



As we gear up for the 2009/10 season. I wanted to offer each official a “cheat sheet” to help them understand the differences between the NCAA rules and or ACHA modifications. I hope that this will make things easier for you as the season moves on.

**Playing Lineup** - teams shall be permitted to have the option of dressing a maximum of 18 skaters and three goaltenders or 19 skaters and two goaltenders. *Note--- M3, W1, and W2 teams may play with 1 goaltender without penalty, however, if should noted on the score sheet.*

**Overtime** - 4-on-4 overtime will be played during the regular season.

**Shoot-out** – (see shoot out-protocol). Shoot outs should be used in all M1 game still tied at the completion of overtime.

*Note--- other Divisions allow each local league to use shoot-outs as they feel fit. Women’s Division does not allow for shoot-out.*

**Spitting** - Automatic Game Disqualification

**Incident Reports** - An ACHA Incident Report format shall be provided for reporting to the commissioner’s office by fax, mail, or e-mail any incidents involving players, coaches, teams, officials or referees. An Incident Report must be completed for each separate incident and submitted to the commissioner within 48 hours.

**Officiating Systems** – The ACHA Executive Committee agreed the 1 referee and 2 linesmen system has proven to fit the ACHA’s requirements best. Therefore, the recommended ACHA officiating system is 1 Referee and 2 Linesmen. This will be the officiating system used at all 2010 National Championships. Teams may use the 2 Referee and 1 Linesman system or 2 Referee and 2 Linesmen system, provided the officials follow the positional guides offered in the NCAA 2008-10 Rules for Ice Hockey

Officials are to be USA Hockey level 3 or higher, unless approved by the ACHA RIC.

*Note- Teams Women’s Divisions may use a 2 official system with the approval of their commissioner.*