The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 Toyota Challenge -March 2017

Minor Bantam AAA Exhibition Game: March 24, 2017 7:00pm - 8:30pm Waterloo Recreational Complex

Feature Game: March 25, 2017 9:30am – 12:30pm Waterloo Recreational Complex

2017 ALLIANCE Hockey MD Midget

Championships: March 3-5, 2017, Host: Kitchener Minor Hockey Association

2017 ALLIANCE Hockey House League Select Championships:

March 31-April 2, 2017, Host: Brantford Minor Hockey Association

Time-Out Procedures

Time-outs are permitted in all ALLIANCE Hockey games at the AAA, AA, and A levels. Games played at the Minor Development level are only permitted timeouts during the semi-final and final rounds of the play-offs while House League games are not permitted time-outs at any time. Now that we have clarified where time-outs are permitted, let's look at the rule governing time-outs. Here are the key points to remember:

- Each team is permitted one 30-second time-out during regular playing time or overtime and it must be taken during a normal stoppage of play up to the point of the dropping of the puck (Rule: 10.17(f));
- Any player on the ice designated by the coach may indicate to the Referee their team's request for a time-out (Rule 10.17);
- Both teams may take their time-out during the same stoppage of play provided the second team requests their time-out before the initial 30 seconds have expired (Rule: 10.17(f) Note 2);
- At the conclusion of the time-out(s), the Referee should commence play by initiating the Line Change Procedure (both teams may conduct a full line change at this time).

Let's review the time-out procedure once the time-out has been requested.

- The Referee (or back official in the two-official system) should proceed to the penalty box to report the time-out to the timekeeper;
- The linesman (or in the two-official system, the official) who will conduct the ensuing face-off should be at the face-off location;
- The other linesman (or the back official in the two-official system) should take up a position between the benches (when they are located on the same side of the ice) or his regular position for the ensuing face-off (when the benches are located on different sides of the ice), (note: in the two official system, once the time-out is completed, the back official should move to a position to conduct the line change procedure);
- The Referee should take up his normal position for the ensuing face-off and should blow his whistle at the end of the time-out and then commence the line change procedure;
- It is important all officials keep all players in view during the time-out.

2017 ALLIANCE Hockey Tyke Festival: April 1-2, 2017, Host: Hamilton Minor Hockey Initiation Program

2017 ALLIANCE Hockey House League Championships:

April 7-9, 2017, Host: Greater London Hockey Association

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MD Championships: April 6-9, 2017, Host: St. Catharines CYO

For further information: www.alliancehockey.com

2017 OHF Championships April 13-16, 2017 -various locations www.ohf.on.ca

Game Sheets

It is important that our officials ensure game sheets are correct and complete before they are submitted. As many penalty codes were changed prior to the beginning of the season, it is of upmost importance for all officials to carry a copy of the Penalty Codes with them to the arena as many teams are still using up older versions of game sheets that do not have the updated codes on the back. An updated copy of the Penalty Codes is available on the ALLIANCE Hockey website: www.alliancehockey.com under the *"Forms"* tab.

Before the game begins:

- Check the Header (game number, date, location, time, period times, curfew);
- Check each team's roster (players listed = players on the bench, Captains and Alternates identified, coaches have signed and verified their roster). If there are discrepancies check with the respective team.

After the game ends:

- Total the score, fill in game start time and finish time;
- Check penalty section (all penalties listed, penalty times correct, correct codes have been used, total penalty minutes);
- Fill out the section for number of players to start the 3rd period;
- Complete the official's section (all officials' names legibly printed and signed).

Officials are also reminded they must complete the back of the game sheet when the following penalties are assessed:

- Misconduct Penalties that are assessed in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time;
- All major penalties;
- All Match Penalties;
- All Game Misconduct / Gross Misconduct penalties;
- All penalties that carry an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty (e.g., Major Penalties, Checking from Behind minor, Slew Footing double minor etc.).

When completing the back of the Game Sheet, explain your call clearly (try to paint a picture with your words) so the reader can have a clear understanding of what happened during the game.

In the event a Match Penalty is assessed, the top copy of the game sheet must remain with the official and not given to the teams. The Match Penalty form must be completed electronically (found on the ALLIANCE Hockey website under the *"Officials"* tab) within 24 hours. A printed copy of the Match Penalty Report along with the top copy of the Game Sheet should be forwarded by mail or dropped off to the ALLIANCE Hockey Office as soon as possible.

We truly appreciate your efforts in completing the game sheets completely and correctly.

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