockey Association **(HKCIHA) PLAYING RULES**

SECTION I – Preamble and HKCIHA General Rules and Regulations

The HKCIHA general rules and regulations (above) outline its objectives, spirit of the rules, definitions of sanctioning, rules governing sanctioning activity (including age groups, equipment, safety, etc.), requirements for sanctioned leagues and tournaments, how to determine tie breaks in tournaments and creeds/codes/pledges that add to the desired culture of inline hockey training and competition. Those general rules and regulations are considered part and parcel of the rules listed hereunder.

These playing rules are based on those of the 2004 revision of the Rules of the Committee International de Roller In-Line Hockey (CIRIHL) of the Federation Internationale de Roller Sports (FIRS) and modified by the Hong Kong, China Inline Hockey Association (HKCIHA) to suit the sport's development conditions in Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong, China. Referees and League Administrators will be notified of periodic updates.

While some sections of the CIRIHL manual have been left out completely (e.g. those specifically refereeing to World Championships) and other aspects modified, the **numbering of these HKCIHA rules coincide with those in the CIRIHL rules book**. This is to make the communication more uniform.

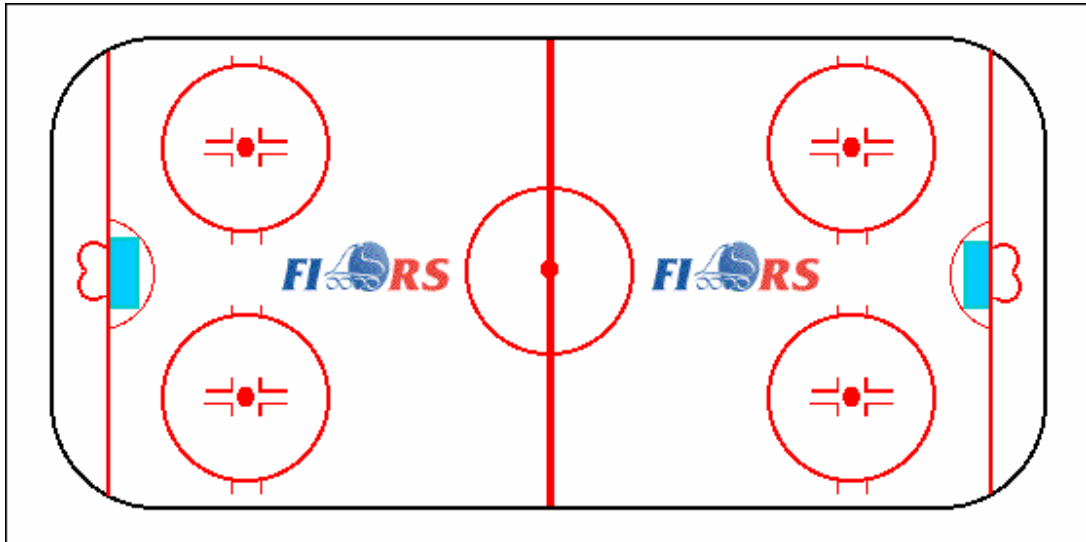
The HKCIHA expresses its sincere appreciation to the CIRIHL for their tremendous support of inline hockey development in Hong Kong.

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Note: The acronym IHA may also be used for Hong Kong, China IHA or HKCIHA.

Diagram of Playing Rink



The floor markings will be according to FIRS standard as pictured above. The rink for leagues or tournaments are to be of the same shape as the picture and can range in size from 20 x 40 meters (minimum) to 30 x 60 meters (maximum).

DEFINITIONS

Rebound Boards - The walls or boundary identifying the outer edge of the playing area and allowing puck to stay in play.

CAGE - (Also referred to as Goal Cage.) The net enclosed framework at each end of the playing area, into which the puck must pass in order to score a point.

CENTER SPOT - The exact center from either end and sides of the playing area. (See diagram.)

FACE-OFF – Any time the puck is being brought back into play by the referee during the course of the game. The referee will drop the puck on the face-off spot from approximately waist height. One player from each team shall stand on their own defensive side of the center line, with their sticks held on the floor outside of the face-off spot. All players shall stay on their respective defensive side of the center line until the referee drops the puck on the face-off spot and play begins.

FOUL - Any personal or technical infraction of any rule as decided by the referee.

GAME OFFICIALS

There will be two referees used in each game at league and tournament play. They will share responsibilities; however, one will be designated Chief Referee to rule on violations that may involve controversy. Other required officials include a time keeper, scorekeeper and a person who will calculate shots on goal and other statistical data (if these statistics are required for the league or tournament games).

CHIEF REFEREE - Shall be in complete charge of game, players, all other officials, spectators and premises, responsible only to the jurisdictional authority of the IHA Executive Committee or Tournament Executive, and whose decisions shall be final.

REFEREE - A commissioned referee appointed to assist the Chief Referee.

(Note that it is the culture and practice of referees to manage the game as a team and will for all practical purposes adopt a spirit and practice of mutual responsibility and respect. The above structure, however, will be utilized whenever the circumstances warrant.)

GOAL JUDGE - Shall call only goals and carry out any other duties as assigned by the Chief Referee. This official is optional and use shall be determined by the Tournament or League Executive.

SCOREKEEPER - Shall keep record of all scores, fouls and any other information required on each player and team participating.

TIME-KEEPER - Shall time all playing periods as instructed by the referee.

PENALTY TIME-KEEPER - Keeps time penalties and monitors the penalty box.

(Note that it is allowed to have one person do more than one function provided they are capable enough to do so within the quality standards of the league or tournament.)

GOALIE - The player equipped and assigned the position of defending a team's cage from goals. (Also referred to as Goalkeeper or Goaltender)

SKATING OR PLAYING AREA - The area between the rebound boards. Dimensions of the rink surface may vary between 20 and 30 meters in width (65 to 100 feet) and 40 and 60 meters in length (130 to 200 feet) as long as the 1:2 ratio is observed. Minimum sizes shall be 20 meters wide and 40 meters long. (See diagram above.)

Regional Championships will be played on a surface as close as possible to the maximum allowed.

OUT OF BOUNDS – The Chief Referee in consultation with league or tournament organizers will define any area outside of the playing rink in which the puck would not be in play. (Example, above protective netting/glass.)

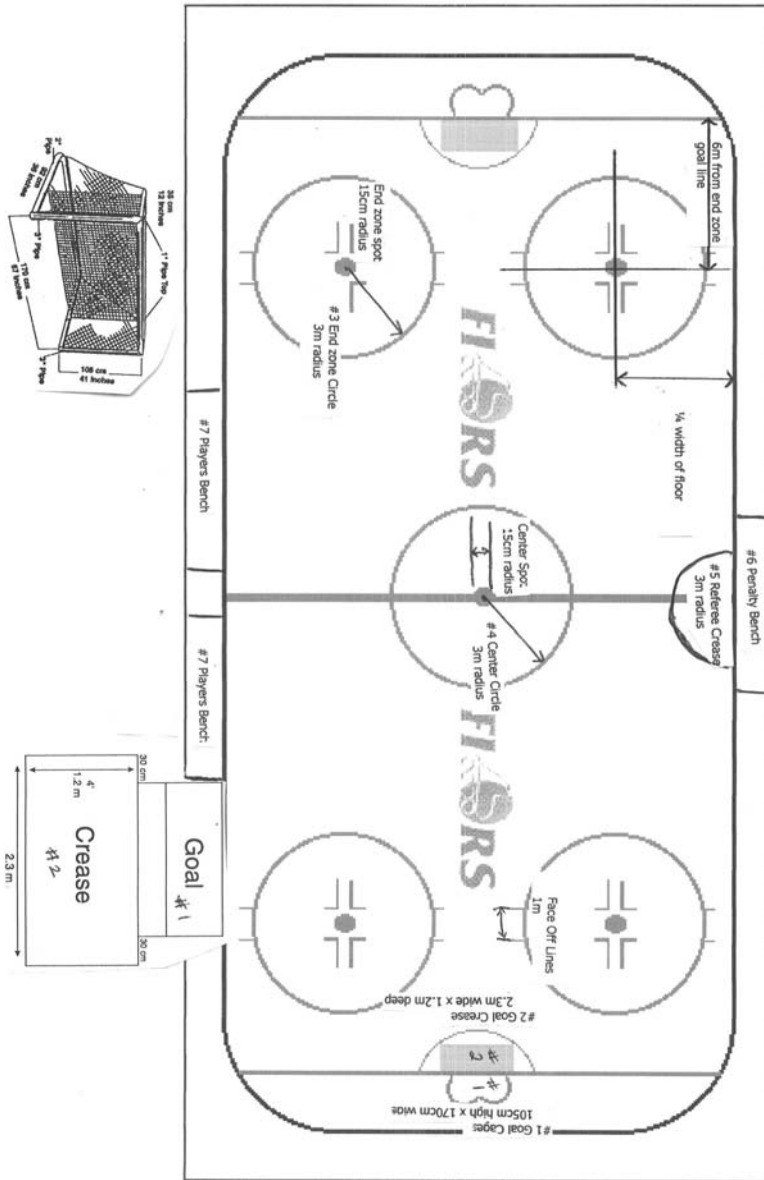
Diagram of Roller In-Line Hockey Playing Area

Notes indicate variations accepted by the HKCIHA.

1. Goal cage
2. Goal crease
3. End zone & Face-off spot
4. Center face-off spot
5. Referees crease next to official bench and penalty box
6. Official bench and penalty box area
7. Players benches

***NOTES:**

1. #5, #6, & #7 are ideal locations. Some rinks may have different locations.
2. Also, the HKCIHA accepts the larger size cage (4' x 6') at the discretion of league or tournament organizers. HKCIHA does recommend the smaller cage for age groups under 12 in order to promote more skilled passing and team play with the youth.
3. The semi circle shaped goal crease marking is acceptable as is the rectangular shaped crease.



Note: #6 & #7 may be on the same side in some rinks.

SECTION 2 - TEAMS

RULE 9 - COMPOSITION OF TEAM

- (a) A team on the floor shall not consist of more than four floor players (skaters) and one goalie.
- (b) Each player and each goalkeeper listed in the line-up of each team shall wear an individual identifying number at least 20 to 25 cm (8 to 10 inches) high on the back of the jersey.
- (c) Team rosters will consist of a minimum of 7 floor players and 1 goalie and a maximum of 12 floor players and 2 goalies. If a team is only dressing 1 goalkeeper then there must be a skater designated as the alternate. Any alteration to this rule must be authorized in advance by the league or tournament executive and communicated to all teams.

