

USA Hockey Rule Changes  
April 24, 2009  
Crowne Plaza  
Minneapolis, MN

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Dennis Green.

The rule changes were distributed to all at the Winter Meeting so that the MN Directors could vote as the body felt appropriate.

Dennis addressed the specific rule changes discussed by the Youth Council. There were no issues with the housekeeping proposals.

6a and 6b were discussed which address the issue of having not having an adult present. MNH already has this rule. Vote to defeat.

Rule 13 protective equipment – immediately stop a game if protective equipment is out of place. Approve as relates to goal keepers.

Rule 304 – centered around equipment being worn as designed – i.e. breezers ripped or zipper not working. Approve the rule. Temporary fixes would be allowed is something happened during a game.

Proposal 21 – permits penalized player replacement directly from player's bench. Recommend to defeat so that a player from the bench doesn't serve a penalty for a team mate.

Proposal 43 – penalize a player when the puck is shot out of the rink. Recommend to defeat due to differences in the rinks.

Proposal 45a – all face offs occur at one of the 9 face off spots. Recommend to defeat.

Proposal 45b – requires offending team in zone face off following a penalty. Recommend defeat.

Proposal 53 – prohibits youth/girls from icing puck during short handed situations. Works good from a developmental standpoint and is done at the 14, 15, 16, and 17 festivals. No other hockey organizations are playing with this rule. Slated for approval but MN Hockey will vote no on this issue.

Proposal 55 – penalty for goal keeper interference by attacking a player. Slated for defeat.

Proposal 60 – delayed off side for all age classifications. 61a and 61b are all related. Slated to defeat.

61a adds tag up for Youth and Girls 12 and above. Slated for defeat.

61B adds tag up for youth Midget classification. Slated for defeat.

61C – tag up and delayed off side for all ages. Slated for defeat.

Dennis asked for input from the directors as to how they should vote on this issue. The group wants the tag up rule at all levels.

64 – adds mercy rule – running time requirement. Would be across the board for all games. Slated for defeat.

65 – adds body checking definition language to checking rule. Recommendation to defeat.

68 – amends rules 405 to see rule 410C - recommended to defeat.

69 – helmet fight rule – tentatively recommended to pass. Dennis will send a chair to the rules committee to get clarification on this proposed change.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

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