



Memo: To all officials working Novice C Games

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Novice C: As Novice C players are generally first-year players, and have included seven-year olds since the 2004-2005 playing season. The following rules will be observed in NOVICE C only:

- The first EIGHT scheduled games will have refs and one coach from each team on-ice, properly attired (i.e. wearing a helmet)
- A 3-minute buzzer system will be used throughout the eight games, using three 15 minute running time periods
- Teams shall make a complete line change at the sound of the buzzer during the period and at the beginning of the second and third periods
- Teams may not have a player on the ice for two consecutive shifts unless there are not enough substitutes to enable a full rotation and that all players are equally used in such double-shifts
- Coaches must achieve fairness in playing time for each player
- Subsequent to the first eight scheduled scrimmages, the Novice C level will play EIGHT games, timed and officiated as per any other level (i.e. no 3-minute buzzer). However, one coach from each team will remain on the ice for the first TWO of those games to assist in conditioning the players to shift changes without the buzzer. The final SIX games of the season will be played without coaches on the ice during the games; and
- For Regular Season Standings, all 16 games shall count