RULE 10 - TEAM CAPTAIN and ALTERNATE CAPTAINS

- (a) One Captain shall be appointed by each team, and that player alone shall have the privilege of discussing with the Referee any question relating to interpretation of rules which may arise during the progress of a game. The Captain shall wear the letter "C," approximately 3 inches in height and in contrasting color, in a conspicuous position on the front of the jersey.
- (b) If a Captain is on the floor and a dispute arises or clarification on the referee's call is needed, then only the Captain may approach the Referee. If a Captain is not on the floor, an Alternate Captain (not more than three per team) shall be accorded the privileges of the Captain. Alternate Captains shall wear the letter "A," approximately 3 inches in height and in a contrasting color, in a conspicuous place on the front of their jerseys.
- (c) The referee or official scorer shall be advised prior to the start of each game, the name of the Captain of the team, also the identity of the players who will serve as Alternate Captains.
- (d) No goalkeeper shall be entitled to exercise the privileges of Captain or Alternate Captain on the floor.
- (e) Only the Captain or Alternate Captain (but not both) on the floor at the time of the stoppage of play shall have the privilege of discussing with the Referee any point relating to the interpretation of rules. Any Captain, Alternate Captain or player who comes off the bench and makes any protest or intervention with the Referee for any purpose must be assessed a misconduct penalty.
- (f) The team captain and/or the team coach must sign all score sheets after each game, along with the game referees to verify the accuracy of the tally.

A COMPLAINT ABOUT A PENALTY IS NOT A MATTER "RELATING TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES" AND A MISCONDUCT PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED AGAINST ANY CAPTAIN, ALTERNATE CAPTAIN OR OTHER PLAYER MAKING SUCH A COMPLAINT.

RULE 11 - UNIFORMED PLAYERS

- (a) At the beginning of each game the manager or coach or captain of each team shall list the players and goalkeeper who shall be eligible to play in the game.
- (b) A list of the names and numbers of all eligible players must be handed to the Referee or Official Scorer before the start of the game, and no change in the list or additions thereto shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except when a goalkeeper has been injured or becomes ill. The name of another goalkeeper may be designated on the list in substitution for the injured or ill goalkeeper, however, such substitution can only be made by a player already on the list.
- (c) Each team shall be allowed one goalkeeper on the floor at one time. The goalkeeper may be removed and another "player" substituted. Such substitute shall not be permitted the

privileges of the goalkeeper.

- (d) Any substitute goalkeeper entering the game for any reason shall not be permitted a warm-up.

RULE 13 – CHANGE OF PLAYERS

- (a) When play is in progress, not more than five players (including a goaltender) are permitted on the playing surface at any one time.
- (b) Players may be substituted at any time from the player benches, provided that the player or players leaving the surface shall be within 3m (10') of their player's bench before any change is made.
- (c) A player on the penalty bench, who is to be substituted after the penalty has expired, must proceed by the way of the playing surface and be at his own player's bench before any substitution can be made.
- (a) A team shall be required to place the correct number of players on the surface when requested to do so by the referee. The visiting team must be first to place any playing line-up on the surface to commence play at all times. Each team is allowed only one change of players during a stoppage of the play.
- (b) If in the course of making a substitution, either the player entering the game or leaving the game intentionally plays the puck with his stick, skates or hands or makes physical contact with an opposing player while the player (either leaving or entering the game) is actually on the surface, then a Minor Penalty for "too many players on the surface" shall be assessed. However, in the course of leaving or entering the game, the player is accidentally struck by the puck, no penalty shall be assessed and play shall not be stopped.
- (c) When a goaltender leaves the goal area and proceeds to the player's bench for substitution, this must be done within 3m (10') of the bench area before the substitute may enter the game. If the team substituting has possession of the puck and the substitution is made prematurely, the official shall stop play immediately and a face-off will take place at either the center face-off spot or end zone face-off spot (whichever location gives advantage to the non-offending team). If the team does not have possession of the puck and makes an illegal substitution, the referee shall assess a Minor Penalty.
- (d) For player changes during stoppages of play, the referee conducting the face-off, will assume his normal position for the ensuing face-off and then shall allow a five second interval for which the visiting team may make a change. After this five second interval has elapsed, the referee shall raise an arm to indicate that the visiting team may no longer change any players. With the arm still raised, the referee shall allow the home team the opportunity to make a change of players (if they have not already done so). After another five seconds time interval, the referee shall drop his arm. This will indicate that the home team may no longer change any player(s). When a team attempts to make a player change after the allotted time intervals, the referee shall send the player(s) back to their bench. Any subsequent infraction of this procedure shall result in a Bench Minor Penalty.
- (e) If in the last two minutes of regular playing time, a Bench Minor Penalty is imposed for DELIBERATE illegal substitution by the defending team, which provided them more men of the floor, a Penalty Shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team. The Bench Minor Penalty shall not be served.
- (f) A Bench Minor Penalty shall be assessed for violation of any section of Rule 13. The penalty shall be served by that player who committed the infraction.

RULE 14 - INJURED PLAYERS

- (a) When a player, other than a goalkeeper is injured or compelled to leave the floor during a game, he may retire from the game and be replaced by a substitute, but play must continue without the teams leaving the floor.
- (b) If a goalkeeper sustains an injury or becomes ill he must be ready to resume play immediately or be replaced by a substitute goalkeeper and NO additional time shall be allowed by the Referee for the purpose of enabling the injured or ill goalkeeper to resume his position. No warm-up shall be given to the replacement goaltender. (See also item d below.)
- (c) The Referee shall report to the tournament or league organizer for disciplinary action concerning any delay in making a goalkeeper substitution. The substitute goalkeeper shall be subject to the regular rules governing goalkeepers and shall be entitled to the same privileges.
- (d) When a substitution for the regular goalkeeper has been made, such regular goalkeeper shall not resume his position until the first stoppage of play thereafter.
- (e) If an injured player receives a minor penalty the penalized team shall place a substitute player on the penalty bench before the penalty expires and no other replacement for the penalized player shall be permitted to enter the game except from the penalty bench. For violation of this rule a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed.
The penalized player who has been replaced on the penalty bench shall not be eligible to play until his penalty has expired.
- (f) When a player is injured so that he cannot continue play or go to his bench, the 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 his team is in a scoring position.
- (g) 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.
(NOTE) In a case where it is obvious that a player has sustained a serious injury the referee may stop the play immediately regardless of who is in possession of the puck.

SECTION 3 - EQUIPMENT

RULE 15 - STICKS

- (a) The sticks shall be ice hockey-style made of wood or other approved material and must not have any projections. Adhesive tape of any color may be wrapped around the blade for the purpose of reinforcement or to improve control of the puck.
- (b) No stick shall exceed 1.5m (60") in length from the heel to the end of the shaft nor more than 32 cm from the heel to the end of the blade. The curvature of the blade of the stick shall not be restricted. The blade of the floor players' stick must be a minimum of 5 cm and may not exceed 9 cm in width at any point.
- (c) The blade of the goalkeeper's stick may not exceed 13 cm in width at any point except at the heel where it must not exceed 14 cm in width; nor shall the goalkeeper's stick exceed 39 cm in length from the heel to the end of the blade.
The widened portion of the goalkeeper's stick extending up the shaft of the blade shall not extend more than 61 cm from the heel and shall not exceed 13 cm in width.
- (d) A minor penalty shall be assessed any player, including the goalkeeper, for using a stick which does not conform to the provisions of this rule.

RULE 16 - SKATES

- (a) Skates to be used will be in-line skates only and may consist of either three or four wheels. If skates are manufactured for four wheels, all four wheels must be in place. All wheel bolts and axles must be covered with protective material so as not to injure other players or mark the skating surface. No quad or conventional skates will be permitted.

- (b) Any player taking the surface in violation of the above rule will receive a minor penalty and may not return to play until the fault is corrected.

RULE 17 - GOALKEEPER'S EQUIPMENT

- (a) With the exception of skates and sticks, all 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.
NOTE: The lacing or webbing or other material joining the thumb and index finger of the goalkeeper's glove or any cage, pocket or pouch created by this material, must not exceed the minimum amount of material necessary to fill the gap between the thumb and the index finger when they are fully extended and spread.
 - 1) Protective padding attached to the back of, or forming part of, the goalkeeper's gloves shall not exceed 20 cm in width or 40 cm in length.
 - 2) Abdominal aprons extending down the thighs or the outside of the pants are prohibited.
- (b) Goalkeeper's pads when new shall not exceed 30 cm (12 inches) in extreme width as measured on the goalkeeper, and shall not be altered in any way.
- (c) A minor penalty shall be assessed a goalkeeper guilty of using or wearing illegal equipment. (Rule 24 refers)
- (d) All equipment, with the exception of puck and skates will be regulation hockey equipment.
- (e) All goalkeepers will be required to wear approved face masks.

RULE 18 - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- (a) All protective equipment except gloves, head gear or goalkeeper leg pad, must be entirely under the uniform. Leather elbow patches on the outside of the jersey are prohibited. After one warning by the Referee, a minor penalty shall be imposed on the offending player for violation of this rule.
- (b) All players must wear HECC/CSA-approved helmets, with a chin strap properly fastened. Full-face protection must be attached to the helmet for all Junior Team players and Women and for everyone playing in Senior Divisions that is under the age of eighteen (18) years. Those players who are over the age of 18 who choose not to wear face protection are to sign an acknowledgement of risk waiver. (See section 1 rules.)
- (c) It is compulsory for all goalkeepers to wear approved face masks.
- (d) All players must wear approved hockey gloves.
- (e) All players must wear shin guards and elbow pads. Male players must wear protective cup at all times during the game.
- (f) A mouthpiece is optional, but recommended.
- (g) Eyeglass wearers must have plastic, not glass, lenses in their eyewear.
- (h) A minor penalty may be assessed for a violation of protective equipment.

RULE 19 - DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

- (a) The use of pads or protectors made of metal or any other material likely to cause injury to a player is prohibited.
NOTE: All elbow pads which do not have a soft protective covering of sponge rubber or a similar material at least 125mm (1/2") 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 bare fingers shall be considered illegal equipment and if any player wears such a glove in play a minor penalty shall be imposed on him.
- (c) Any player wearing a protective device from a physician must have permission of the organizer prior to playing.

RULE 20 - PUCK

- (a) The puck shall be the puck approved by the Tournament or League Executive. The home team or host shall be responsible for providing an adequate supply of official pucks for playing the game or games. This supply of pucks shall be kept at the penalty bench (or score keeping station) under the control of one of the regular minor officials or a special attendant.
- (b) Warm-up pucks are to be provided by the teams.

