



## RCFHA Rules Amendment 2024-2025

### Mercy Rule

- Any team that reaches a 5-goal differential against an opponent (i.e. 5-0, 6-1, 7-2, etc.) will be given a warning by the Referee to make an effort to control their team.
- If the spread reaches a 6-goal differential (i.e. 6-0, 7-1, 8-2, etc.) the team will be assessed an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Bench Minor Penalty.
- If the spread reaches a 7-goal differential (i.e. 7-0, 8-1, 9-2, etc.) the team will be assessed an upgraded Unsportsmanlike Conduct Bench Major, and they will lose their center position for the remainder of the game. The team must also start their next game against the same opponent with an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Bench Minor penalty.
- If the spread reaches an 8-goal differential (i.e. 8-0, 9-1, 10-2, etc.) the team will forfeit the current game.

### Penalties

#### High Sticking

- Exception: When the stick blade comes into contact with the neck or head area of another player, a High Sticking penalty will be issued, regardless of where the high stick line is.

#### Delay Of Game

- Closing the hand around the puck will not be enforced in PeeWee and Bantam unless concealing the puck has created a clear positional advantage. Subject to referees' discretion.

#### Gym Set Up/Teardown

- Gym Setup and Teardown will not be subject to coincidental penalty rules.

### Accumulation of Unsportsmanlike/Dangerous Play Penalties

- Players receiving a total of either of the following will be suspended for 1 game, pending review by the Disciplinary Committee:
  - (1) 10 Unsportsmanlike/Dangerous Play penalties; or
  - (2) 5 Unsportsmanlike penalties; or
  - Any penalties deemed by the on-floor Referee's as dangerous/rough/unsportsmanlike penalties



## **Overtime**

- In the last two minutes of Overtime the clock will stop every time the whistle is blown.
- During Overtime, the flow of play will consist of the following when penalties are issued:
  - If a penalty is issued to a team with more than three players on the floor, the penalized team must remove one player. If the penalized team has three players, the opposing team may add an additional player to a maximum of five players.

## **Crease**

- Anytime a goalkeeper completely exits the crease, crease rules shall not be applied (only applied to the net without a goalkeeper).