



## October 2023 Updates

Just wanted to send out an update on a few things after the 1st month of season. Want to add in a couple protocols as well.

### 1) PROTOCOLS

- Please meet the captains for a brief meetings after warm ups. A simple introduction letting them know you will handle situations and what you expect and how to communicate with them as long as they have a good attitude. If they do not have a good attitude let them know you will end all interaction. Tell them we will not accept abuse.
- Introduce yourself to the coaching staff. A simple hello, good luck. Opens up the line of communication.

### 2) REFEREES

- We need to be sure we are calling violent penalties. I am getting too many clips of violence not being called.
- Referees need to use rule book to your advantage. We cannot defend you if you are calling penalties that are not in rule book.
- There is "NO" Double minor call in our NCAA rule book.
- Referees need to recognize penalties, manage game and communicate when needed.
- Referees need to communicate with coaches when they have concerns. Make your visit brief and to the point. Not saying to take abuse, but a quick conversation, even to say you may have missed something can go a long way.

### 3) LINESMEN

- Off to a pretty good start. Need to tighten up on faceoff standard early in games and hold that standard all game. Talk to players when needed.
- Talk before the game on how you will handle things. Communicate with regarding off-side and icings.
- If you see a major penalty, wait until the next stoppage and report what you saw to referees. Be 100% sure. Referees trust your team.

Do NOT cuss at coaches or players as nothing good comes out of it.

Do not interact with fans. If you have a fan situation, calmly tell the home team coach as they are responsible for the rink.

We are off to a good start, just need to clean up some of things above. Keep up the good work and thanks to all for your dedication.

Let's continue to be the best team on the ice every night.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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