RULE 21 - UNIFORMS

- (a) Uniforms will require identical long-sleeve shirts. Full-length pants are optional but recommended for league play but compulsory for regional or international level tournament competition. Goalie jerseys will be the same color and design as other team members. Player numbers will be required only on the backs of the jerseys with whole numbers only from 1 to 99 and 25 cm (10") in height.
- (b) The goalkeeper must at all times during the game wear a protective cup, a chest protector which conforms to the body, regulation goalkeeper's gloves, non-modified, goal-keeper's pads not exceeding 30 cm in width, and a face mask or helmet with face guard attached. If the goalkeeper wears forearm guards they must be soft and pliable and conform to his forearms. Any regulation inline or ice hockey equipment is acceptable.
- (c) All players participating in contests will be uniformed and have two jerseys of different colors. The full-length pants may be of one color to match home and away jerseys provided they do not distract or confuse proper game play.
- (d) No two members of the same team will be assigned or permitted to wear the same number. Individual player's numbers may not be changed or substituted after the preliminary team registration without the written approval of the officials. One team Captain and three Alternate Captains (maximum) shall have a small "C" or "A" on the right shoulder of their jersey.
- (e) It will be the responsibility of the home team to change its jerseys if the colors of the competing teams conflict. The decision in this matter shall be left to the Referee in charge of the game. The home team is to wear a predominately light colored jersey or clearly different color than the away team.
- (f) The entire team uniform: "jersey and pants" must match in style and color. All equipment must be covered by the uniform.

RULE 22 - UNIFORM INSPECTION

- (a) The officials in charge of the game shall perform equipment inspection prior to the start of the game. No penalty shall be charged to a player before the start of the game for wearing equipment not in conformity with the rules. Wearing of illegal or dangerous equipment after the start of the game shall be corrected according to the rules.

SECTION 4**RULE 23 - 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) Game Penalties
 - 7) Penalty Shot

NOTE: No "off-sides" or "clearing".

- (b) COINCIDENTAL MINOR/MAJOR PENALTIES are penalties that do not cause either team to be shorthanded (i.e. 4 on 4 or 3 on 3), and occurs when player(s) from both teams simultaneously receive equal length penalties. When coincident penalties are assessed, the penalized players take their places on their respective penalty benches, and both teams are able to make immediate substitutions for these penalized players. The penalized players are required to serve the full amount of assessed time and must remain in the penalty box until the first stoppage of play after the expiration of time. If one team is already short a player because of an earlier penalty, coincidental penalties will not change the number of players on

the floor.

- (c) Players may not leave the penalty bench until their penalty has expired, half-time occurs or the end of the game. The player may not leave for any other reason. All players in the penalty box must remain seated until the penalty time is expired.

NOTE: When play is not actually in progress and an offense is committed by any player, the same penalty shall apply as though play were actually in progress.

- (d) When a penalized player's time has been terminated or been expired by the scoring of a goal, that player must return to the playing surface prior to being substituted.

RULE 24 - MINOR PENALTIES

- (a) For a "Minor Penalty," any player, other than a goalkeeper, shall be ruled off the floor for two minutes during which time no substitute shall be permitted. For an exception, see Coincident Penalty above. On the third (3rd) minor penalty in the same game to the same player, including the goal keeper, that player will receive an additional ten (10) minute misconduct penalty NOTE: the player will have a substitute serve the minor penalty and the player will serve the entire penalty. Any subsequent penalty incurred within the game will result in that player being assigned a game misconduct.

- (b) A "Bench Minor" penalty involves the removal from the floor of one player of the team against which the penalty is awarded for a period of two minutes. Any player on the team may be designated to serve the penalty by the manager or coach through the playing Captain and such player shall take his place on the penalty bench promptly and serve the penalty as if it was a minor penalty imposed upon him.

- (c) If while a team is "short-handed" by one or more minor or bench minor penalties the opposing team scores a goal, the first of such penalties shall automatically terminate. Penalties shall not reduce the on-surface strength of the teams below three on-surface players. Such penalties shall become delayed until such time as they can be served.

NOTE: "Short-handed" means that the team must be below the numerical strength of its opponents on the floor at the time the goal is scored. The minor or bench minor penalty which terminates automatically when the team is scored against is the one which initially caused the team to be "short-handed" (first penalty). However, coincident minor penalties to both teams do NOT cause either side to be "short-handed," because although each team has a player in the penalty box, the number of floor players is not affected. Therefore, the penalty time awarded for coincidental penalties is never shortened by a goal being scored. This rule shall also apply when a goal is scored on a penalty shot, which was awarded in lieu of another penalty.

- (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 under Rule 30 in which case the minor penalty will be recorded and served first.

NOTE: This applies to the case where BOTH penalties are imposed on the SAME player. (See also note to Rule 30)

- (e) A coincidental penalty shall not deprive a team of its player advantage during the final minutes of the game when an opposing team has only two (2) floor players eligible for play (not including the goalie). Should such an opposing team provoke a coincidental penalty that cannot be fully served because of insufficient time remaining in the game, the other team will retain its player advantage. Rule 30 states that a team shall not receive more than two simultaneous penalties, which would give the short-sided team incentive for provoking a concurrent penalty during the final minutes of play, with only the strong-sided team eligible to lose a player. A player on the short-sided team who creates such a penalty situation must leave the game, to be replaced by a teammate.

RULE 25 - MAJOR PENALTIES

- (a) For the first "Major Penalty" in any one game, the offender, except the goalkeeper, shall be ruled off the floor for five minutes, during which time no substitutes shall be permitted. A goal scored does not terminate this penalty.

- (b) For the second major penalty in the same game, to the same player, including the goalkeeper, the player shall receive a five minute major penalty and an automatic game misconduct. One player from the offending team must be placed in the penalty box to serve the five minutes major.
- (c) When coincident major penalties are imposed against an equal number of players on each team, the penalized players shall all take their places on the penalty benches 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 shall be made for the players so penalized, and their penalties shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the delayed penalty, Rule 30.
- (d) When coincident penalties of equal duration including a major penalty are imposed upon a player of each team, the penalized players shall take their places 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 substitution shall be made for the players so penalized and their penalties shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the delayed penalty. Rule 30 or Rule 27.
- (e) When coincident penalties of unequal duration (each including one major penalty) are imposed upon a player of each team, the penalized players shall take their places 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.
The penalties which created the disparity in total penalty time between the player penalized shall be served first in the normal way by the players penalized. Immediate substitution shall be permitted for the major penalties of each player.
Account shall be taken of the penalties which create the disparity in the total penalty time awarded to the players affected for the purpose of the delayed penalty, Rule 30 and for Rule 24 (c) (goal scored against a short-handed team).

RULE 26 - MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

- (a) "Misconduct Penalties" to all players except the goalkeeper, involve removal from the game for a period of ten minutes each. A substitute player is permitted to immediately replace a player serving a misconduct penalty. A player whose misconduct penalty has expired shall remain in the penalty box until the next stoppage of play.
When a player receives a minor penalty and a misconduct penalty at the same time, the penalized team shall immediately put a substitute player on the penalty bench and he shall serve the minor penalty (without personal charge).
When a player receives a major penalty and a misconduct penalty at the same time, the penalized team shall place a substitute player on the penalty bench and no replacement for the penalized player shall be permitted to enter the game except from the penalty bench. Any violation of this provision shall be treated as an illegal substitution under Rule 13 calling for a bench minor penalty.
- (b) A "Game Misconduct Penalty" involves the removal of a player for the balance of the game. A substitute is permitted to replace immediately the player so removed. His case shall be reported to the IHA Executive Committee, which shall have full power to impose further discipline as deemed fitting.
- (c) A Game Misconduct to a player shall result in an automatic one game suspension (immediate next game).
- (d) A second Game Misconduct to a player in the tournament shall result in an automatic match penalty.
NOTE: For all Game Misconduct penalties regardless of when imposed, a total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against the offending players.
- (e) Any player or goaltender incurring three (3) stick penalties will be also assessed a game ejection penalty. A substitute must serve any time penalty that the ejected player was assessed. Stick infractions are: slashing, high sticking, cross-checking, spearing and butt-ending. (Note, the game ejection penalty only dismisses the player for that game and does not carry with it consequences of a game misconduct.)

RULE 27 - MATCH PENALTIES

- (a) A "Match Penalty" involves the suspension of a player for the balance of the game, and the offender shall be ordered to the dressing room immediately. A substituted player must be placed on the penalty bench to serve a five minute penalty and may not return onto the floor regardless of goals scored.

NOTE: Regulations regarding additional penalties and substitutions are specifically covered in individual rules noted in Section 6 rules 40-50 and 59; any additional penalty shall be served by a player designated by the manager or coach of the offending team through the playing captain.

NOTE: When coincident match penalties have been imposed as a deliberate intent to injure or checking from behind to a player on both teams, Rule 25 (d) - (e) covering coincident major penalties will not be applicable.

For all match penalties, regardless of when imposed, or prescribed additional penalties, a total of five minutes shall be charged in the records against the offending player.

- (b) A player incurring a match penalty shall be investigated promptly by the IHA Executive Committee, which shall have full power to impose such further discipline as deemed fitting.
- (c) A match penalty shall disqualify that player for the remainder of the tournament.

RULE 28 - PENALTY SHOT

- (a) Any infraction of the rules which calls for a "Penalty Shot" shall be taken as follows:
The Referee shall cause to be announced over the public address system the name of the player designated by him or selected by the team entitled to take the shot (as appropriate) and shall then place the puck on the center face-off spot and the player taking the shot will, on the whistle of the Referee, play the puck from there and shall attempt to score on the goalkeeper. The goaltender must stay in the crease until the referee sounds the whistle. The player taking the shot must keep the puck in motion towards 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.
- (b) The goalkeeper may attempt to stop the shot in any manner except by throwing his stick or any other object, in which case a goal shall be awarded. NOTE: See Rule 71.
- (c) In cases where a penalty shot has been awarded under Rule 61 (h) (for illegal entry into the game), under Rule 71 (a) (for throwing a stick) and under Rule 74 (for fouling from behind), the Referee shall designate the player who has been fouled as the player who takes the penalty shot.

In cases where a penalty shot has been awarded under Rule 49 (falling on the puck in the crease), or Rule 53 (d) (picking up the puck from the crease area), the penalty shot shall be taken by a player selected as the Captain of the non-offending team from the players on the floor at the time when the foul was committed. Such selection shall be reported to the Referee and cannot be changed.

