



## Tag up off Sides

Having seen many pee wee games last year and this year, I would like to suggest that we consider returning to tag up off sides in order to keep the game moving and the puck out of the hands of the officials.

My observations are as follows:

Off sides calls cost at least 25 seconds of time per call. Sometimes it is even longer because the officials seem bent on calling many of these as intentional and take the face off to the far end.

The flow of the game is disrupted by these calls, many of them close.

The average time lost to stoppage of play is between 5-8 minutes per game.

Many games end due to the hour clock running out before the game clock.

If we add in icings and penalties we lose up to 8-10 minutes more due to stoppage of play. I do not advocate a change on icings or penalties.

The combined loss of time is as much as 15 minutes per 55 minute game. I think that if we can reduce that somewhat it would be good for the kids.

Since HS and college rules use the tag up rule perhaps we should also.

Agree or disagree? Send me an email. I would like to get a couple thousand emails one way or the other and then take it to the Referee in Chief if coaches favor a change. Disagree? That is OK also.

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