



## 4 ON 4 OVERTIME CLARIFICATION

*The question has arisen regarding how 4 on 4 overtime should be handled. The NCAA Rule Book does not offer the 4 on 4 format. Please distribute this memo to all affected ACHA officials, coaches, and administrators.*

During regular season games, if at the end of the three (3) regular twenty (20) minute periods, the score shall be tied, the teams will then play an additional overtime period of five (5) minutes with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper.

(NOTE 1) The overtime period will be commenced immediately following a two (2) minute rest period during which the players will remain on the ice. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period.

(NOTE 2) When regulation time ends and the teams are 5 on 3, teams will start overtime 5 on 3. Once player strength reaches 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4 on 3 or 4 on 4, as appropriate

(NOTE 3) When regulation ends and teams are 4 on 4 teams will start overtime 3 on 3.

(NOTE 4) At no time will a team have less than three players on the ice. This may require a fifth skater to be added if a two-man advantage occurs. Once player strength reaches 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4 on 3 or 4 on 4, as appropriate