If by reason of injury the player designated by the Referee to take the penalty shot is unable to do so within a reasonable time, the shot may be taken by a player selected by the Captain of the non-offending team from the players on the floor 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 himself commit a foul in connection with the same play or circumstances, either before or after the penalty has been awarded, be designated to take the shot, he shall first be permitted to do so before being sent to the penalty bench to serve the penalty.
If at the time a penalty shot is awarded and the goalkeeper of the penalized team has been removed from the floor to substitute another player, the goalkeeper shall be permitted to return to the floor before the penalty shot is taken.
- (e) If a goal is scored from a penalty shot, the puck shall be faced at center floor in the usual way. If a goal is not scored the puck shall be faced at either of the end face-off spots in the zone in which the penalty shot has been tried.
- (f) Should a goal be scored from a penalty shot, a further penalty to the offending player shall not be applied unless the offense for which the penalty shot was awarded was such as to

incur a major or match penalty, in which case the penalty prescribed, for the particular offense, shall be imposed.

If the offense for which the penalty shot was awarded was such as would normally incur a minor penalty, then regardless of whether the penalty shot results in a goal or not, no further minor penalty shall be served.

- (g) If the foul upon which the penalty shot is based occurs during actual playing time the penalty shot shall be awarded and taken immediately in the usual manner notwithstanding any delay occasioned by a slow whistle by the Referee to permit the play to be completed which delay results in the expiration of the regular playing time in any period.
- (h) All players, except player taking penalty shot, must go to the player bench.
- (i) If an opposing player other than the goalkeeper interferes with a player taking a penalty shot, a goal will be automatically awarded whether or not goal was made.
The time required for the taking of a penalty shot will not be included in the regular playing time of any overtime.

RULE 29 - GOALKEEPER PENALTIES

- (a) A goalkeeper shall not be sent to the penalty bench for an offense which incurs a minor penalty, but instead the minor penalty shall be served by a player to be designated by the Coach or Manager of the offending team through the playing Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.
- (b) A goalkeeper shall not be sent to the penalty bench for an infraction of the rules which calls for a major penalty, but instead the major penalty shall be served by a player to be designated by the manager or coach of the offending team through the playing Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.
- (c) Should a goalkeeper incur a misconduct penalty, this penalty shall be served by another member of his team who was on the floor when the offense was committed, said player to be designated by the manager or coach of the offending team through the playing Captain.
- (d) Should a goalkeeper incur a game misconduct penalty, his place then will be taken by a member of his own team, or by a regular substitute goalkeeper who is available, and such player will be allowed the goalkeeper's full equipment.
- (e) Should a goalkeeper incur a match penalty his place will then be taken by a member of his own team, or by a substitute goalkeeper who is available, and such player will be allowed the goalkeeper's equipment. A ten minute time period shall be allowed for this change. However, any additional penalties as specifically called for by the individual rules covering match penalties, will apply, and the offending team shall be penalized accordingly; such additional penalty to be served by another member of the team on the floor at the time the offense was committed, said player to be designated by the manager or coach of the offending team through the playing Captain (see Rules 40, 45 and 59).
- (f) When a goalkeeper leaves the immediate vicinity of his goal crease and takes part in any altercation he shall be given a game misconduct penalty.

NOTE: All penalties imposed on a goalkeeper regardless of who serves the penalty or any substitution, shall be charged in the records against the goalkeeper.

- (g) If a goalkeeper participates in the play in any manner when he is beyond the center line a minor penalty shall be imposed on him.
- (h) Any player (including goalkeeper) who deliberately displaces the goal post to prevent a breakaway scoring opportunity by the opposing team or deliberately displaces the goal post during an ideal scoring opportunity by the opposing team, will result in a penalty shot awarded to the opposing team. If the infraction takes place while the goalie has been replaced in the game for an extra attacker, an automatic goal shall be awarded.

RULE 30 - DELAYED PENALTIES

- (a) If a third player of any team shall be 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 shall have elapsed. Nevertheless, the third player penalized must, at once, proceed to the penalty bench but 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 floor, none of the three penalized players on the penalty bench may return to the floor until play has been stopped. When play has been stopped, the player whose full penalty has expired, may return to the play.

However, the Penalty Timekeeper shall permit the return to the floor in the order of expiration of their penalties, of a player or players by reason of the expiration of their penalties and, the penalized team is entitled to have more than four players on the floor.

- (c) In the case of delayed penalties, the Referee shall instruct the Penalty Timekeeper that penalized players whose penalties have expired shall only be allowed to return to the floor when there is a stoppage of play.

When the penalties of two players of the same team will expire at the same time the Captain of that team will designate to the Referee which of such players will return to the floor first, and the Referee will instruct the Penalty Timekeeper accordingly.

When a major and a minor penalty are imposed at the same time on players of the same team the Penalty Timekeeper will record the minor as being the first of such penalties.

NOTE: This applies to the case where the two penalties are imposed on DIFFERENT players of the same team (see also NOTE to Rule 24).

- (d) When a delayed penalty is about to be assessed to a team that is already shorthanded by reason of a minor or bench minor penalty, and the non-offending team scores a goal, that penalty which causes the offending team to be short a player will be terminated and the new penalty will be assessed causing the offending team to return to playing shorthanded.

RULE 31 - CALLING OF PENALTIES

- (a) Should an infraction of the rules which would call for a minor, major or match penalty be committed by a player of the side in possession of the puck, the Referee shall immediately blow his whistle and give the penalties to the deserving players.

The resulting face-off shall be made at the face-off spot nearest where the play stopped or at center floor so as not to disadvantage the non-offending team.

- (b) Should an infraction of the rules which call for a minor, major, misconduct, or match penalty be committed by a player of the team not in possession of the puck, the Referee shall signify the calling of a delayed penalty by raising his right arm straight above his head and on completion of the play by the team in possession or loss of possession to the defending team. The Referee will immediately blow his whistle and assess the penalty to the offending player.

The resulting face-off shall be made at the nearest face-off spot to where the play stopped or at center floor so as not to disadvantage the non-offending team.

If the penalty to be imposed is a minor penalty, and a goal is scored on the play by the non-offending team the minor penalty shall not be imposed, but major and match penalties shall be imposed in the normal manner regardless of whether a goal is scored or not. (The penalty shall be recorded by the scorekeeper.)

NOTE: "Completion of the play by the team in possession." 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 cage or any accidental contact with the body or equipment of an opposing player.

NOTE: If after the Referee has signaled a penalty but before the whistle has been blown the puck shall enter 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 signaled shall be imposed in the normal manner.

NOTE: If when a team is "short-handed" by reason of one or more minor or bench minor

penalties the Referee signals a further minor penalty against the “short-handed” team and a goal is scored by the non-offending side before the whistle is blown then the delayed penalty shall be served and the first of the minor penalties already being served shall automatically terminate under Rule 24 (c).

- (c) Should the same offending player commit other fouls on the same play either before or after the Referee has blown his whistle, the offending player shall serve such penalties consecutively.

(d) If a team has a delayed minor penalty and that team is scored upon during the delayed penalty, the penalty shall not be assessed, but it shall be so recorded and count in the offending player’s penalty total. If the delayed penalty is a major, then the penalty shall be assessed.

SECTION 5

RULE 32 - APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

- (a) The League or Tournament Executive shall appoint a Head Referee who will recruit, train/brief and schedule certified referees available to manage the games.
- (b) All Referees and competition officials must be treated with courtesy at all times during the tournament by all players and delegates.
Any infraction of this rule will be reported to the IHA Executive Committee, which may assess such penalties as the infraction warrants.
- (c) Two Referees will be used in all league or tournament games. In regional or international tournaments, the IHA Scheduling Referee will designate a Chief Referee for each game. They shall have similar duties, but in areas of controversy the decision of the Chief Referee will be final.
- (d) A Chief Referee shall have full authority and final decision in all matters of dispute. His decision shall be final on all questions of fact and not subject to appeal.
- (e) A Referee shall not be used in any championships unless recommended in writing by the IHA.

RULE 33 - REFEREE

- (a) The Referees shall have full authority to control of players on and off the floor and otherwise manage the game. They shall be accorded the respect of players, coaches, other officials and spectators.
- (b) The Referees shall see that the teams are called to the floor at the appointed time for the commencement of each game, and at the start of each regulation and overtime period. The Referees shall remain on the floor at the conclusion of each period, and any overtime, until the players have proceeded to their benches or dressing room.
- (c) The Referees shall check the equipment worn by any player when requested to do so by the manager or coach of either team.
- (d) The Referees shall assess all penalties as prescribed by the rules for the infractions thereof.
- (e) The Chief Referee shall have the final decision on all goals, disputed or not and may consult with the other referee and goal judge (if used) before giving his final decision.
- (f) Before starting the game, the Referees shall see that the appointed game timekeeper, penalty timekeeper, official scorer and goal judges are in their respective places.
- (g) The Referees shall report to the official scorer the duration and type of the penalties and the rule infractions involved, and also to whom the goals and assists are to be credited.
- (h) After each game, the Referees shall check and sign the official game report, secure signatures of both team captains and return it to the official scorer.
- (i) If a Referee cannot appear for the match the Scheduling Referee shall appoint another referee.
- (j) If the regularly scheduled appointed officials appear during the progress of the game they may or may not replace the substituted officials, which shall be a decision made by the

IHA representatives present.

- (k) In so far as possible, the Referees in charge shall be a thoroughly disinterested parties.
- (l) All Referees shall be dressed in dark blue or black trousers and a striped shirt or attire approved by the IHA.
- (m) Referees are required to report on the official game report all misconduct and gross misconduct and match penalties immediately following the game involved giving full details to the IHA Executive Committee. Such reports are to be confidential.

RULE 34 - GOAL JUDGES

1. GOAL JUDGES (optional)

- (a) When utilized, there shall be one goal judge behind each goal. They shall not be members of either competing team nor shall they be replaced during the progress of the game unless it becomes apparent that either goal judge on account of partisanship or any other cause is guilty of giving unjust decisions. In such cases the Chief Referee may appoint another goal judge to act in his place.
- (b) Each goal judge must be stationed in the designated area behind the goal for the duration of the game and shall not change ends at any time after the game begins. Their jurisdiction is limited to that game only.
 - a. In the event of a goal being claimed, the goal judge of that goal shall decide whether or not the puck has passed between the goal posts and entirely over the goal line. His decision will simply be goal or no goal. The Referee shall have final decision authority.
NOTE: See Rule 33 (e).
- (a) The use of goal judges and their positioning will be at the discretion of IHA or the tournament director.

2. DUTIES OF A GOAL JUDGE

- (a) To extend both hands in the air above his head when the puck has completely passed over the goal line between the goal posts.
- (b) He must keep an accurate count of saves by the goalie.
NOTE: A save is only when a goal would be scored except the goalie stopped it.
- (c) The goal judge should assist the Referee on a decision as to whether an opposing player was in the crease before the puck entered the crease.
- (d) Check the net to make sure there are no holes that the puck can get through.
- (e) See that at all times the goal cage is kept in its correct position of the floor.
- (f) When the goalie has frozen the puck and it becomes unplayable the goal judge should extend one arm above his head to signal to the Referee.
- (g) If a shot is made on goal which does not score, the goal judge extends arms straight out from his sides.

