

Memorandum

To: Branch RIC's

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From: Vernon Doyle

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Re: **Additional Clarification on New Rule 10.2 – Face-offs** - *Please insure that this information is given the widest distribution possible within your respective Instructional Programs.*

Gentlemen:

Further to Hockey Canada Information Bulletin I0905. In response to an inquiry about Neutral Zone Face-offs of the above noted Bulletin.

The question is whether the following clarification is contradictory to the rule as written.

Neutral Zone:

1. *If a stoppage occurs in the neutral zone (example – puck is passed causing an off-side at the blue line) take the following steps:*
 - a. *identify the location from where the puck was passed as was the procedure in past years*
 - b. *from this location, move towards the nearest neutral zone face-off spot, this will be the location of the face-off to resume play.*

The criteria noted above will be the lone exception to the rule when determining face-off locations in the Neutral zone. It is in keeping within the original intent and spirit of the rule as was implemented by other Leagues and Associations when adopted last season.

The reason for this exception is; it is the opinion that the new wording for the rule is flawed and unless properly interpreted would be applied in a way that will be detrimental to the game and very difficult to apply for the majority of young officials who officiate the largest segment of hockey played within our system.

Respectfully,



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