

PRECEDING PUCK INTO ATTACKING ZONE

- a) Players of the attacking team must precede the ball into the attacking zone.
- b) For violation of this rule, the play is stopped and shall be faced-off at the face-off spot nearest the attacking zone of the offending team.
- c) If however, notwithstanding the fact that a member of the attacking team shall have preceded the ball into the attacking zone, the ball is clearly intercepted by a member of the defending team at or near the blue line and is carried out or passed by them, the off-side shall be ignored and play permitted to continue. (Officials will carry out this rule by means of the "slow whistle".)
- d) If a player legally carries or passes the ball back into his own defending zone while a player of the opposing team is in such defending zone, the "off-side" shall be ignored and play permitted to continue. (No "slow whistle".)
- e) Only on an initial rush into the offensive zone shall an "off-side" be called non-intentional. All others will be intentional and the face-off will be taken in deep.

44. DELAYED PENALTY RULE

- a) If the penalty to be imposed is a minor penalty, and a goal is scored on the play by the non-offending side, the minor penalty shall not be imposed but major and match penalties shall be imposed in the normal manner regardless of whether or not a goal is scored.
- b) If when a team has a penalized player in the penalty box (including coincidental penalties), by reason of one or more minor or bench minor penalties, the referee signals a further minor penalty or penalties against the same team and a goal is scored by the non-offending side before the whistle is blown, then the goal shall be allowed. The penalty or penalties signalled on the delay shall be assessed and the first of the minor penalties already being served shall automatically terminate. Major and match penalties already being served will not terminate, and must be served in their entirety.
- c) Should the same offending player commit other fouls on the same play, either before or after the referee has blown the whistle, the offending player shall serve such penalties consecutively.

PENALTIES/SUSPENSIONS

- 45. Penalized players are responsible to know when their penalty time expires.
- 46. A penalized captain loses all his captain's privileges at the time of the infraction.
- 47. Any player who leaves the penalty box prior to the expiration of his penalty time shall be subject to serve the remaining time on the initial penalty (as determined by employee discretion) and an additional minor penalty for too many men.
- 48. Any player who accumulates 4 minutes of penalties during a game will be subject to ejection from the game, based on the referee's discretion.
- 49. Obscene, vulgar or abusive language directed at any player, coach or spectator is forbidden and will be dealt with strictly according to our suspension policies.
- 50. Any player, manager, coach who refuses to leave the playing area after receiving a game misconduct will subject his team to forfeiture, regardless of the score.
- 51. Any coach who promotes unsportsmanlike conduct in coaching his team shall be, at the discretion of the rules committee, suspended from future league play.
- 52. Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their fans. Disruptive fans will be asked to leave the premises once. Failure to do so will result in a stoppage in play. The team captain will have 30 seconds to request the fans or suspended players to leave before we call forfeit of the game to the other team, regardless of the score.
- 53. Damage to the rink and/or property caused by a player or fan on any team shall result in the team being suspended from any further league play without refund until the rink receives monetary compensation for damages.
- 54. ABUSE OF OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED - verbal abuse will be dealt with harshly and physical abuse or threatening in any manner will automatically lead to the player being suspended from further league play and will be subject to CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.