RULE 35 - PENALTY TIMEKEEPER

- (a) The penalty timekeeper shall keep the time served by each penalized player during the game and upon request inform the penalized player of the unfinished time of his penalty.
- (b) If a player leaves the penalty bench before his time has expired the penalty timekeeper shall note the time and signal the Referee who will stop the play as soon as possible.
- (c) Where public address systems are used, the penalty timekeeper shall announce or have announced the name of each penalized player the nature of the offense and the penalty assessed.

RULE 36 - OFFICIAL SCORER

- (a) The official scorer shall enter into the official game report a correct record of the goals scored, who scored, and to whom credit is given for assists if any. The scorer shall also keep a correct record of all penalties assessed stating the names and numbers of the penalized players, the duration of each penalty, the infraction and the time the penalty was assessed.
- (b) At the completion of each game the official scorer shall sign the official game report and have

the Referee and each team captain sign it. He shall then forward the game report to the designated league or tournament official.

- (c) Prior to the start of the game, the official scorer shall obtain from the manager, captain or coach of each team the complete line-up, verified and signed by the team official in charge. The Captains/ Alternate Captains of each team shall be duly noted on the official game report.
- (d) The official scorer shall submit the complete line-up of the competing teams to the Referee prior to the start of the game, and shall draw to the referee's attention any circumstance which he believes does not comply with the rules.
- (e) The official scorer shall advise the Referee when the same player has received his second or third penalty or his second misconduct penalty in the same game.
- (f) Where a public address system is used, the official scorer shall announce, or have announced, immediately following the scoring of each goal, the name of the player who scored the goal, and the name of each player who received an assist.

RULE 37 - GAME TIMEKEEPER

- (a) The game timekeeper shall record the time of the starting and finishing of each game, and all actual playing time during the game.
- (b) The game timekeeper shall signal the Referee for the commencement of the game, the start of the second period, and for each overtime period.
If the rink is not equipped with an automatic buzzer, gong or siren or if this equipment should fail to operate, the game timekeeper shall, by means of a loud whistle or horn, signal the end of each period, each overtime period, and the end of the game.
- (c) Where the time clock is not visible from each bench or not working, the game timekeeper shall announce or have announced when TWO MINUTES of actual playing time remains in each regulation or overtime period.
- (c) Record time of scores and penalties at expired time of the period. Record all times in minutes and seconds.

SECTION 6

RULE 38 - ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER MISCONDUCT

NOTE: In the enforcement of this rule the Referee has, in many instances, the option of imposing a "Misconduct Penalty" or a "Bench Minor Penalty".

In principle the Referee is directed to impose a "Bench Minor Penalty" in respect to the violations which occur on or in the immediate vicinity of the player bench but also off the playing surface, and in all cases affecting non-playing personnel or players.

A "Misconduct Penalty" should be imposed for violations, which occur on the playing surface or in the penalty bench area and where the penalized player is readily identifiable.

- (a) A game misconduct shall be imposed on any player who uses obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures to any person or who persists in disputing or shows disrespect for the ruling of any official during a game or who intentionally knocks or shoots the puck out of the reach of an official who is retrieving it.
- (b) A misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player who bangs the boards with their sticks or any other equipment at any time.
- (c) A misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any penalized player who does not proceed directly and immediately to the penalty box and take his place on the penalty bench.
Any player who (following a fight or other altercation in which he has been involved is broken up, and for which he is penalized) fails to proceed immediately to the penalty bench or who persists in continuing or attempting to continue the fight or altercation or who resists a Referee in the discharge of his duties shall incur a game misconduct penalty.

- (d) A game misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player who, after warning by the Referee, persists in any course of conduct (including threatening or abusive language or gestures or similar actions) designed to incite an opponent into incurring a penalty.
- (e) In the case of any club executive, manager, coach or trainer being guilty of such misconduct, he is to be removed from the building and his actions reported to the IHA Executive Committee.
- (f) If any manager, coach or trainer is removed from the bench by order of the Referee, he must not sit near the bench of his team, nor in any way direct or attempt to direct the play of his team.
- (g) A misconduct penalty shall be imposed against the offending team if any player uses obscene, profane or abusive language to any person or uses the name of any official coupled with any vociferous remarks.
- (h) A game misconduct penalty shall be imposed against the offending team if any player, manager, coach or trainer in the vicinity of the player bench or penalty bench throws anything on the floor during the progress of the game or during stoppage of play.
- (i) A game misconduct penalty shall be imposed against the offending team if any player, manager, coach or trainer interferes in any manner with any game official including Referee, timekeeper or goal judge in the performance of their duties.
NOTE: The Referee may assess further penalties under this rule or rule 24 (b) if deemed warranted.
- (j) A misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player or players who, except for the purpose of taking their positions on the penalty bench, enter or remain in the Referees crease while he is reporting to or consulting with any game official including timekeeper, penalty timekeeper, official scorer or announcer.

RULE 39 - ADJUSTMENT TO CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (a) Play shall not be stopped, nor the game delayed by reason of adjustment of clothing, equipment, shoes, skates or sticks.
- (b) For an infringement of this rule, a minor penalty shall be given.
- (c) The responsibility of maintaining clothing and equipment in proper condition shall be upon the player. If adjustments are required, the player shall retire from the floor and play shall continue without interruption using a substitute.
NOTE: In the event a player loses his helmet in the "process of a play" he will be allowed to continue "that play" but immediately following "that play" he must retrieve that helmet and immediately fasten that helmet onto his head. A violation will result in a two-minute minor penalty for improper equipment.
- (d) However, a goalkeeper, after a stoppage of play, with the permission of the Referee, may be allowed to make adjustments or repairs to clothing, equipment, shoes or skates.
A goalkeeper may also be permitted by the Referee to replace his mask but no time shall be allowed for repair or fitting a mask.
- (e) For an infraction of a rule by a goalkeeper, a minor penalty shall be imposed.

RULE 40 - ATTEMPT TO INJURE

- (a) A match penalty shall be imposed on any player who deliberately attempts to injure an opponent, official, manager, coach or trainer in any manner, and the circumstances shall be reported to the League or Tournament Director and the IHA Executive Committee for further action. A substitute for the penalized player shall be permitted at the end of the fifth minute.

RULE 41 - BOARDING

- (a) A minor or major penalty, at the discretion of the Referee based upon the degree of violence of the impact with the boards, shall be imposed on any player who body checks, cross checks, elbows, charges or trips an opponent in such a manner that caused the opponent to be thrown violently into the boards.
NOTE: Any unnecessary contact with a player carrying the puck which results in that player

being knocked into the side boards is "boarding" and must be penalized as such. In other instances where there is no contact with the fence it should be treated as "charging."

"Rolling" an opponent (if he is the puck carrier) along the boards where he is endeavoring to go through too small an opening is not boarding. However, if the opponent is not the puck carrier, then such action should be penalized as boarding, charging, interference, or if the arms or stick are employed it should be called holding or hooking.

RULE 42 - BROKEN STICK

- (a) A player whose stick is broken may participate in the game provided he immediately drops his stick. A minor penalty shall be imposed for an infraction of this rule.

NOTE: A broken stick is one which, in the opinion of the Referee, is unfit for normal play.

- (b) A goalkeeper may continue to play with the paddle portion of a broken stick until stoppage of play or until he has been legally provided with a stick.
- (c) A player whose stick is broken may not receive a stick thrown on the floor from any part of the rink, but must obtain one from the player bench. A goalkeeper whose stick is broken may not receive a stick thrown on the floor from any part of the rink but may receive a stick from a teammate without proceeding to his player bench. A minor penalty shall be imposed on the player or goalkeeper receiving a stick illegally under this rule.

NOTE: A broken stick is one which, in the opinion of the Referee, is unfit for normal play.

RULE 43 - CHARGING

- (a) A minor or major penalty shall be imposed on a player who runs or jumps into or charges an opponent.

- (b) A major penalty shall be imposed on a player who charges a goalkeeper while the goalkeeper is within his goal crease.

A goalkeeper is NOT "fair game" just because he is outside the goal crease area. A penalty for inference or charging (minor or major) should be called in every case where an opposing player makes unnecessary contact with a goalkeeper.

RULE 44 - CROSS CHECKING

- (a) A minor or major penalty at the discretion of the Referee, shall be imposed on a player who "cross checks" an opponent.

- (b) A major penalty shall be imposed on a player who cross checks a goalkeeper while the goalkeeper is within his goal crease.

- (c) A major and a game misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent by cross checking.

NOTE: Cross check shall mean a check delivered with both hands on the stick and no part of the stick on the floor.

RULE 45 - DELIBERATE INJURY OF OPPONENTS

- (a) A match penalty shall be imposed on a player who deliberately injures an opponent in any manner.

- (b) No substitute shall be permitted to take the place of the penalized player until five minutes actual playing time shall have elapsed, from the time the penalty was imposed.

- (c) All such instances shall be reported to the League or Tournament Director and the IHA Executive Committee.

- (d) Any player who kicks or attempts to kick an opponent shall also be assessed a game misconduct penalty in addition to any other penalties he was to be assessed.

RULE 46 - DELAYING THE GAME

- (a) No player or goalkeeper shall delay the game by deliberately shooting or batting the puck outside the playing area.

The Referee shall impose a minor penalty, immediately and without warning, against any player or goalkeeper who throws the puck outside the playing area.

- (b) A minor penalty shall be imposed on any player (including goalkeeper) who delays the game by deliberately displacing a goalpost from normal position. Any player (including goalkeeper)

who deliberately displaces the goal post to prevent a breakaway scoring opportunity by the opposing team or deliberately displaces the goal post during an ideal scoring opportunity by the opposing team, will result in a penalty shot awarded to the opposing team.

- (c) A bench minor penalty shall be imposed upon any team which, after warning by the Referee to its Captain or Alternate Captain to place the correct number of players on the floor and commence play, fails to comply with the Referee's direction and thereby causes any delay by making additional substitution, or in any other manner.

RULE 47 - ELBOWING AND KNEEING

- (a) A minor penalty shall be imposed on any player who uses his elbow or knee in such a manner as to in any way foul an opponent.
- (b) A major penalty shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent as the result of a foul committed by using his elbows or knees.

RULE 48 - FACE-OFFS

- (a) Players facing-off will stand facing their opponent's end of the rink approximately one stick length apart with the full blade of their stick on the floor.
Sticks of both players facing-off shall have the full blade on the floor and properly aligned on the tape. All other players must be at least ten feet away from the players facing-off and they must be on-side.

