



HOCKEY CANADA



MEMORANDUM

TO / À: Randy Kinnee (CRFC)
Provincial/Territorial Recreation Associations
Canadian Arena Facilities

FROM / DE: Rene Marcil, Chair of the Board
Bob Nicholson, President
Todd Jackson, Senior Manager Safety and Insurance

DATE: 2006-05-25

SUBJECT: Changes to Hockey Canada Playing Rule 3(a) and 3(b)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO LINE MARKINGS FOR THE 2006-2007 HOCKEY SEASON

Dear Facility Operators

At the 2006 Hockey Canada Annual General Meeting in St. Johns, Newfoundland the Hockey Canada Board of Directors have ratified changes to the positioning of the goal line and the blue lines effective for the 2006-2007 season.

This change will include moving the goal line from 13 feet to 11 feet from the end boards to the nearest edge of the goal line. Additionally, in rinks with a length of 185 feet or greater, the blue line will be positioned 64 feet as opposed to the previous 60 feet from the goal line. Measurement will be taken from the nearest edge of the goal line to the nearest edge of the blue line. On rinks less than 185 feet the blue lines will be positioned so they divide the distance between the goal lines into three equal areas. Attached you will find the revised wording for rule 3 (a) and 3 (b) as well as a detailed diagram to assist you as you make these adjustments.

Hockey Canada considers this to be a positive change which will enhance the skill of players of all ages, and will additionally promote a safe environment by providing more playing space in the attacking zone.

If you have any questions with respect to the information enclosed please contact Todd Jackson at 613-562-5677 extension #2323 who will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Rene Marcil
Chair, Hockey Canada

Sincerely,



Bob Nicholson
President, Hockey Canada

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Todd Jackson
Senior Manager, Safety and Insurance
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