Ask the Official - Week 3

September 28 - October 4, 2012

QUESTION #1: Is there a penalty for dropping your gloves in an adult non-checking league? The player did not throw any punches.

ANSWER #2: USA Hockey Playing Rule 615(a) states,

“A minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who drops his stick and/or removes his glove(s) during an altercation and is not a participant in the original altercation.”

Furthermore, Rule 601(a) states,

“A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed to any player who commits the following actions:

Disputes the rulings of any official.

Taunts or incites an opponent.

Creates a disturbance during the game."

QUESTION #2: My son was involved in a game and his team's one and only goalkeeper was injured with a concussion. Since his team does not have a substitute the game was called. The score was 8-2 with about 14 minutes remaining in the third period (3 - 15 minute periods in this league). I checked the league rules and I did not see reference to this type of situation.

ANSWER #2: While this situation does not fall within the normal reason a game might be terminated, a league or association is entitled to suspend or terminate a game under their own association rules. We encourage you to contact your league with this question for further clarification.

QUESTION #3: How long do I have to wait before I can re-take my Open Book Exam if i failed it?

ANSWER #3: There is a mandatory seven-day waiting period in place between the scoring of your original Open Book Exam and access to the re-take exam.

QUESTION #4: How does a double minor look on the score-sheet?

ANSWER #4: Double minor penalties are assessed and treated as two separate minor penalties and therefore should be written on two separate lines on the game score-sheet.

QUESTION #5: My son wants to take his on-line Open Book Test and as suggested he printed off the test. There are some questions that say

“from the Basic Manual”. How does he find the Basic Manual so that he can use it as reference when answering the questions?

ANSWER #5: The Basic Manual is available in PDF format at the Publications page at the Officiating section of USAHockey.com.