NOTE: If after warning by the Referee either of the players fail to take his proper position for the face-off promptly, the Referee shall replace the offending player or players with another player on the floor. If either player or players still fail to take their proper position the Referee may assess a delay of game penalty against the offending player or players.

- (b) In the conduct of any face-off anywhere on the playing surface no player shall make any physical contact with his opponent's body by means of his own body or by his stick except in the course of playing the puck after the face-off has been completed.

For violation of this rule the Referee shall impose a minor penalty or penalties on the player(s) whose action(s) caused the physical contact.

NOTE: "Conduct of any face-off" commences when the Referee designates the place of the face-off and the puck is dropped.

- (c) If a player facing-off fails to take his proper position immediately when directed by the official, the official may order him replaced for that face-off by any teammate then on the floor.
- (d) A second violation of any of the provisions or sub-selection(s) hereof during the same face-off may be penalized with a minor penalty to the player who commits the second violation of the rule.
- (e) When an infringement of a rule has been committed or a stoppage of play has been caused by any player of the attacking side, the ensuing face-off shall be conducted at the center face off spot.

NOTE: This includes stoppage of play caused by a player of the attacking side shooting the puck on to the back of the defending team's net without any intervening action by the defending team.

- (f) When an infringement of a rule has been committed by players of both sides in the play resulting in the stoppage, the ensuing face-off will be made at the place of such infringement or at the place where play is stopped in cases where play is permitted to be completed unless otherwise expressly provided by these rules.
- (g) When stoppage occurs between the end of face-off spots and near the end of the rink the puck shall be faced-off at the end face-off spot on the side where the stoppage occurs unless otherwise expressly provided by these rules.
- (h) Players must keep their sticks flat on the line for the face-off.
- (i) When a goal is illegally scored as a result of the puck being deflected off the Referee directly into the net, the face-off shall be at either of the face-off spots in that zone.
- (j) When the game is stopped for any reason not specifically covered in the official rules the puck must be faced-off where it was last played.
- (k) The Referee is under no obligation to wait for the players to get to the face-off spot. It is the players' responsibility to get there as quickly as possible. If one team is lined up and the other

team is procrastinating the Referee can start the play by dropping the puck.

NOTE: Once a team is in face-off position, the puck could be put into play within five seconds.

RULE 49 - FALLING ON PUCK

- (a) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player other than the goalkeeper who deliberately falls on or gathers a puck into the body and covers to cause a stoppage of play.
NOTE: Defensemen who drop to their knees to block shots should not be penalized if the puck is shot under them or becomes lodged in their clothing or equipment but any use of the hands to make the puck unplayable should be penalized promptly.
- (b) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a goalkeeper who (when his body is entirely outside the boundaries of his own crease area) deliberately falls on or gathers the puck into his body or who holds or places the puck against the boards in such a manner as to cause a stoppage of play.
- (c) No defending player except the goalkeeper will be permitted to fall on the puck or hold the puck or gather the puck into the body or hands when the puck is within the goal crease.
For infringement of this rule play shall immediately be stopped and a penalty shot shall be ordered against the offending team but no other penalty shall be given.
NOTE: This rule shall be interpreted so that a penalty shot will be awarded only when the puck is in the crease at the instant the play is stopped. However in cases where the puck is outside the crease Rule 49 (a) may still apply and a minor penalty may be imposed even though no penalty shot is awarded.

RULE 50 - FIGHTING

- (a) A major penalty and game misconduct shall be imposed on any player who starts fighting. Fighting is defined as the actual throwing of a punch (or punches) with a closed fist by a player who makes actual contact with an opponent. Pushing, shoving or grappling while on skates are punishable offenses, but do not constitute fighting under this rule.
- (b) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player who having been struck shall retaliate with a blow or attempted blow. However, at the discretion of the Referee, a major or double minor penalty may be imposed if that player continues the altercation.
NOTE: The Referee is provided very wide latitude in the penalties, which he may impose under this rule. This is done intentionally to enable him to differentiate between the obvious degrees of responsibility of the participants either for starting the fighting or persisting in continuing the fighting. The discretion provided should be exercised realistically.
NOTE: Referees are directed to employ every means provided by these rules to stop "brawling" and should use Rule 38 (c) for this purpose unless the coincidental major penalty rule is involved.
- (c) A game misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player involved in fighting off the playing surface or with another player who is off the playing surface.
- (d) A game misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player or goalkeeper on the floor who first intervenes in an altercation then in progress.
- (e) Any player assessed a major penalty for fighting will be automatically suspended for the remainder of that game and the next game played by his team.
NOTE: If the team that the suspended player is a member of draws a bye for their game, this penalty will be carried over to the next game that the team plays, even if the next game is in another division.
NOTE: The penalized team will place a man in the penalty box and play short-handed for the duration of the major penalty.

RULE 51 - GOAL AND ASSISTS

- (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 side from in front, and below the cross bar and entirely across the line the width of the diameter of the goal posts drawn on the floor from one goal post to the other.
- (b) A goal shall be scored if the puck is put into the goal in any way by a player of the defending

side. The player of the attacking side who last played the puck shall be credited with the goal but no assist shall be awarded.

- (c) If an attacking player kicks the puck and it is deflected into the net by any player of the defending side except the goalkeeper, the goal shall be allowed.
The player who kicked the puck shall be credited with the goal but no assist shall be awarded.
- (d) If the puck has been deflected into the goal by a shot of an attacking player by striking any part of the person or a player of the same side, a 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 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 net from an official, the goal shall not be allowed.
- (f) Should a player legally propel a puck into the goal crease of the opponent's team and the puck should become loose and available to another player of the attacking side, a goal scored on the play shall be legal.
- (g) Any goal scored other than as covered by the official rules shall not be allowed.
- (h) A goal shall be credited in the scoring records to a player who shall have propelled the puck into the opponent's goal.
- (i) When a player scores a goal, an assist shall be credited to the player who made the pass leading to that goal.

Note: The last legal method to propel the puck into the net must be with the stick.

RULE 52 - GROSS MISCONDUCT

- (a) The Referee may suspend from the game and order to the dressing room for the remainder of the game any player, manager, coach or trainer guilty of gross misconduct of any kind.
- (b) If a player so dismissed is taking part in the game, he shall be charged with a game misconduct penalty, and a substitute shall be permitted.
- (c) The Referee in charge is to decide on any violation and report the incident to the League and Tournament Director and the IHA Executive Committee for further action.
- (d) If a player, coach or manager persists after warning from the Referee in continuing his gross misconduct, he shall be subject to suspension for a period of one year or more as determined by the IHA Executive Committee.

RULE 53 - HANDLING PUCK WITH HANDS

- (a) If a player, except the goalkeeper, closes his hand intentionally on the puck, the play shall be stopped and a minor penalty shall be imposed on him. A goalkeeper who holds the puck with his hands for longer than three seconds may be given a minor penalty, if there are no attacking players in the immediate vicinity.
- (b) A goalkeeper shall not deliberately hold the puck in any manner which in the opinion of the Referee causes a stoppage of play, nor deliberately drop the puck into his pads or onto the goal net, nor deliberately pile up obstacles at or near his net, that in the opinion of the Referee would tend to prevent the scoring of a goal.

NOTE: The object of the entire rule is to keep the puck moving continuously and any action taken by the goalkeeper which causes an unnecessary stoppage must be penalized without warning.

- (c) The penalty for infringement of this rule by the goalkeeper shall be a minor penalty.
NOTE: In the case of a puck thrown forward by the goalkeeper being taken by an opponent, the Referee shall allow the resulting play to be completed, the play shall be stopped for a forward hand pass by the goaltender with a face-off resulting.
- (d) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player except the goalkeeper who, while play is in progress, picks up the puck off the floor with his hands.
If a player, except the goalkeeper, picks up the puck from the floor in the crease area with his

hand while play is in progress, the play shall be stopped immediately and a penalty shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team.

- (e) A player shall be permitted to stop or “bat” a puck in the air with his open hand, or push it along the floor with his hand, and the play shall not be stopped unless in the opinion of the Referee he has deliberately directed the puck to a teammate, in which case the play shall be stopped and the puck faced-off at the spot where the offense occurred.

NOTE: The object of this rule is to ensure continuous action and the Referee should NOT stop play unless he is satisfied that the directing of the puck to a teammate was in fact DELIBERATE.

The puck may not be batted with the hand directly into the net at any time, but a goal shall be allowed when the puck has been legally batted and is deflected into the goal off a defending player except the goalkeeper.

RULE 54 - HIGH STICKS

- (a) The carrying of the blade of the stick above the normal height of the shoulders is prohibited. A minor penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, shall be assessed any player who makes contact with or intimidates an opponent while carrying the blade of his stick above the shoulders of his opponent. If injury results, a major penalty plus game misconduct penalty shall be assessed. When a stick is swung above the shoulder at a puck near another player, that player shall be called for high sticking and a minor penalty assessed
- (b) When a player carries or holds any part of his stick above the height of his shoulder so that injury to the face or head of an opposing player results, the Referee shall have no alternative but to impose a major penalty plus a game misconduct penalty on the offending player.
- (c) A goal scored from a stick carried above the height of the cross bar of the goal cage shall not be allowed, except by a player of the defending team.
- (d) Using the stick to bat the puck above the normal height of the shoulders is prohibited and when it occurs there shall be a whistle and ensuing face-off at the spot where the offense occurred unless:
- 1) The defending player batted the puck to an opponent in which case the play shall continue, or
 - 2) A player of the defending side batted the puck into his own goal in which case the goal shall be allowed.
- (e) When either team is below the numerical strength of its opponent and a player of the team of greater numerical strength causes a stoppage of play by striking the puck with his stick above the height of his shoulders, the resulting face-off shall be made at one of the end face-off spots adjacent to the goal of the team causing the stoppage.
- (f) If the blade of a stick is swung above shoulder height near an opponent, whether to intimidate or to attempt to injure the player, this will result in a major penalty. Injury to an opponent under such circumstances is to be both a major and a game misconduct penalty. At the beginning and ending of a slap shot, the blade may be above shoulder level.
- EXCEPTION: No penalty should be assessed when the stick is shifted from one hand to the other over the head so the player can play the puck, unless it endangers another player.
- NOTE: No contact on an opponent need occur to call a high sticking penalty, however an opposing player must be in the immediate vicinity to justify a penalty being called.

RULE 55 – HOLDING

- (a) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player who holds an opponent with hands, legs, feet or stick or in any other way.
- (b) A major penalty shall be imposed if the action of holding results in injury to the player being held.

