

NEW OBHF RULES FOLLOWED IN LEAGUE PLAY

1) Flooring - Rule 65 (g)

Flooring will remain automatic when the ball crosses the goal line in Minor Divisions

In Adult Divisions, Hybrid flooring/icing will be in effect.

The deciding factor is who the official believes will be the first to get possession of the ball. The official will make that decision when the players cross the "threshold" – the imaginary line across the hashmarks & faceoff dots.

When flooring has been called, the offending team will NOT be permitted to conduct a line change.

Ball Out of Play or Unplayable - Rule 75 (e)

When a ball is last contacted inside the attacking zone, regardless of which team is responsible for the stoppage, the ensuing face-off will take place in 1 of the 2 end zone face-off circles.

If the attacking team has set the zone, and the ball becomes unplayable or leaves the playing surface between the red and blue lines, the ensuing face-off will take place outside the attacking zone's blueline, and the zone will remain set.

2) Harassment of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct & Misconduct - Rule 47 (f)

Any player or team official who engages in taunts, insults, or intimidating behaviour, based on discriminatory grounds will be assessed a Gross Misconduct. These will include: This is a further extension of the 'New Rule' from Summer 2020

- Race, Nationality, Ethnic Origin, Skin Colour, and Language Spoken
- Religion, Faith and Beliefs
- Age
- Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression
- Marital or Familial Status
- Genetic Characteristics and Disabilities

3) Goaltender Equipment - Rule 24 (c)

Should the goaltender lose their helmet, facial protector, blocker or trapper, or any combination thereof, play will be stopped unless there is a scoring chance that does not pose a safety risk to the goaltender.

4) Time of Game - Rule 84 (e)

Teams will be permitted one (1) time-out per game, and one (1) additional time-out should the game go into overtime.

If the time-out during regulation time is not used, it does NOT carry over into overtime.

5)Playing Rules Gross Misconducts - Rule 33

The OBHF Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to be effective immediately.

-Gross Misconduct on the basis of discriminatory comments or actions, which include but are not limited to: race, culture, ethnicity, skin colour or language spoken; religion or faith; sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, will receive a 4-game suspension, 2 games above the current minimum in the CBHA rulebook.

-A 2nd incident within 1 calendar year will result in an immediate 1-year suspension and a hearing upon reinstatement.

Incidents taking place beyond the calendar year of the latest report, will be subject to review, and MAY include further suspensions.

-A 3rd incident, regardless of timeline, will result in indefinite removal from all OBHF play.

-Incidents not witnessed by the Officials but are reported to the Referee, shall be reported to each bench and an Incident Report shall be completed by the Referee.

NEW OBHF RULES WITH IN-HOUSE RULE AMMENDMENTS

6)2-minute Minor & Double Minor Penalties - Rule 27 (e)

Sticks penalties (formerly 4-minute minor) are now 2-minute minor penalties. These include: High Sticking, Slashing, and Crosschecking.

Former 4-minute minor penalties, will now be a DOUBLE MINOR (2 + 2). These include: Butt-end, Head-Butt, Intentional Head Contact, High Sticking causing blood to be drawn, Slew-footing, and Spearing.

Note: A double minor will only count as one (1) infraction towards the 3-penalty rule

All double minor penalties will be staying as is. We will not change the double minor penalties to 2 minute minors

7)Faceoffs - Rule 57 (j)

After flooring has been called, or a time penalty has been assessed and the face-off is in the offending team's end, the non-offending has the choice which face-off dot the referee will use to conduct the ensuing face-off

Face-off dot with be determined by the referees discretion. Teams will not be given a choice.

8)High Sticking the ball - Rule 62 d – 1 & 2

The CBHA has eliminated the High Sticking the Ball Rule.

-In the event of a stick making contact with a ball above the normal shoulder height of the player, a delayed High Sticking call shall be enforced.

-If the offending team gains possession of the ball, play shall be stopped.

-The ensuing face off shall take place in the offending team's defending zone.

-The offending team is not permitted a line change.

High sticking the ball will remain a 2 minute minor in league play.