



BC Lacrosse Officials Association

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MEMO: To All Minor Head Referees and Minor Association Presidents

Re: April 22, 2007 Update on some issues that have arisen in the first days of the season.

Greetings all,

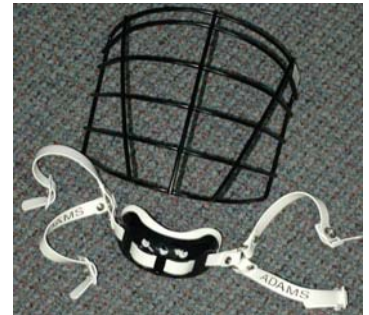
I have received a number of emails and calls in the last few days which have prompted me to bring a number of issues to the attention of all minor associations. Please ensure that this information is distributed to the head referee if your association and to all referees within your association.

Stop Signs

Please be advised that all minor players in BC must have a STOP sign on the backs of their sweaters. Players and or Goalkeepers found not to have a STOP sign on their jersey are to be sent back to their benches immediately and they are not to be permitted to return to the floor until such time as they have a STOP sign in place. There is no game misconduct or 10 minute misconduct for players found not to have a STOP sign; they are simply to be sent off the floor. Please note that this ruling only applies to players registered in BC, players registered in other provinces, but competing in BC are not bound by this ruling.

OTNY Masks and Chinstraps

A ruling was made earlier this week regarding some OTNY masks which were equipped with "Adams" 4 point chin cup/straps. Please be advised that these chin cups/straps are permitted for use with OTNY masks as they are factory equipment. They must be securely and properly fastened to the helmet, not the "ear loops", and they may not be altered. Note also that earlier versions of this mask were sold with a different type of 2 point chin cup/strap, which are still permitted for use also. Be advised also that regardless of what type of chinstrap was sold with the mask, the original "under the chin" strap that came with the helmet must also be in place.



Wooden Sticks

Wooden lacrosse sticks (both for players and goalkeepers) are permitted for use in ALL minor divisions. There have been some rumors to the contrary, but they are still very much legal.

Minor Referee Certification Clinics

Nearly all minor clinics are now complete; however plans are in place for most zones to make a final level 2 clinic available for referees who have been out of town at college. These clinics may be offered if there is sufficient interest and would likely take place on or about the second week in May. If you have referees interested in participating in a clinic of this kind please have them email me at djames@shaw.ca Note that if these clinics are offered, they will only be level 2, and they are only open to those who have a **very good** excuse for missing all of the previous clinics.

Offence/Defense

The Coaches Assn. has sent me a note asking us to remind all lacrosse participants, (including referees) that O/D is not permitted in minor lacrosse. Referees are not being asked to enforce this in any way, but it has been pointed out that many referees were unaware of the rule. More information about O/D can be obtained from the BCLCA.

Sincerely,

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