RULE 56 - HOOKING

- (a) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by hooking with either end of the stick.
- (b) A major penalty shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent by hooking.

NOTE: When a player is checking another in such a way that there is only stick-to-stick contact, such action is NOT either hooking or holding. He may turn the stick down over the opponent's stick.

RULE 57 - INTERFERENCE

- (a) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player who interferes with or impedes the progress of an opponent who is not in possession of the puck, or who deliberately knocks a stick out of an opponent's hand or who prevents a player who has dropped his stick from regaining possession of it or who knocks or shoots any abandoned or broken stick or illegal puck or other debris towards an opposing puck carrier in a manner that could cause him to be distracted.

NOTE: The last player to touch the puck, other than a goalkeeper, shall be considered the player in possession. In interpreting this rule the Referee should make sure which of the players is the one creating the interference. Often it is the action and movement of the attacking player which causes the interference since the defending players are entitled to "stand their ground" or "shadow" the attacking players. Players of the side in possession shall not be allowed to "run" deliberate interference for the puck carrier.

- (b) A minor penalty shall be imposed if any player on the player bench or on the penalty bench who by means of his stick or his body interferes with the movement of the puck or of any opponent on the floor during the progress of play.
- (c) A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player who, by means of his stick or his body, interferes with or impedes the movements of the goalkeeper by actual physical contact, while he is in his goal crease area unless the puck is already in that area.
- (d) Unless the puck is in the goal crease area, a player of the attacking side not in possession may not stand on the goal crease line or in the goal crease or hold his stick in the goal crease area, and if the puck should enter the net while such a condition prevails, a goal shall not be allowed, and the puck shall be faced in the neutral zone at the face-off spot nearest the attacking zone of the offending team.
- (e) If a player of the attacking side has been physically interfered with by the action of any defending player so as to cause him to be in the goal crease, and the puck should enter the net while the player so interfered with, is still within the goal crease, the goal shall be allowed.
- (f) If when the goalkeeper has been removed from the floor any member of his team not legally on the floor including the manager, coach or trainer interferes by means of his body or stick or any other object with the movement of the puck or an opposing player, the Referee shall immediately award a goal to the non-offending team.

NOTE: A penalty for interference should be called in every case where an opposing player makes unnecessary contact with the player in possession.

NOTE: The attention of Referees is directed particularly to three types of offensive interference, which should be penalized:

- 1) When the defending team secures possession of the puck in its own end and the other players of that team run interference for the puck carrier by forming a protective screen against forecheckers;
- 2) When a player facing-off obstructs his opposite number 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 bodily contact with an opposing player.

NOTE: All offensive or defensive players may attempt to establish positional territory in front of either goal. The incidental contact that occurs in so doing shall not be considered interference or unnecessary roughness. However, should a player from either team run at his opponent, or make a body check, the Referee, at his discretion, may assess a minor penalty for interference, charging or unnecessary roughness.

RULE 58 - INTERFERENCE BY SPECTATORS

- (a) In the event of a player being held or interfered with by a spectator, the Referee shall blow the whistle and play shall be stopped, unless the team of the player interfered with is in possession of the puck at the time, then the play shall be allowed to be completed before

blowing the whistle, and the puck shall be faced-off at the spot where last played at the stoppage.

NOTE: The Referee shall report to the league for disciplinary action, all cases in which a player becomes involved in an altercation with a spectator but no penalty should be imposed.

- (b) In the event that objects are thrown on the floor which interfere with the progress of the game the Referee shall blow the whistle and stop the play, and the puck shall be faced-off at the spot the play is stopped.

RULE 59 – CHECKING FROM BEHIND

- (a) A Major Penalty plus a Game Misconduct shall be assessed any player who intentionally pushes, body-checks or hits an opposing player from behind, any where on the skating surface.
- (b) Where a player is high-sticked, cross-checked, body-checked, hit or propelled in any manner from behind into the boards or goal cage in such a way that the player is unable to defend himself, a Match Penalty shall be assessed. NOTE: Referees are instructed not to substitute other penalties when a player is checked from behind in any manner. This rule must be strictly enforced.

RULE 60 - KICKING THE PUCK

- (a) Kicking the puck shall be permitted in all zones, but a goal may not be scored by the kick of an attacking player except if an attacking player kicks the puck and it is deflected into the net by any player of the defending side, except the goalkeeper.

RULE 61 - LEAVING THE PLAYER OR PENALTY BENCHES

- (a) No player may leave the player bench at any time to enter an altercation, but substitutions shall be permitted provided the player so substituted does not enter the altercation. Likewise no player on or near the penalty bench (not on the floor) shall participate in any fight or other altercation with any opposing player on the floor.
- (b) A misconduct penalty shall be imposed on each player violating the rule. The Referee shall report all such infractions to the League or Tournament Director and the IHA Executive Committee, which shall have full power to impose such further penalty as deemed fitting.
- (c) Except at the end of each period, or on expiration of penalty, no player may at any time leave the penalty bench.
- (d) A penalized player who leaves the penalty bench before his penalty has expired, whether play is in progress or not, but does not enter an altercation, shall incur an additional minor penalty, after serving his unexpired time.
- (e) Any penalized player leaving the penalty bench during the stoppage of play, and entering an altercation shall incur a minor penalty plus a ten minute misconduct penalty, after serving the time remaining from the first penalty.
- (f) If a player leaves the penalty bench before his penalty is fully served, the penalty timekeeper shall note the time and signal the Referee who will immediately stop the play.
- (g) In the case of a player returning to the floor before his time has expired through an error by the penalty timekeeper, he is not to serve an additional penalty, but must serve the time remaining from the initial penalty first.
- (h) If a player of an attacking side in possession of the puck shall be in such a position as to have no opposition between him and the opposing goalkeeper, and while in such position he shall be interfered with by a player of the opposing side who shall have illegally entered the game, the Referee shall award a penalty shot against the side to which the offending player belongs.
- (i) If the opposing goalkeeper has been removed and an attacking player in possession of the puck shall have no player of the defending team to pass and a stick or a part thereof is thrown by an opposing player or the player is fouled from behind thereby being prevented from having a clear shot on an open goal, a goal shall be awarded against the offending team.

If when the opposing goalkeeper has been removed from the floor, a player of the side attacking the unattended goal is interfered with by a player who shall have entered the game illegally, the Referee shall immediately award a goal to the non-offending team.

- (j) Any non-playing coach, trainer or manager who gets on the floor after the start of the game without permission of the Referee shall automatically be suspended from the game.
- (k) If a penalized player returns to the floor from the penalty bench before his penalty has expired by his own error or the error of the penalty timekeeper, any goal scored by his own team while he is illegally on the floor shall be disallowed, but all penalties imposed on either team shall be served as regular penalties.
- (l) If a player illegally enters the game from his own player bench, any goal scored by his own team while he is illegally on the floor shall be disallowed, but all penalties imposed against either team shall be served as regular penalties.

RULE 62– PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Any player who touches or holds a Referee, or any game official, with his hand or stick or trips or body checks any such officials, shall automatically receive a minimum ten minute penalty for misconduct for the first offense, and a minimum game misconduct penalty for a second offense, in the same game. Depending upon the incident a match penalty may be called. The use of a substitute for the player so suspended shall be permitted.
- (b) Any player who holds or strikes an official shall constitute a match penalty and shall be suspended from the remainder of the tournament.
- (c) Any manager, coach or trainer who holds or strikes an official, shall be automatically suspended from the game, ordered to the dressing room, and disciplinary action shall be taken by the IHA Executive Committee.

RULE 63 - OBSCENE OR PROFANE LANGUAGE OR GESTURES

- (a) Players shall not use obscene or profane language or gestures on the floor or anywhere in the rink. For violation of this rule a misconduct penalty shall be imposed except when the violation occurs in the vicinity of the player bench in which case a bench minor penalty shall be imposed.
- (b) Managers, coaches and trainers shall not use obscene or profane language or gestures anywhere in the rink. For violation of this rule a bench minor penalty shall be imposed.
NOTE: It is the responsibility of all game of officials and all team officials to send a confidential report to the League or Tournament Director and the IHA Executive Committee setting out the full details concerning the use of obscene gestures by any player, coach or other official. Further disciplinary action may be taken as deemed appropriate.

RULE 64 - PUCK OUT OF BOUNDS OR UNPLAYABLE

- (a) When the puck goes outside the playing area to either end, or either side of the rink or strikes any obstacles above the playing surface other than the boards, glass or wire it shall be faced-off from where it was shot or deflected, unless otherwise expressly provided in these rules.
- (b) When the puck becomes lodged in the netting on the outside of either goal so as to make it unplayable, or if it is frozen between opposing players intentionally or otherwise, the Referee shall stop the play and face-off the puck at either of the adjacent face-off spots unless in the opinion of the Referee, the stoppage was caused by a player of the attacking team, in which case the resulting face-off shall be conducted at the nearest face-off spot adjacent to the goal of the offending player or center line face-off spots.
NOTE: This includes stoppage of play caused by the player of the attacking side shooting the puck onto the back of the defending team's net without any intervening action by the defending team.
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 a face-off shall take place in the end face-off zone except when the stoppage is caused by the attacking team, then the face-off shall take place on the face-off spot at the center circle.
- (c) A minor penalty shall be imposed on 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 hand or stick.

RULE 65 - PUCK MUST BE KEPT IN MOTION

- (a) The puck must be kept in motion at all times.
- (b) With the exception of being able to carry the puck behind its own goal one time, a team in its own defense area which is in possession of the puck shall always advance the puck toward the opposing goal, except when prevented from doing so by players of the opposing side or if that team in possession is short-handed.
For the first infraction of this rule play shall be stopped and a face-off will be taken at the spot adjacent to the goal of the team causing the stoppage and the Referee shall warn the Captain or Alternate Captain or the offending team of the reason for the face-off. For a second violation by any player of the same team in the same period a minor penalty shall be imposed on the player violating the rule.
- (c) A minor penalty shall also be imposed on any player who deliberately holds the puck against the boards in a manner intended to delay the game, unless he is being checked by an opponent and it cannot be determined if any deliberate stoppage is intended.
- (d) For an infringement of this rule the face-off shall be at the nearest end face-off spot adjacent to the offender's goal.

RULE 66 - PUCK OUT OF SIGHT AND ILLEGAL PUCK

- (a) Should a scramble take place or a player accidentally falls on the puck and the puck be out of sight of the Referee, the Referee shall immediately blow his whistle and stop play. There will be a face-off at the nearest face-off spot.
- (b) If at any time while play is in progress a puck other than the one legally in play shall appear on the playing surface the play shall not be stopped but shall continue with the legal puck until the play in progress is completed by change of possession.
At the Referee's discretion if the legal puck is interfered in play, the Referee shall stop the play immediately.

