

# LEEDS CHARGERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROTOCOLS

Managers will be responsible for screening kid/coaches/managers/trainers prior to entering the arena. Documentation needs to be submitted to your convenor after each ice time. No exceptions. If manager is not present, head coach is responsible.

Players must wear masks while entering and exiting the arena and while in the dressing room. Masks can be removed prior to putting helmets on. Players to follow social distancing rules (2 M separation) when going on and coming off the ice.

Coaches/Trainers/Managers to wear masks at all times unless on the ice.

Only bench staff allowed in the dressing rooms.

## PRACTICES

- Practices should consist of skills and drills only. No battle drills or close contact.

## SCRIMMAGE / GAME PLAY (as per HEO)

- 3v3 or 4v4 - Novice half ice
- 5 min warm up
- 2 x ?? min periods (run time) – Depends on Ice Allocation
- 1 min intermission between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period
- No overtime / no shootout for tied games
- No faceoffs
- Period 1 – visiting team has first possession
- Period 2 – home team has first possession
- Physical contact is not allowed
- Accidental/incidental contact may occur/ only stick checks are permitted.
- No body checking (see **PENALTIES** for further clarification)
- Play must be stopped immediately for any Prolonged Contact (i.e. 2 Steamboats).
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in the immediate removal from the game and a disciplinary hearing will occur at the MHA Level.
- Play will be stopped for any and all player scrums- Possession will be determined by end zone.
- Any repeat offences for any of the above will result in a Game Ejection.
- Any subsequent infractions by the same individual while in Stage 3 Protocols will result in the removal of the penalized player for the remainder of Stage 3.

## ICING

- Icing the puck results in a change of possession. The team that iced the puck must allow the other team to clear their defending zone before applying pressure.

## OFFSIDE

- Offsides will result in a change of possession. The team that was called for offside must allow the other team to clear their defending zone before applying pressure.

## GOALTENDER FREEZES THE PUCK

- When the goaltender freezes the puck, the attacking team must clear the zone before re-entering (all attacking players must simultaneously be in the neutral zone prior to re-entry).

## PUCK OUT OF PLAY

- The offending team backs off and the official gives the non-offending team a new puck.

## GOALS

- The team that scored must allow the other team to exit the zone before applying pressure.

## **PENALTIES**

- Penalty shots will be awarded for penalties as per:
  - 2 min penalties = 1 penalty shot
  - 4+ min penalties = 2 penalty shots
- Intentional body contact or body checking = 2 penalty shots and may result in removal from the game at the discretion of the referee
- Intentionally entering the goaltenders' crease = 1 penalty shot
- The penalty shot must be taken by the individual the infraction was committed against unless they are unable to do so because of injury
- NO SPITTING (game ejection)
- A PLAYER MAY NOT remove any piece of their equipment while on the ice. Removal of the player's helmet while on the ice will result in a one (1) game suspension.
- Line changes must be on the fly or at every 90 seconds (a timed buzzer may be used at the younger ages).

## **OFFICIALS**

- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions there will be no on or off ice officials this year (referees, timekeepers, etc.).
- During scrimmages, one coach (two for U18) will be on the ice to ensure rules are followed and to stop the play and assess penalties when necessary. These coaches will be considered to be the "officials" for that scrimmage.

## **OTHER**

- To avoid having to collect jerseys should the province shut us down again, we will not hand out Leeds Chargers jerseys this year. Each player will be given a practice jersey for scrimmages.
- There will be no team fees or fundraising this year.
- All coaches (new or existing) will have to take an online COVID-19 safety course.
- All Head Coach training will be online, with no on-ice component, using the Hockey Canada "Hockey University" web application.
- Parents will have to provide coaches with a cell number where they can be reached in case of an emergency on the ice. It is recommended parents or guardians stay within a few minutes of travel to the rink while their player is on the ice.
- There will be no sharing of water bottles or jerseys this year, all players must bring their own properly identified equipment.

