



MEMO 2 JANUARY 2015

Greetings to all

We hope you had a terrific Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Now we can start the New Year off with great expectations and wonderful experiences.

The focus of this memo will be on the basics. For some of you this may be a repetitive, not so informative topic. We believe that sometimes we tend to forget the little things that are easy, quick fix solutions. In order to build a strong house you need a strong foundation.

1. **AT HOME:** What you wear to a game can be misconstrued as favouritism- eg A ref walks in to officiate a game between the Rangers and the Twins and he is wearing a Ranger jacket. When you walk into the rink you are being assessed by the players, the coaches, the parents and everyone else that is associated with the game. In short, dress appropriately and neatly
2. **AT THE RINK:** Your uniform on the ice has to be presentable, clean and fits properly. Do you have the correct patches sewn on? Are your pants too long they flow onto the ice or are they too short and they don't reach to the top of your skates? Does your jersey look good or does it look like it has been bunched up in your bag for the past week? Is your bag inappropriate- torn, falling apart. Are you wearing clean white skate laces? Are you wearing gloves and if so are they black? Is your helmet certified? When you look good, you feel good and you passed the first step in your evaluation process
3. **PRE GAME DUTIES:** Do you know what to do when you first step out onto the ice? Do you skate to the penalty box area and meet with the time keeper and review with him/her the process of entering stats on the game report? Do you check the game report with the teams to make sure that each team has the correct number of players that match up with the game report? Do you shake hands (gloves off) with the coaches

In Memo two, we wrote "If you are dropping the puck do you check with both goalies, the time keeper and your partner(s)?" This implies that you should point to both goalies in addition to checking that all on-ice/off-ice officials are ready. However, this is not the case. Rule 5.2F (page 80-Hockey Canada) reads "Before starting the game, the Referee shall see that the appointed Game Timekeeper, Penalty Timekeeper, Official Scorer, and Goal Judges are at their respective positions." You do not check with the goalies according to the rule book. Note, that in minor hockey, only a timekeeper is present.

of both teams? Do you come out onto the ice on time? If the game is scheduled to start at 6:30 pm then you need to be out onto the ice at that time. Do you peg the nets? Check all the gates? Do you check the time clock to make sure it has the correct time entered on it? Do you have your whistle? What if it breaks?

4. GAME START: Are you in the correct position? If you are dropping the puck do you check with both goalies, the time keeper and your partner(s)? Does everything look safe and fair to you? Correct number of players?
5. GAME ON: Do you know the substitution procedures? The piston procedure? Do you know the rules? Do you ask questions of other refs to help you grow? If a penalty occurs such as a gross or match, do you know what to do?

This is just a simple summary to bear in mind when you work your next game. If you have any questions of the above, please phone Mitchell if you are a St James official (227-2680) or Ken if you are an APHA official (299-6558).

In our humble opinion, the most poorly understood rule of coaches and players is:

Rule 2.5 Change of Players

(a) When play is in progress, not more than six players (including a goaltender) are permitted on the ice at any one time.

(b) Players may be changed at any time from the players' bench, provided that the player or players leaving the ice shall be at the players' bench [within 3.05m (10 ft.)] and out of play before any change is made.

(c) A Bench Minor penalty shall be assessed for a violation of any section of this rule. The penalty shall be served by a player committing the infraction, as covered under Rule 4.3 - Bench Minor penalties.

Note 1: If in the course of making a substitution, either the player entering the game or the player leaving the game intentionally plays the puck with her stick, skates or hands or intentionally checks or makes any physical contact with an opposing player while the player respectively leaving or entering the game is actually on the ice, then the infraction of "too many players on the ice" shall be called.

Note 2: If in the course of substituting, either the player entering the play or the player retiring is struck by the puck accidentally, the play should not be stopped and no penalty shall be called.

Simply put: as in any penalty (trip, hook, hold, etc) a player identified as committing a penalty, must serve that penalty. In too many players, usually it is one of two players who serves the penalty- the player leaving the ice surface who intentionally plays the puck or the player entering the ice surface who intentionally plays the puck. Many coaches believe that it is a bench penalty and can send anyone or anyone on the ice, to the penalty box- not true. You must be cognizant and diligent in getting the player number who committed the foul.

Referee Apparel: We have noticed that a number of officials are on the ice without wearing the following: Shin pads, jock/jill, elbow pads. As officials we strive hard to make the game fair and safe to all the players. The same follows for the officials. Getting a slap shot in the leg, or high sticked in the midsection is not safe. There is a greater possibility of getting hurt and not being able to complete the game which in turn is not fair to the 2 teams and your partner. Play smart, ref smart, wear protective apparel.

All of the questions below can be found in the 2014-2015 Rules & Regulations book

1. Goal nets shall be pegged for Division ? and older SR-1 3 page 82
2. Is over time played in the regular season? SR-5 1 page 84
3. In order to commence play of a game, a team shall have a minimum of ? eligible players in uniform not necessarily the ? and how many certified coaches SR- 6 6 page 85
4. Ejected players and coaches must remain where? SR-8 3 page 88
5. Team A is beating Team B 6-1 with less than 5 minutes left to play. The mercy rule is now in effect. Team B scores to make the score 6-2. Does the clock go back to stop time or continue with running time? SR-14 page 91
6. How many penalties of any type can a player take before they get a game ejection? Does a double minor penalty (spear, butt-end etc) count as two minors or one? Does a minor penalty and a misconduct count as one or two penalties? SR-18 page 92

Act professional, skate hard and have some fun

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