

Proposed modifications to NDOHL constitution

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1. Add the following (15. *Playing rule infractions H.*)

Any player's action or infraction which results in an injury to an opponent shall be review by the suspension committee.

Reason: Deterrent to aggressive play. Players' safety.

2. Add a modified version (in bold) of a portion of Hockey Canada's Rule 7.3 "Interference/Protection of the Goaltender" to constitution (15. *Playing rule infractions –J.*)

A player of the attacking side may not stand in the opposition's goal crease. Play will be stop if the attacking side has possession of the puck. The goal creases will be delimited by semi-circular blue lines. If the puck should enter the net while such conditions prevail the goal shall not be allowed. If an attacking player has physically interfered with the goaltender, prior to or during the scoring of the goal, the goal will be disallowed and a penalty for "interference with the goaltender" will be assessed and announced.

Reasons: Rule was enforced but not in indicated in the constitution. Increase goal creases (by 2 feet see photo below) to better protect goaltenders.



Note: *The ensuing face-off shall be taken in the neutral zone, at the face-off spot nearest the attacking zone of the offending team.*