

MEMORANDUM

To: OHF at large
From: Rick Morpew, OHF Referee-In-Chief
Date: January 22, 2010
Re: CSA Certification - Helmets

Please give this memo the widest distribution possible. Please ensure the distribution includes officials and teams.

In accordance with Hockey Canada Playing Rule 3.6(b), all players, including goaltenders, are required to wear a CSA approved helmet to which a CSA approved facial protector must be securely attached and not altered in any way. Any alteration to a CSA approved helmet or facial protector automatically destroys the certification. All CSA approved helmets and facial protectors have a distinguishable CSA marking and this marking must be clearly visible and unaltered. Removing or covering the CSA identification constitutes an alteration.

For all sanctioned OHF games for the remainder of the 2009-10 season, which includes but is not limited to exhibition games, regular season games, playoff games, tournament games, and OHF Championship games, the following procedure will be followed:

If during the pre-game warm-up or at any time prior to the start of a game, a Referee observes any player, including goaltenders, wearing a non-certified helmet or facial protector, the team is to be advised that such equipment is not permissible and to correct it or change it before the initial face-off. The Referee shall report this incident on the back of the Game Report as per Hockey Canada Rule 3.6 (b).

For violations after the initial face-off of the game, if a Referee makes the determination that any player, including any goaltender, is wearing a non-certified helmet or facial protector, he or she shall enforce Hockey Canada Rule 3.6 (e) Note 1 and Note 2 with further reference to Rule 3.6 (e) Situations 10, 11, and 12 in the Hockey Canada Referee's Case Book/Rule Book Combination. **If he or she is unable to make this determination, the Referee shall report this incident on the back of the Game Report and not remove any helmet or facial protector from the game.**

Guidelines for applications of stickers

Guidelines for the application of stickers on CSA certified hockey helmets remain unchanged from the original direction issued by Hockey Canada. All players, including goaltenders, within Hockey Canada must wear a CSA certified hockey helmet and the CSA sticker must remain on the helmet at all times. It is the responsibility of the equipment user to ensure that throughout the life of the helmet the CSA certification is maintained. Furthermore, if the user decides to apply materials such as stickers then it is their responsibility to ensure that it meets approval of the helmet manufacturer. Hockey Canada Officials will no longer remove a player's helmet from play for the application of stickers. The addition of team stickers, provided that these do not cover the CSA Identification Mark, will be permitted. Note that this does not by any means allow for other alterations of the helmet or the facial protector.