

ALBERTA MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

RULE CHANGES – SUMMARY

Effective September 2011

Rule 1-3 Dressing Rooms

- c) All City and privately run facilities have posted rules for No Alcohol on the premises.

As of September 2011, ALL rinks managed by the City of Edmonton have implemented a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY on alcohol. Enforcement will be done on a random basis by the Edmonton Police Service and violators will be issued a ticket on the spot. Please note that Argyll, Knights of Columbus, CAC and Clare Drake (U of A) are privately run facilities and are not managed by the City of Edmonton.

Rule 2-1 Registration

- h) Carded players may only be used in Divisions 1 **and 2** during the winter season. *This has been changed since there will be interdivisional play between the two divisions.*
- i) Goaltenders must play 6 games in winter or **4 games in summer** to be eligible for playoffs. *This has been changed to be roughly the same percentage of games in each season.*

Rule 2-4 Captains and Alternates

It is strongly recommended that each team have one captain “C” and two or three alternate “A” captains, as indicated by appropriate letters sewn-on to their jerseys **to designate who will be responsible for communicating with the officials.** *Previously it was stated that each team “may have” one Captain and two or three alternate captains.*

Rule 6-5 10-Minute Misconduct Penalties

- b) **If a goaltender is assessed a 10-minute misconduct during the last 10 minutes of the game, a player from the ice must serve whatever time remains in the game and the goaltender will be assessed a single game suspension.** *The goaltender who receives a 10-minute misconduct in the last 10 minutes of the game is no longer required to be sent off the ice to the dressing room.*

Rule 6-8 Fighting

- iv Suspension for two fights with same player during a single stoppage in play:

Players will be assessed a \$50.00 Fine, Game Ejection and a Two Game Suspension. *This was not previously covered in the rulebook and has been added for clarification.*

Rule 6-15 Contact to the Head

- a) **Any player who is assessed a major penalty for deliberate contact to the head of an opponent will have an additional two games and a \$50.00 fine added. A second offence will result in league expulsion.**
- b) **Any player who is assessed a minor penalty for deliberate contact to the head, including but not limited to a cross-check, elbow, body-check, head butt, or roughing will also have a Game Ejection added to any penalty assessed. The timekeeper will indicate 'head contact' on the gamesheet.**

The league has implemented a new standard to provide more protection for the players by adding supplemental discipline for players who put opposing players at risk of head injuries.

Rule 6-16 Supplementary Discipline

- b) **Players and/or teams may also be placed on probation, asked to submit a performance bond, or be placed on special conditions at the discretion of the league.** *Although this has been the standard practice, it was not previously included in the rulebook and has been added for clarification.*
- c) **Any player who attains more than 80 minutes in penalties during the regular season will be ineligible to play for the balance of the season and playoffs. The team representative will be notified in any situation where a player has exceeded 80 minutes. Warnings will be issued when a player exceeds 60 minutes.** *The league has implemented a ceiling on the number of penalty minutes a player may attain before being removed from further league play.*

Rule 9-1 Playoffs

Playoff Eligibility

Each player (skater) must play a minimum of 6 Summer, or 10 Winter regular season games in the AMHL to be eligible for post-season play. **See rule 7-1 for consequences of using ineligible players.** *Reference has been added for clarification.*

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