



Mouth Guard's Memo

Mouth guards are mandatory at all levels this year AND will be treated as Illegal Equipment and enforced under Rule 24(g) for ALL ODMHA MINOR HOCKEY GAMES commencing in the 2004/2005 season.

RULE 24(g)

"When a player fails to properly wear a mouth guard at anytime on the ice during a game, he shall be assessed a MISCONDUCT penalty"

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Rule 24(g) Situation 23 - Case Book

"Where a player is wearing the mouth guard in a manner that is careless or clearly not within intended guidelines, the team shall receive one warning and any subsequent infractions by the same team will be

penalized immediately under Rule 24(g). Referees are encouraged to deliver

this warning to the coach.

*** Goalies also MUST wear mouth guards**

*** EXEMPTIONS? - Team must have copy of a doctor's certificate and notify the official PRIOR to game for player to be exempt from wearing a mouth guard. If this occurs, the official should note on game sheet that medical certificate seen and # - Name of player that is exempt.**

*** Officials are encouraged to look out for mouth guards in pre-game warm-ups to warn teams to be proactive to prevent having to call this penalty in games**

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