

Rules Committee Report 2020 Fall Meeting



The Minnesota Hockey Rules Committee met on Monday, August 10, 2020.

Modifications to the Youth Rules and Off-Season Affiliate Agreement are proposed.

Youth Rules Changes

[R1] Beckman. The Rules Committee based on a recommendation from the Safety Committee proposed a Cold Weather Policy for the Summer 2020 Meeting. During the Rules Committee meeting, the District Directors requested to table the proposed policy to consider a uniform statewide policy. The District Directors discussed a potential statewide Cold Weather Policy and decided they could not agree on a uniform statewide policy, so we are reconsidering the following rule with slight modifications from the one proposed last spring.

VIII. PLAYING RULES

[R1] **S. COLD WEATHER POLICY:**

It is required that all Minnesota Hockey Districts have a written policy regarding players playing and practicing at outside rinks. Policies should indicate the minimum temperature, including wind chill, that is safe for players to participate outside. Policies should account for the opportunity for participants to warm up should they become cold. No player should be required to remain outside in extreme weather if they indicate they are uncomfortable. Each District's policy shall be provided to the Minnesota Hockey Player Safety Coordinator prior to the season for review and approval and anytime thereafter when a change in the policy is adopted.

[R2] *Checking from Behind. The BOD has requested the Rules Committee enact a rule regarding the penalties for checking from behind.*

VIII. PLAYING RULES

[R2] **T. CHECKING FROM BEHIND AND BOARDING:**

The penalty to be assessed for Check from Behind (Rule 608(a)) and Boarding (Rule 603(a)) shall be a minimum of a major plus misconduct. For Squirt classification the major shall be 3 minutes.

Hockey Operations Vice President Perry requested a modification to the Off-Season Affiliate Agreement to add a provision allowing MH to suspend, withdraw, or modify the Off-Season Affiliate Agreement approval to deal with circumstances such as the current pandemic

OFF-SEASON AFFILIATE AGREEMENT

Add paragraph 1.5 as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1.5 MH reserves the right to withdraw, suspend, or otherwise modify its approval of this Agreement should circumstances so require. This right includes situations which arise because of force majeure, pandemic, disease, or other forces outside the control of MH. MH shall not be liable to the Off-Season Affiliate for any claimed damages, express or implied, consequential, special, or extraordinary arising from any withdrawal, suspensions, or other modification.

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