

B. A. A. PLAYING REGULATIONS HOCKEY

Eligibility of Players :

- a) Eligibility as to age will conform with that of Senior as per the B.A.A. Constitution and By-Laws .
- b) All players must meet O.F.S.A.A. eligibility rules .
- c) All students are eligible to play high school hockey as long as they do not play any junior, intermediate or senior O.H.A. hockey after the first league game . Any team who, knowingly or unknowingly, has played with an ineligible player on the game sheet shall forfeit that game .
- d) The game sheet must be completed by the coach prior to the start of the game . Only players on the game sheet are eligible to play , provided that the player is not under league suspension. Any Player who comes late must be listed on the game sheet in order to be eligible to play in that game .
- e) All games will be conducted according to CAHA rules .

Game Conventions and Length :

- a) All games shall consist of three periods of fifteen minutes in duration (15-15-15 stop time) . Where time permits there should be a break between the second and third periods. This arrangement should be stated between coaches at the outset .
- b) Straight time should come into effect if a team possesses a 5+ goal lead . Should the goal lead diminish to 4 or less , stop time should resume .
- c) When time is restricted, it is very important that both teams be notified in advance of any curfew or change in set up, Should a game be stopped by arena staff, because of time elapsed, the results at that time shall be deemed as the final score; regardless of the amount of time remaining . (Again , where possible , these types of changes should be agreed upon at the outset of the game .)
- d) The winner of each scheduled game will receive 2 points . In games of forfeit , the non- forfeiting team will receive 2 points , and the score 1 - 0 shall be entered for the sake of point standings and plus / minus . In regular season games ending in a tie , each team will receive a single point . **In the play - offs only** , a sudden - victory 10 - minute stop - time overtime period will be played . Should a tie stand , a 3 on 3 shoot will commence . If a tie persists , a sudden victory shootout will commence . (All players must shoot before any player takes a second shoot .)
- e) During regular season play , there will be no “time - out” option. However , in play - off games , each team is entitled to one 30 - second time - out .
- f) The BAA championship team will receive BAA medallions and the BAA plaque.
- g) CWOSSA Entries : The two schools that advance the furthest in play-offs from A / AA will represent Bluewater at CWOSSA . If both are knocked out at the same time , then the school that placed highest in regular season play shall advance . Further , the two schools that advance the furthest in play-offs from AAA / AAAA schools will represent Bluewater at CWOSSA . If both are knocked out at the same time , then the school that placed the highest in regular season play shall advance .

EQUIPMENT :

All players must wear CSA approved equipment (including neck guards and mouth guards) as set out by the O.M.H.A. rules . Coaches please note : under recent changes to regulations , it is a *2 minute penalty for not wearing a mouth guard or neck guard* ; it is a 10 minute penalty for wearing either on inappropriately.

OFFICIALS :

- a) Each home team shall provide 2 officials . These accredited officials shall have at

least Level 2 O.M.H.A. certification , and should be at least two years older than the oldest players , whenever possible .

b) Referees should not be high school students , whenever possible .

RULES of PLAY :

As per Hockey Canada rules

a) Icing - icing shall be called once the puck has crossed the goal line when shot from the opposite end of the center line by an opponent .

b) Offsides - regular offensive zone offside applies , *but there will be NO offside call on a two - line pass* from the defensive zone to a teammate over the center line .

PENALTIES :

a) Any form of suspension requires the completion of a suspension report (Appendix 4 , BAA Constitution) and follow - up as per the BAA Constitution.

b) All games will be conducted according to Hockey Canada Rule Book . Variations and notes of consideration include :

MINOR PENALTIES

a) Any player that receives three minor penalties in one game will be ejected from that game. Double minors shall be considered two separate penalties . The last penalty will be served by a teammate on tehice at the time of the infraction .

b) All persons involved need to be aware that *body contact* is a natural and *permissible* element in close - checking hockey ; only *intentional body checking* will be penalized .

c) Teams do not play shorthanded during coincidental penalties .

d) Hockey Canada now assesses the following penalties for *Checking From Behind*:

i A two minute minor plus a game misconduct

i A five minute major plus a game misconduct

i A match penalty (including a five minute penalty)

i e) Hockey Canada now assesses the following penalties for *Checking to the Head* : A two minute minor plus a 10 minute misconduct

i A five minute major plus a game misconduct

i A match penalty

MAJOR PENALTIES

a) Any major penalty is considered a grave infraction by Hockey Canada , and as a result, will be accompanied by an automatic game misconduct . The major will be served by a teammate .

b) If any major penalty occurs in the final period of the game , the game misconduct will carry over to the next game and the player will be ineligible for that game

c) Should any player get a second major penalty in the season , the convenor will send a letter of concern explaining the consequences of a third penalty .

d) Should a player receive three major penalties during the season including play-offs , the player will be suspended .

FIGHTING MAJORS

a) Fighting will not be tolerated . Any player that receives a fighting major will be suspended from further play for the remainder of the season . Should a player receive a fighting major near the end of the season , or in the play-offs , the suspension will be carried over into the next season. (The minimum suspension served will be five games , therefore , any games left after the season will be assessed at the start of the next season . Suspended players are ineligible for any play-off games .

b) If a referee feels that the involvement of one or both does not warrant a season suspension , then he may issue one of the following penalties :

i) three consecutive minor penalties for roughing which means ejection from that game with no carry over to further games .

ii) a major penalty for roughing which includes a game misconduct and a possible carry over if it occurs in the third period .

SUSPENSIONS

Any form of suspension requires the completion of a suspension report (Appendix 4, BAA Constitution) and follow as per the BAA Constitution and By- Laws . (The player must meet with the Coach , Principal and Athletic Director .)

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTIES

In an attempt to deter inappropriate behaviour , the referee will assess a minor penalty (or a misconduct) to any player who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct (physical or verbal) towards players , officials and others . A second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will result in a game misconduct : the original minor penalty will be served by a teammate .

MISCONDUCT

Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated : therefore , any misconduct assessed by the referee will result in automatic ejection from the game . If the misconduct occurs in the third period , it will carry over to the next game .

MATCH PENALTY

a) A match penalty may be assessed by the referee for infractions that endanger the health of the opponent such as an intent to injure , or dangerous play .

b) The player will be ejected for the remainder of the game . A match penalty will carry at least a one game suspension so the player will miss the next game of the season as well . Further , BAA may impose further penalties after reviewing the circumstances with the two coaches and the referee . The coach of the penalized must call the convenor after the game to begin the process . No player will be allowed to play any league game until BAA has ruled .