



2007-08 Rules that differ between USA Hockey and CAHA/OMHA

Attention all Canadian teams:

Please make your team (& Parents) aware of these minor rule differences prior to participation in the Pepsi hockey tournament!

Offsides

Offsides will be an immediate whistle and face off. There is no delay on an offside.

Red Line

Redline is for icing only. There are no two line passes.

Five Second Face Off

Once changes have been made, the Referee will blow his whistle and the face off will take place within a five second time period.

Rule 611 (a)

At the conclusion of the line change procedure, the Official conducting the face-off shall blow his whistle. This will signal each team that they have no more than five seconds to line up for the ensuing face-off. Prior to the conclusion of five seconds, the Official shall conduct a proper face-off. If any player other than the players facing off fails to maintain a proper position, the center of that team shall be ejected from the face-off.

Rule 611 (b) A second violation of any of the provisions of subsection (a) hereof by the same team during the same face-off shall be penalized with a minor penalty to the player who commits the second violation of the rule.

Crease Violation

If an attacking player enters the goal crease while his team is in possession of the puck in the attacking zone, an immediate whistle and face off in the neutral zone will result.

Rule 621 (d) When the puck is in the Attacking Zone and not in the goal crease, a player of the attacking team may not stand on the goal crease line or in the goal crease, hold his stick in the goal crease or skate through the goal crease. If the puck should enter the goal while such a condition prevails, a goal shall not be allowed. For violation of this rule, while the attacking team has possession of the puck, play shall be stopped and a face-off held at the nearest Neutral Zone face-off spot. (Note) This rule shall not apply when the goalkeepers out of his goal crease.

High Sticking

A minor plus an automatic 10 Minute Misconduct shall be assessed to any player who contacts an opponent with a stick carried above the shoulders. **The automatic misconduct for high sticking is no longer in effect.**

Rule 617(a) The carrying of sticks above the normal height of the shoulder is prohibited. The Referee may assess a minor or a major penalty on any player violating this rule. (Note) The use of the "slap shot" in the 10 under (Squirt-Youth and girls/Women) age classification and below is prohibited. A face-off shall take place at one of the end face-off spots adjacent to the goal of the offending player's team who, in the process of making a forehand shot or pass, raises the blade of his stick above his waist in the backswing of such shot or pass.

Rule 617 (b) A major plus a game misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent by the use of a high stick.

Equipment

Neck Guards are MANDATORY for Canadian Teams. All Canadian Teams must conform to all CAHA/OMHA equipment requirements.

In the Mite / Novice Division the USA Hockey BLUE puck will be used.

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PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

Canadian (CHA) teams playing in the U.S.

USA Hockey teams playing in Canada

Per a standing agreement between USA Hockey and the Canadian Hockey Association (CHA), the following policy regarding protective equipment remains in effect, modified for applicable rule changes.

CANADIAN TEAMS PLAYING IN THE UNITED STATES

Canadian players must wear the following Canadian Hockey Association mandatory equipment:

1. **Hockey Skates**
2. **CSA Approved Helmet**
(All age classifications)
3. **CSA Approved Face Mask (with color-coded CHA sticker)**
 - (Full mask - Types 1 (white) or 5 (green) for **player** over age 10.)
 - (Full mask - Types 2 (orange) or 6 (red) for **player** age 10 or younger.)
 - (Full mask - Type 3 (blue) for **goalkeeper**, any age.)
 - (Minimum of a visor - Type 4 (yellow) for Junior and Senior age classifications. Note that a Type 4 visor or a full face mask is optional for male adult recreational. If a visor is worn by a male adult recreational player, it must be type 4.)
4. **BNQ Approved Throat Protector**
(For players in all Female and Youth classifications)

NOTE: CHA rules do not mandate the wearing of a mouthpiece at any classification.

Canadian players do not need to wear a mouthpiece but must wear a neck guard. Conversely, American players do not need to wear a neck guard but must wear a mouthpiece in Pee Wee and above.

USA Hockey Supervisors shall handle any questions concerning any rules interpretations.