



ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2015  
NYSPHSAA OFFICE

MINUTES

**Attendance:** S. Stuart, Coordinator (Sec. 2); D. Berardo, Sec. 1; F. Colabufo, Sec. 3; S. Morrison, Sec. 5; M. DiFilippo, Sec. 6; J. Frechette, Sec. 7; R. Zayas, Exec. Dir.; T. Nelson, Asst. Dir.; J. Altieri, Asst. Dir.; J. Agostinelli, Dir. Communications; K. Jadin, Special Services; T. Cook, Sec. 10 (teleconference)  
**Missing:** J. Cunningham, Sec. 3; P. Zarach, Sec. 4; F. Alessandrino, Sec. 9

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

- Updated Directory
- Reviewed Minutes of March Meeting (3/13/15) **Motion:** M. DiFilippo, Second: S. Morrison passed 7 - 0
- NYSPHSAA Office Report - R. Zayas
  - restructuring of positions in office reviewed
  - reminder on Regional Plaques for both teams (Champion / Finalist) billed to Section
- J. Altieri
  - reviewed new 7 year calendar - ice hockey always on week 36
  - if resigning position please give ample notice allowing replacement to shadow
  - NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame - nominations due by Dec. 15th
- J. Agostinelli
  - updated on credentials for tournament
  - brackets / rule changes will be updated on website
- K. Jadin
  - working to begin a Student-Athlete Development program
  - revitalize current programs (Life of an Athlete, etc.)
- Rule Changes
  - brief discussion on new rule changes - all safety related
  - Section chairs encouraged to invite NIHOA rep. to meetings for clarification
  - discussion on 5 penalty rule in the Addendum (includes minors, majors & misconducts)
- Discussion on number of games allowed per season
  - proposal with rationale has been submitted for discussion / vote to Executive Committee for an Oct. 22nd vote
  - Section chairs are encouraged to speak to their Section Representative on how to vote

- 2016 State Tournament - M. DiFilippo
  - Nik is still in place at the HarborCenter - Madison is leaving for a job with USA Hockey
  - Hotel blocks are set up - still negotiating the number of rooms available
  - Committee members should make their reservations @ the HarborCenter Marriott soon under the NYSPHSAA block of rooms
  - still working on a Banquet concept for the teams on Friday night W/ speaker
  - there will be a liaison assigned to each team in the tournament to assist them with their needs
  - packets of information will be available for presentation to the winning teams at the Regional competition site.
- Review / Finalize 2016 Brackets
  - **Motion:** S. Morrison; **Second:** J. Frechette passed 7 - 0
- Cutoff Number Discussion
  - all in agreement that the cutoff numbers should be lowered to provide more equitable competition
  - differing opinions on the number
  - all agreed that a Third Division would be the best avenue to providing equitable competition
  - the football proposal of going to 6 Divisions was reviewed and that gives us some hope of proposing a Third Division
  - **Motion:** J. Frechette; **Second:** S. Morrison; **Move from the current 1,100 cutoff number to a cutoff number of 999 and below = Division II and 1,000 and up would be Division I**
  - passed 7 - 0
- Other Business
  - question on eligibility of Junior players
  - review eligibility rule (can't compete against a player(s) that "Represent" a college

Respectfully submitted

*Scott Stuart*

Scott Stuart, Chairman

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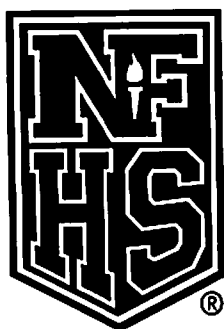
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# 2015-16 NFHS ICE HOCKEY RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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**SITUATION 1:** The game is being played at a facility where a warning track-type area is painted into the ice. Is it permissible to play the game?  
**RULING:** Yes. (1-1)

**SITUATION 2:** A team has two extra players on the ice for warm-ups. Is this permissible? **RULING:** Yes. NFHS rules do not specify how many players may be on the ice for warm-ups. (2-3-1)

**SITUATION 3:** The referee notices that a player is injured in such a manner that he cannot readily skate to his players' bench. When should the referee stop play? **RULING:** Immediately, regardless of which team is then in possession of the puck. (2-6-2)

**SITUATION 4:** The Team A goalkeeper breaks his stick. A teammate is bringing a replacement stick to the goalkeeper and proceeds to play the puck. The puck goes directly to an opponent who is in a scoring position. **RULING:** Play must be stopped as soon as the Team A player touches the puck. In addition, a minor penalty must be assessed. (3-1-9)

**SITUATION 5:** A Team A player body-checks a Team B player in the chest area and the force of the check drives the contact to Team B's head area. **RULING:** Minor penalty may be assessed for this infraction. If the contact was directly to the head area, a Major penalty may be initially assessed. (7-6)

**SITUATION 6:** Team A goalkeeper leaves his stick in front of the net and goes to the bench being substituted for by a Team A player. **RULING:** Minor penalty for leaving stick in front of the net. If the stick prevents a goal prior to stoppage of play – awarded goal. (8-1-3)

**SITUATION 7:** During a delayed penalty to Team A, a player on Team B inadvertently shoots the puck directly into his own goal cage. **RULING:** Goal is allowed. (9-3-3)

**SITUATION 8:** During a delayed penalty to Team A, a player on Team B passes the puck, but it deflects off of a Team A player and goes into the Team B goal cage. **RULING:** Goal is not allowed. (9-3-3)