



Eastern Ontario "A" League



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Chris & Bertrand this is a list of Branch "A" League playing rules that may be of use to you for your referee meeting tomorrow evening.

- a) **HANDSHAKE:** Due to the playing time pie chart and to display sportsmanship, the shaking of hands will be performed between the teams at the **END** of regular or overtime playing time.
- b) **SWEATERS:** The Home Team should wear light coloured sweaters and the Visiting Team should wear darker coloured sweaters. In the case of matching or confusing colours, the Home Team must change. The referee will decide if a change is required.
- c) **REFEREES:** All League games are played under a 3 man system.
- d) If a game to be played under a three-man system and one official is missing, then the game must be played under a two-man system. A coach or team cannot refuse to play a league or playoff game if one official is late or missing.
- e) A game may not be played with only one official.

THE TIMING OF GAMES

- f) **DELAYED GAMES:** If, for any valid reason i.e.: bad weather, arena staff, injury in previous game, etc. the start of the game is delayed, the lost time will be taken from the first period. The first period ends at the same running time mark as if there had been no delay. However, the game end time can be extended if an agreement is reached between coaches, the arena staff and/or a home association official. Both coaches must indicate their awareness of the delay and/or extension (including) acceptance or rejection) by signing the game sheet prior to the start of play. The game must be played and the 'A' League will make a ruling as to its outcome. It is the Home Team coach's responsibility to

insure that any changes to the published start time is duly noted on the game sheet. If a game starts late, and no agreement has been reached to change the official start time and end time, then the game must end at the originally scheduled time.

- g) CLOCK FAILURE:** If the arena time clock fails, the referee must consult with the timekeeper to ensure that the stopwatch is used to complete the timing of the game. Running time in this event may be recorded with a wrist watch.
- i. The timekeeper/scorer ensures that the game sheet is signed-off by the referee and linesmen. See **Note 1**
 - ii. The timekeeper/scorer hands the first yellow copy to the referee then the (white) copy is mailed to the convenor second yellow copy to the home team and the remaining copy of the game sheet to the visiting team. See **Note 1 & 2**
 - iii. The home team coach must call in the score to the Division Convenor within 24 hours after the end of the game and also report any suspensions. The visiting team is responsible for reporting their suspensions within 24 hours. Win = 2 pts, tie = 1 pt & loss = 0 pts. See **Note 1 & 2**
- h)** The home team is responsible for mailing the official (white) copy of game sheet to the Division Convenor in the pre-addressed & stamped envelope within 24 hours after the end of the game. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the assessment of fines against the offending team.
- Note 1) THE HOME TEAM MUST PROVIDE THE REFEREE WITH THE ENVELOPE WHEN A SUSPENSION OCCURS.**

EXTENDED ICE RULES

- a) Extended ice slots will be identified on the League schedule and must be identified on the game sheet. Once identified, they must be played for the entire time slot. Teams who do not comply will be fined and or disciplined at the discretion of the 'A' League.
- b) Only Minor & Major Midget divisions may supply extended ice slots.
- c) Extended ice slots periods are 15 minutes stop time for the first and second period with a 20 minute stop time period for the third.
- d) During extended ice slots, floods are **mandatory** and will be at the end of the second period. There will not be a flood at the end of the first period.
- e) The stopwatch **will not** be used in extended ice games. The game will be played in its entirety or to the duration of the extended ice.
- f) Players returning to ice to commence the third period will go directly to bench without a warm-up. The teams must be ready to step onto the ice when the zamboni leaves the ice. The referees will be given instructions to apply a delay of game penalty if a team is

late to return to the ice.

GAME SHEET & REPORTING PROCEDURES :

- a) All suspensions currently in force **MUST** be clearly shown on the game sheet and initialled by the **REFEREE PRIOR** to the **BEGINNING** of the game. Please note on game sheet the refusal of Referee to initial suspension. In addition, **ALL AFFILIATED PLAYERS** must be clearly identified on the game sheet.

- b) **SUSPENSIONS:** All suspension incurred must be properly recorded by the timekeeper. The home team official must supply the referee with a pre-stamped addressed envelope. The referee in turn must fax the yellow game sheet to the O.D.M.H.A office as well as the suspension form and must mail the suspension report within 24 hours of the incident in the envelope provided.

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Please note this will be the official Eastern Ontario "A" League policy concerning game sheets within the League. I would impress upon you to pass this on to all your teams at all levels. This policy is listed in the Eastern Ontario "A" League playing rules.

The white copy of all game sheets is to be retained by the team. The team representative must report within 24 hours to you all suspendable offences. He must also within 24 hours fax & Email at your request to you. They also must mail to the League within 24 hours of receipt the copy in the self addressed envelope.

The team official reporting must also report all suspendable offences to their respective District Chairperson or individual discipline person assigned this task by their individual District Chairperson. Note only the District Chairperson may add games to suspensions. They have the final say in suspensions. Suspendable suspension may not to my Knowledge be reduced by the District Chairperson.

It is your responsibility as League Conveners to administer the suspension by verifying that the suspension has been properly served by the offending player. {Note please see the letter attached to your Constitution on reporting if player is played when under suspension. }

The Referees must retain the next copy of the game sheet. His or her responsibility is to fax within the time frame given by the ODMHA to the hockey office. He or she is given an envelope by the team if a suspension has occurred. He must fill out the proper suspension form produced by the referee group and send by fax or e-mail this to the ODMHA minor hockey office. He must then place this form in the envelope provided and mail the form to you within 24 hours.

Minor Council has been informed and accepted this procedure. The referee in chief is aware and is presently implementing this system.

To My knowledge this will be the procedure for both the Branch "A" & "AA" League.

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Re: Eastern Ontario "A" League Game Cancellation & Rescheduling Policy

- 1} - All "A" League conveners are to ascertain that all teams are rescheduling, switching and cancelling games through you the Convener.
- 2} - As Conveners you will notify the District assigner according to "A" League playing rules of the games in your division to be rescheduled, switched and or cancelled.
- 3} - As conveners you will always contact district assigners. The list of names phone numbers and email addresses of the district assigner will be provided by the referee group.
- 4} - Any games cancelled, switched or rescheduled by a team directly to their individual district assigner without going through you the convener will be fined by the league.
- 5} - The district assigner will acknowledge through e-mail & or phone the games that have been rescheduled, switched or cancelled to the individual conveners.
- 6} - The district assigner will never cancel, reschedule or switch a game or games from other than the individual Eastern Ontario "A" League convener and or Eastern Ontario "A" league executive. The list of individual Eastern Ontario "A" League Conveners will be provided to the referee body.

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