RULE 67 - REFUSING TO START PLAY AND FORFEITURE

- (a) If when both teams are on the floor one team for any reason shall refuse to play when ordered to do so by the Referee, he shall warn the Captain or Alternate Captain and allow the team so refusing fifteen seconds within which to begin the game or resume play. If at the end of that time the team shall still refuse to play the Referee shall impose a two-minute penalty on a player of the offending team to be designated by the manager or coach of that team through the Captain. Should there be a repetition of the same incident the Referee shall have no alternative but to declare that the game be forfeited to the non-offending club and the case shall be reported to the League or Tournament Director for further action.
- (b) If a team when ordered to do so by the Referee through its manager or coach fails to go on the floor and start within five minutes, the game shall be forfeited and the case shall be reported to the League or Tournament Director for further action.
- (c) A forfeiture of a game shall be declared for the following reasons:
- 1) At the start of a game (referee's whistle to put puck in play) a team does not have four skaters and a goalie on the floor in full and required uniform.
 - 2) By the team captain submitting in writing and accepted by meet director that the team will not be able to play a particular game. In this event the opposing team does not need to suit up or make appearance at the game, but shall still be awarded the victory.
 - 3) Due to injury or illness during the game a team cannot field (when at full strength) four skaters and a goalie to continue this game.
- (d) In the event of a forfeit then the following scoring statistics shall be awarded:
- 1) The forfeiting team shall be awarded zero points (a loss) for the game. The opposing team shall be awarded two points (a victory for the game). The score of the game shall be recorded as 1 to 0.
 - 2) The Captain of the victorious team shall be awarded one goal. (This may not be

- substituted to any other player.) There shall be no assists awarded.
- 3) The goalies of either team shall not be accessed with a shot, save or goal against.
- (e) A team may forfeit one game per tournament without recourse to that team's status for the tournament. If the same team forfeits a second game at a tournament, that team shall be disqualified for the remainder of any tournament games.
- (f) In the event of the removal of a team from the tournament (by forfeiture of two games), the following statistical change shall take place:
- 1) All statistics of the removed team and team players shall be removed from official the stats. This is to include all team points, all goals scored, assists, saves, goals against, penalty minutes and all other pertinent statistics.
 - 2) Any and all teams that have already played the forfeiting team must also have the stats erased as though the game had not been played.
- NOTE: The removal of all penalty minutes will not remove action taken or to be taken by the meet director or the committee as to major penalties, game misconduct, ten minute miscellaneous or match penalties that were imposed on forfeiting team players.
- NOTE: The League or Tournament organizer shall issue instructions pertaining to records, etc. of a forfeited game.

RULE 68 - SLASHING

- (a) A minor or major penalty at the discretion of the Referee shall be imposed on any player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by "slashing" with his stick. Any stick to body contact enacted by the pursuing player will be considered slashing. No matter how hard the stick to body contact is, it shall be considered a minor penalty.
- (b) A major penalty and a game misconduct shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent by slashing. When a major penalty is imposed under this rule for a foul resulting in injury to the face or head of an opponent, an automatic game misconduct penalty shall be imposed.
- NOTE: Referees should penalize as slashing any player who swings his stick at any opposing player (whether in or out of range) without actually striking him or where a player on the pretext of playing the puck makes a wild swing at the puck with the object of intimidating an opponent.
- (c) Any player who swings his stick at another player in the course of any altercation shall be subject to a match penalty to be imposed by the Referee. This is considered a deliberate attempt to injure and therefore must be dealt with according to Rule 40.
- (d) Any player not in possession of the puck cannot have any stick contact upon the goalkeeper or it will be considered a slashing penalty.
- NOTE: The Referee shall impose the normal appropriate penalty provided in the other sections of this rule and shall in addition report promptly to the League or Tournament Director and IHA Executive Committee all infractions under this section resulting in a game misconduct or match penalty.

RULE 69 – SPEARING AND BUTT-ENDING

- (a) A Double Minor Penalty shall be imposed on a player who spears or attempts to spear or butt ends an opponent.
- NOTE: "Attempt to spear" shall include all cases where a spearing gesture is made regardless of whether bodily contact is made or not.
- (b) A Match Penalty shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent by spearing or butt-ending. This should be treated as a deliberate attempt to injure under Rule 45.
- NOTE: "Spearing" shall mean stabbing an opponent with the point of the stick blade while the stick is being carried with one hand or with both hands.

RULE 70 - START OF GAME AND PERIODS

- (a) The game shall commence at the time scheduled by a "face-off" in the center of the rink and shall be renewed promptly at the conclusion of each intermission in the same manner. No delay shall be permitted by reason of any ceremony, exhibition, demonstration or presentation unless consented to reasonably in advance by the league or tournament

director.

- (b) Home clubs shall have the choice of goals to defend at the start of the game. Where both player benches are on the same side of the rink, the home club shall start the game using that bench farthest from its starting goal. The team will not change benches for a new period.
- (c) During the pre-game warm-up and before the commencement of play in any period, each team shall confine its activity to its own end of the rink.

NOTE: All players must be dressed and ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled playing time, or game will be forfeited.

- (d) All players must be in full uniform to take the floor for warm-ups.

RULE 71 - THROWING STICK

- (a) When any player of the defending side, including the goalkeeper, deliberately throws his stick or any part thereof or any other object, at the puck in his 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 non-offending side, which shot shall be taken by the player designated by the Referee as the player fouled.

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 net, a goal shall be awarded to the attacking side.

- (b) A major penalty shall be imposed on any player who throws his stick, or any part thereof or any other object, in any area except when such an act has been penalized by the award of a penalty shot of a goal.

NOTE: When a player discards the broken portion of a stick by tossing it to the side of the floor (and not over the boards) in such a way as will not interfere with play or opposing player, no penalty will be imposed for doing so.

The Referee shall report promptly every case where a stick or any part thereof is thrown outside the playing area to the league or tournament director for appropriate disciplinary action

RULE 72 - GAME TIME AND TIME OUTS

- (a) Games shall normally be played in two 20-minute periods with a two-minute rest permitted between each period, after which the teams shall change ends. However, variations to the length of time for the two periods or the rest break may be altered by the tournament or league organizers. These must be published (as with all other variations) in their local rules. Three shorter periods are also acceptable, particularly in hotter weather. For games where a tie is not desirable, at the conclusion of the tied match, a two (2) minute rest will be allowed, and the teams will begin a sudden victory play-off. Teams will play with three skaters only (if full strength) during over time play. If no team has scored after five (5) minutes, the teams will be given a two (2) minute rest, change ends and begin another five (5) minute period. If no winner is declared by the end of the second over time period then a shoot out of four (4) designated players should be conducted.

~~(b)~~ Any overtime period shall be considered a part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.

~~(c)~~ A time-out may be called only by a player in possession of the puck, or by the Captain or Alternate Captain after the puck has been whistled dead.

(d) One time-out of one-minute duration for each team per half will be available. A game time out may be called by the Referee at any time during the game.

(e) When there is a time-out, the teams may go to the player bench.

(f) No time-outs in overtime.

(g) Any violations of the above rule will result in a two (2) minute minor penalty.

RULE 73 - TIED GAMES

- (a) If, at the end of the game, the score is tied, the game shall be called a "TIE" and each team shall be credited with one point in the standings, except for single game matches where ties

- are not desirable at the end of regular playing time, then Rule 73(b) will be used.
- (b) Games where a tie is not desirable (pre-quarter finals, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals or other types of single elimination competitions), a tie will be decided as outlined in Rule 72.
 - (c) In determining seeds following "round robin" play, or in other appropriate circumstances determined by the league or tournament director, when two periods of sudden victory overtime have expired or if local conditions do not allow time for over time periods and a local rule over rides rules 72 (a), then a shoot-out can be used to break ties for teams having equal accumulated points. Shoot-outs will take place using four shooters from each team, with each team alternately participating, in conformity with procedures as outlined in Rule 28 for penalty shots. Team captains will use a coin toss prior to the start of the shoot-out to determine which team will initiate the alternating sequence of shots. Each goalie will defend his own goal and a common goal cage is not to be employed. Team captains will supply the name, number and order of shooters prior to the shoot out. The highest number of successful goals obtained from the four attempts will determine the victor in the shoot-out. If after the first round, a tie still exists, additional shots will be attempted by each team under a sudden victory format, allowing each team the same total number of attempts. No player from a participating team may shoot again until all players on the active roster, excluding goalies, have participated.
 - (d) Should either referee determine a penalty during a shoot out, a goal shall be declared for the non-offending team.

RULE 74 - TRIPPING

- (a) A minor penalty shall be imposed on any player who shall place his stick, knee, foot, arm, hand or elbow in such a manner that is shall cause his opponent to trip or fall.
NOTE: If in the opinion of the Referee a player is unquestionably hook-checking the puck, and obtains possession of it thereby tripping the puck carrier, no penalty shall be imposed.
- (b) When a player, in control of the puck in the attacking zone, and having no other opponent to pass than the goalkeeper, is tripped or otherwise fouled from behind preventing a reasonable scoring opportunity a penalty shot shall be awarded to the non-offending side. Nevertheless the Referee shall not stop the play until the attacking side has lost possession of the puck to the defending side.

NOTE: The intention 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 in the attacking zone.

"Control of the puck" means the act of propelling the puck with the stick. If, while it is being propelled, the puck is touched by another player or his equipment or hits the goal or goes free, the player shall no longer be considered to be "in control of the puck."

- (c) If, when the opposing goalkeeper has been removed from the floor, a player in control of the puck is tripped or otherwise fouled with no opposition between him and the opposing goal, thus preventing a reasonable scoring opportunity, the Referee shall immediately stop the play and award a goal to the attacking team.

RULE 75 - UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS / ROUGHING

- (a) At the discretion of the Referee, a Minor Penalty may be imposed on any player deemed guilty of unnecessary roughness.
- (b) A Major Penalty shall be assessed if the action of roughing results in an injury to the player being roughed.

NOTE: It is not intended that there be no body contact between two opposing players who are actively in pursuit of the puck. The act of riding an opponent off the puck, or meeting the opponent head-on, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PLAY THE PUCK, shall not be considered roughness. However, this does not imply that players NOT in possession of the puck may throw their bodies into an opponent in order to achieve possession.

NOTE: Penalty for unnecessary roughness (roughing) should be called in every case when an opposing player makes unnecessary contact with the player in possession.

Attachments and Additions

Additional codes, rules and other information will be circulated from time to time and will be considered to form part of this package of rules and regulations. Coaches, administrators and officials are expected to keep up to date with circulars.

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