

## 2020-2021 Modified Game play

With the challenges introduced with COVID-19 there will be some changes to how officials will be calling the games this season.

### Officials:

- Will not be touching the ring this season. After a goal is scored or play is stopped it will be the players responsibility to move the ring with their stick to where the official directs.
- Will not be picking up broken equipment. Players will be required to pick up broken equipment when play is stopped.
- Will not be opening/closing doors to the penalty box.
- Penalties will be issued to U14 and up and it will be the responsibility of the player/coaches (arena permitting) to ensure doors are properly opened and closed. If a door is not properly closed after a penalty, and coaches are unable to close the door, officials will stop play, and have the door closed. Play will resume in the zone where play was stopped and possession does not change. If a second penalty occurs while a player on the same team still in the box, a penalty shot will result.
- Penalty shots will be given to U10/U12 divisions at the end of the period. If a penalty occurs the official will stop play, and the offending player will be asked to return to their bench (the player can return to play for their next shift).

### Game Play:

- Most ringette rules will apply this season; however, there will be some modifications in game play regarding player contact.
- Goalies will not be permitted to be pulled during game play.
- Players must be a stick length away from opposition players when guarding anywhere on the ice surface.
- Players are permitted to check players sticks if they do not contact the opposing player.
- Defensive players are encouraged to guide the player with the ring to the outside by taking the ring away.
- Offensive driving of the triangle is not permitted.
- Players are to try to stay off the boards to prevent contact.
- **If violations of the player contact rules occur the non-offending team will be awarded the ring.**

Coaches please be patient with the officials and expect the COVID contact violations to be inconsistent when the season begins. All our officials will be striving to become more consistent with the modified contact rules as the season progresses.

If any changes need to be made throughout the season they will be communicated to you through your coaching director.

Thanks,

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