



MEMORANDUM

To: SCHL Teams, Players, Coaches
From: SCHL Commissioner
Date: October 13, 2023
Re: New Running Time Rules

In our constant effort to ensure smooth gameplay, we are implementing important changes to our game time rules.

Recently, we have noticed that games are taking longer than usual, which has put pressure on both the teams, and the rinks we operate in. To address this issue and promote a fair experience for all, we are introducing the following new running time rules:

- **Running Time on 6-Goal Differential:** If a team establishes a lead with a 6-goal differential, the game clock will switch to running time. However, as soon as the goal differential is reduced to within 5 goals, the clock will revert to stop time.
- **Running Time When Running Over Allotted Ice Block:** In the event of a game running long and there's a risk of teams being kicked off the ice due to an ice block ending, the clock will be set to the remaining time left in the ice block, and the clock will run. For example, if a game is scheduled from 12:30pm to 1:30pm and if the start of the 3rd period it's 1:21 pm, the clock will be set to 9 minutes and will be running clock, regardless of the goal differential.

It's important to note that different rinks may have varying degrees of leniency when it comes to games running long. Therefore, teams should be prepared to adhere to the new running time rules if the time block is running short. These new rules will be effective immediately.

We kindly request that all coaches and team managers inform their parents and scorekeepers about these changes and ensure they are well-prepared to adapt to running time scenarios as necessary. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

See you at the rink,
SCHL Commissioner