

KWHRA

Kitchener Waterloo Hockey
Referees Association

Notice to all adult KWHRA hockey leagues

From: Kitchener Waterloo Hockey Referees Association (KWHRA)

Date: January 4, 2006

Regarding: ***The wearing of CSA Approved goaltender masks***

This referee association has encountered considerable debate concerning the above protective equipment issue. Following consultation with our insurer, and membership directive, this notice is being issued to all KWHRA hockey leagues.

The KWHRA Constitution provides that we comply with Hockey Canada Rules and Directives and this is consistent with our operating and insurance policy through CARHA. As such, we are compelled to enforce Hockey Canada Rule 24(b) note 3, & 24(e). This rule requires that all goaltenders properly wear CSA approved helmet and facemasks, securely attached and not altered in any way.

Henceforth, KWHRA officials will be advising goaltenders that wear non-certified helmets and facemasks, that they are ineligible to participate until they are wearing a certified helmet and facemask. Games will not proceed until it is replaced. The goalie may be substituted. Failing the above, the game will be suspended.

In keeping with the spirit of this rule, KWHRA officials will be assessing the goaltender a minor penalty for violation of this rule and order the illegal equipment removed from the game, if it is brought to their attention after the start of the game. Notification prior to the game will simply result in its' removal providing the start of the game is not delayed.

This is to advise all league presidents, representatives and participants that this is a zero tolerance issue and your team and player representatives should be so notified forthwith.

A list of approved goaltender facemasks can be found on the Canadian Standards Association Web Site. The link is as follows:

<http://directories.csa-international.org/>

On the right side under class number enter:

7261-02 for all goalie masks

In addition, we have attached a link to a bulletin recently issued by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. It provides pictures of goalie masks that are approved, as well as those that aren't.

facemaskmemoOMHA.pdf

If you have any questions or require further clarification, you may contact your KWHRA liaison or the undersigned.

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