

# GAME PLAY RULES

All Minor Hockey Associations are required to operate in compliance with the Hockey Canada Policy on U7 and U9 hockey. The following non-negotiables exist in Hockey Alberta's Intro to Hockey model:

## NON-NEGOTIABLES

### PLAYING SURFACE FOR GAMES:

- Maximum 8,500 sq./ft (100' x 85')
- U7: for the full season
- U9: through Jan. 31 of current season

### HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULES:

- Must be followed

### GOALTENDERS:

- U7: no goalie equipment except for a goalie stick
- U9: full goalie equipment

### GAME PLAY RULES:

- 4 on 4 with a goalie (U7 and U9)
- Continuous play (line changes and stoppages in play)
- Use buzzer for line changes
- Faceoff only to start halves
- No position specialization
- Blue puck is required for U7 game play

### GAME ADMINISTRATION RULES:

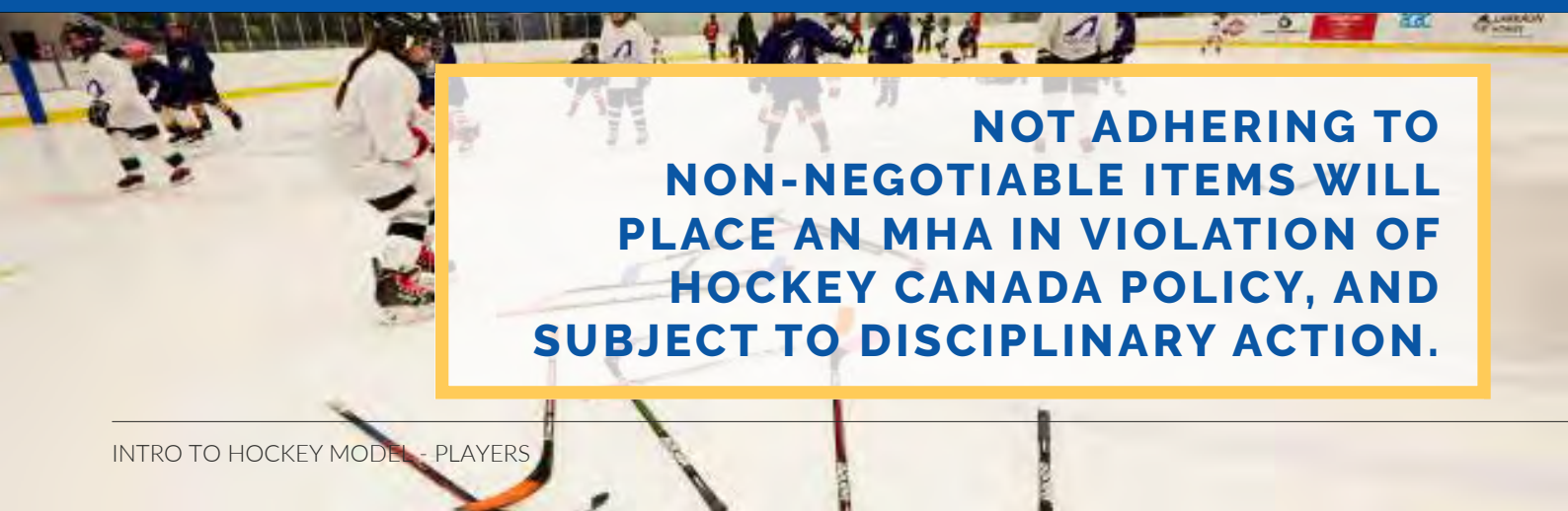
- No score is kept
- No standings or stats kept
- Game summary or game sheet is required for U9

### ON-ICE OFFICIALS:

- One (1) official per game for U9
- Game fee \$20 per official
- Officials Report required for major penalties

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION RULES:

- Travel Permits are required
- No Festivals prior to November 1
- Coach requirements (see Pg 16-19) must be met
- Players and team officials can be registered as a program or a team
- No affiliation required



**NOT ADHERING TO  
NON-NEGOTIABLE ITEMS WILL  
PLACE AN MHA IN VIOLATION OF  
HOCKEY CANADA POLICY, AND  
SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**