

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Associations' Guidance for Facial Coverings

Per the February 7th Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Interim Guidance for Athletics, facial coverings should always be worn during indoor contact sports, including ice hockey. The following guidance is intended to provide all MAHA associations with appropriate criteria on facial coverings, to ensure consistency in enforcement throughout all Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) on-ice activities.

As MDHHS guidance on contact sports continues to change, this document will be updated and distributed to all associations.

ACCEPTED FACIAL COVERINGS FOR ICE HOCKEY



Traditional Cloth Masks
(Sports Masks)



Neck Gaiters



CCM Game On Face Mask
(Player & Goalie versions)



Bauer Concept III Face Shield
(with Bauer Splash Guard applied)

MAHA RETURN TO PLAY STANDARDS

Consistent with current Epidemic Orders, facial coverings shall be properly worn by coaches, players, trainers, game event staff, on-ice officials, off-ice officials, and spectators at all times during games.

Examples of Masks Improperly Worn:



Under the nose



On the chin



Only on the nose



On the forehead



Dangling from ear

ON-ICE ENFORCEMENT

- On-ice officials should have a pre-game discussion with each coaching staff, to inform them that all players and coaches must wear a facial covering over the nose and mouth at all times
- Players shall be sent back to the locker room, if they come to the bench without a facial covering
- Players whose facial coverings are improperly worn shall receive a warning, which may include returning to the bench area for adjustment
 - If a facial covering falls off a player's face during competition, the player should immediately return to the bench to replace the facial covering
- Players who enter on-ice competition without a facial covering shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty
 - This shall be noted on the scoresheet as a "mask violation" under Rule 304
- If a Match Penalty is assessed, under USA Hockey Rule 633 a. or b., there will be no suspension issued as a result of the Match Penalty for any Coach or Manager (if it's determined that they are refusing to start the game, because the opposing team is refusing to wear the proper facial coverings)
 - The Head Coach of the team violating the facial covering mandate will receive a 3-game suspension, for the first offense, per the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA)
- Associations whose member(s) is found in violation, will receive one warning – additional violations within the association will result in immediate disciplinary action

