



NCRHA 2015-2016 PLAYING RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

RULE#	RULE NAME	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
304(g)	Goalkeeper's Equipment	Attempts to clarify required helmet and facemask rules for goalkeepers. HECC standard now recommended. Sets measurement standard of 2.5" for any opening (in any direction, diagonal or otherwise). Also clearly prohibits cages marketed as "pro cat-eye" or "cheater cate/Tim Thomas/ Don Beaupre" patterns are prohibited. A new document has been created to provide guidelines for Goalkeeper Cages separate from the rule book.
308(g)	Equipment Measurement	Adds "uniform compliance check" to the list of items on which an opposing Captain or Team Official may not request to have checked by the Referee.
610(e)	Face-offs	A player may not use his or her hand to play the puck during the execution of a face-off (minor penalty for delay of game). Once the face-off is determined to be complete, the hand pass rule is assessed as normal under Rule 614.
637(f)	Tripping	Specifies a major penalty or a major plus Disqualification to be assessed for a slew-foot or attempt to slew-foot an opponent. Verbiage was also added to the Glossary to define slew-foot.
705(d)	End of Game and Overtime	Changes overtime during the regular season is a sudden-death, four (4) minute, stopped clock period.