

# 23-December Meeting Minutes

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## 7:00 PM – Meeting Called to Order

## 7:02 PM – Situations

- The question was posed regarding concussions in adult leagues. The bottom line is, there is nothing you can do as a referee for an adult player; if they choose to play, they can play. However, they do have to leave the surface if you stopped play for them (i.e., for that face-off).
- The question was asked, “how do you go about removing a coach” at the younger levels. We walked through Rules 601, “Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct” (pp. 173-175) and 633, “Refusing to Start Play” (pp. 200-201). The bottom line was, follow the proper procedures (i.e., steps) if it comes to removing a coach from a game, or even getting to the point of suspending the game and assessing him/her a Match penalty. The one thing we did not mention if getting that far is, you must file a game report! AND ... email the Board. Tips to remember when engaging the coach:
  - o (1) Ensure they come “down” off the bench if standing on it
  - o (2) Walk them down to the opposite side to give them a second to cool off
  - o (3) Place your hands on the “wall” to avoid using them while speaking
- Point of emphasis, particularly in the 2-man system – VERBALIZE. The prime example was icing calls.
- Point of emphasis ... at times the back official will be “engaged” with shenanigans; just because they did not initiate an icing call does NOT mean you, as the front official, cannot still call icing. In other words, do not simply waive it because it was not initiated, and to reiterate the last, VERBALIZE.
- We revisited the Coach being tossed ... the point of emphasis was, if a Bench Minor penalty is still on the clock (i.e., you’ve assessed a penalty on a coach/team official) and they say anything, at all, while that penalty is being killed, it’s a Game Misconduct (i.e., you do not have to start the process at the beginning, it is considered a continuation); and it does NOT have to be the same coach/team official. The thing that was not mentioned in the meeting, you must file a game report if this happens; see Rule 404(b), “Misconduct Penalties” on pages 84-85. Please also email the Board.
- The next discussion point was “game management.” The concern was a game begins to get “out of control” and you ramp up the calls accordingly, to which the coach(es) get upset about as well. Erich discussed several scenarios; the point is, be consistent and call the game how it unfolds. Coaches “control” the game – you react to it.

- The next set of Situations revolve around who comes out of the box on a goal. The best thing to do here is refer to Rule 617, “Goals and Assists” on pages 187-189 and the corresponding Situations on pages 260-262. Also see pretty much ALL of Chapter 4. Two highlights during this discussion:
  - o If someone is assessed a Major AND a Minor you put 7-minutes up on the board AND the Major is severed first (i.e., the opposing team can score at will until that penalty gets down to 2:00)
  - o Regardless of who is already in the box, coincidental penalties (Major or Minor) begin immediately
- The next Situation revolved around WHEN to blow a whistle for an injured player.
  - o NFHS requires an immediate whistle; Rule 2-6, Article 2, page 17
  - o USAH allows you some leeway if the opponent is in possession of the puck, in which play shall not be stopped until a change of possession
    - With that, if it is obvious that a player has sustained a “serious” injury you may stop play immediately
    - See Rule 206, “Injured Players” on pages 19-20
- The next Situation was a goalie leaving his net to get to a puck before an on-rushing opponent. The goalie shoots the puck and it goes directly off the surface “over the glass.” DOG on the goalie. See Rule 610, “Delaying the Game” on pages 180-182 (specifically paragraph), and the corresponding Situations on pages 228-231.
  - o Player “intent” was then asked about. The BLUF is, it’s pretty much impossible, particularly at the levels most of us do, to say the player “intended” to put the puck out of play. If you are not 100% sure, NO penalty.
- The final Situation was a goalie knocking the net off the pegs. Erich described how the rink was supposed to take care of pegs that nobody understood, but ultimately do not do. Therefore, unless you are 100% positive a goaltender is doing it on purpose, NO call.

## 7:52 PM – Business Portion

- President’s Report
  - o We received a lot of great feedback from Silver Sticks – THANKS!
- VP Report – Not present
- Scheduler’s Report
  - o Silver Sticks – same; appreciate everyone’s availability
  - o Late adds this week (Mayor’s Cup); thanks for being available on short-notice
  - o Troy tourney next weekend; OHSAA officials be sure your availability is up-to-date
  - o If you are interested in doing some upper-level games in a 3-man system let Erich know ASAP; games at Goggin
  - o If you are interested in being observed, let Erich know
  - o Tournament schedules/games begin early Feb; be sure your availability is updated
- Treasurer’s Report
  - o Discussed the finances

- Highlighted Arbiter issues
- Report accepted by Group
- Secretary's Report
  - Please see website and highlight questions/concerns, etc.
  - Secretary still does NOT have permissions to add attendance; being addressed
- Additional Topics
  - President highlights various rates across Cincy, Columbus, versus here
  - Gary will provide the details so we can list/discuss at one of our next meetings; we need to vote on it if we'd like to make changes for the next season
  - BLUF is, we seem to be "lower" at almost all levels versus the other areas

**8:10 PM – Meeting Adjourned** *(Ty/Jim B.)*