

ALBERTA MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

RULE CHANGES – SUMMARY

Effective September 2017

Rule 4-7 Line Changes

- a. Line changes **will be permitted** during any stoppage of play except when a team is at a manpower disadvantage on the ice (see exceptions below). If a team makes excessive changes or otherwise intentionally delays the game, a minor penalty for "Delay of Game" may be assessed at the discretion of the officials.

Exceptions to Rule 4-7:

- o Teams may not make line changes at a stoppage when they are at a manpower disadvantage (shorthanded) on the ice, unless a penalty call is made, a goal has been scored by either team, when a player is injured, there is a time-out, during stop-time, or when an icing call is made.
- o Teams may make line changes when both teams are serving an equal amount of penalties and have the same number of players on the ice.

In order to give teams more flexibility, the long-standing 'change on the fly' rule is no longer in effect. Unless a team is shorthanded, line changes may be made at any stoppage in play. Referees will still have the ability to limit an excessive amount of line changes if it is determined that the only reason for the line change is to 'kill the clock'.

Rule 4-8 Tie Games

During the regular season, when a game is tied at the end of regulation time, both teams will receive a single point and a three-round shootout will be used to determine if one of the teams is to receive an extra point. If both teams score an equal number of goals in the shootout, the game will end in a tie.

- o 3 shooters per team
- o home team shoots first
- o If one team scores on their first two opportunities and their opponent does not score on either of theirs, the third shooters are not necessary.
- o Any penalized player who has not served his entire penalty prior to the start of the shootout will not be eligible to participate in the shootout. This does not apply to players serving team penalties or serving a penalty on behalf of another player on the team.

Rather than a sudden-death shootout to decide regular season games that end in a tie, we have made a change to allow three shooters from each team to decide the outcome. If the score is still tied after all six shooters have gone, the game will end in a tie. There will be no changes to the existing overtime/shootout format for playoffs.