

NYSAHA SCORE SHEET VERIFICATION

The following Officiating Program Policy has been approved for the 2014/2015 season

On ice officials shall be responsible for matching the number of players listed on the score sheet to those who are in attendance and participating in the game. The coaching program has been advised of this policy and will be working with us to make this a success.

Keep in mind that time is of the essence and the implementation of this policy should be minimal. We do not want the start of any game to be delayed. Be thorough but be brief.

Please note that this policy applies to NYSAHA State Tournament Bound teams and any opponents they play. Teams coming from other USA Hockey districts (Mass, New England, etc.) will be made aware of the policy and must comply.

Youth 12U, 14U, 16U, 18 U (Tiers 1, 2 & 3)

Girls 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U (Tiers 1 & 2)

High School Varsity

Officials must be on the ice prior to the teams. One official will be responsible for counting the visiting team players as they enter the ice and another shall count the home team players. Officials will then check the number of players that are listed on the score sheet. Officials will make another count at the end of warm-ups (a player may have come after warm-ups started).

If the number of players on the ice match the number of players listed on the score sheet the game shall begin.

If the numbers do not match the official will ask the coach to simply place an "M" next to any player who is listed on the score sheet but is not in attendance. The "M" indicates that the player is missing and may or may not show up. The coach has the option of putting a line through a player listed on the score sheet indicating that the player is not showing up at all.

Once the game starts, any player showing up cannot participate in play until the coach has alerted an official that the player has arrived. This must be done at a stoppage of play. The official will immediately proceed to the scorer's table and circle the "M" next to that player's name. The player is now eligible to play. If a late arriving player shows up and plays without "checking in", that player shall be assessed a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

At the end of the game, the officials shall review the score sheet and put a line through any player listed on either team who still has an "M" next to their name (player/players never showed up).

The officials shall write the number of players who participated in the game for each team next to the team name in clear and legible writing, and shall circle that number.

If a coach refuses to comply with the policy, the team shall be assessed a bench minor to start the game. If a bench minor is assessed, the assessing official must notify their Local Supervisor within 24 hours via e mail.

Please note that officials are verifying the number of players only...the position does not matter.

Before the officials sign the score sheet at the end of a game they must make sure that coaches from both teams have already signed it. Coaches may sign the score sheet prior to the game or after the game has ended.

Thank you for your cooperation and good luck this season.

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