



## Pepsi Kids Rules



- ***\*NEW RULE: All parents are to view games from the bleachers or areas other than the team bench area. It is not acceptable to view games from the team bench area. Violations of this rule will be considered a violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy! See USA Hockey-Zero Tolerance.***
- ***\*NEW RULE: There are penalties in PK/SHL DIV1. PK/ SHL DIV1 now empowers officials to remove a player flagrantly committing infractions that places the well being of other players in jeopardy. The player in violation will be removed from the ice and sent to his team bench for the remainder of his shift. The penalized team will be allowed to immediately place a lower line player on the ice so as to remain at full strength.***
- Game scores will not be posted on the score clock. The time keeper will keep game time/score for both games occurring simultaneously on each half of the ice. ***\*Both games are to start and end together.*** All line changes for games on each half of the ice will also take place together signified by the sounding of the horn. Center ice face-off starts shifts.
- One coach per team is allowed on the ice during the games providing a helmet is worn. Please work with your team while skating ***along the boards*** out of play. ***Coaches are to respect all referees and each other. When one of your players is doing wrong take the time to teach them. This is a role for the coach on the ice, work in tandem with the referee to encourage positive behavior while correcting behavior that violates common hockey sense/dangerous behavior. While play continues verbally instruct your players. Do not grab any players on either team.***
- Your 4 best players must be on your A Line, next 4 best players will be your B- Line, remainder on C-Line. All players must play on a shift, no one sits. If you are short on A liners, move up a B or C liner. If you are short on B line, move up a C liner. If you are short on C line, you may move down a B liner. However, any player that moves down must play defense, cannot engage in play across the offensive blue line, and cannot shoot or score. In extreme cases where there are not enough players to play the game, an A liner can move down to the ***B line providing the opposing coach's approval.*** Again, this player must play defense, cannot shoot or score. The exception being players "playing up." For example, a C-line player playing on the B-line, or a B-line player playing on the A-line. These goals will also be deemed legal.

- Some teams will have to skate extra liners. In this case, the opposing team should follow the move down procedure as prescribed above.
- All games are played cross ice (lengthwise) with blue pucks.
- No contact/checking is allowed. Correct any of your players attempting to check an opponent or one of your players flagrantly violating any acceptable common hockey rules. As a PK coach, you are a teacher. Instill proper hockey values that will positively enhance your young players as they grow as hockey players.
- Period length is 10:00 minutes. Shifts are 2:00 minutes. The horn will sound at the end of each shift. A center ice face-off will start each shift. Following all goals the team scored upon will be given the puck and the scoring team is expected to back-off giving up ice and allowing the other team to advance. The referee will toss pucks frozen by the goalie into the corner. The first line out at the start of the game is the C-line, followed by the B-line, and then A-line-CBA format. The last line of the game is the A line. If you pull the goalie at the end of the game, any player can substitute for him.
- **Mercy Rule:** If a team is down by 3 or more goals, they can play with an extra skater. If the team that was behind gets within 2 goals, then they must return to “even strength”. I welcome coaches to devise other sportsmanship gestures to achieve this goal throughout the program. Remember there is no actual game score per say. Stress is to be placed on each player’s development.