



"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute messages designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl's insights on officiating.

Options For Ice Hockey Officials

Like all contact and collision sports, ice hockey is reviewing all playing rules with an emphasis and focus on increased player safety.

In the past, cross-checking, elbowing, goalkeeper contact, kneeling, slashing, tripping and roughing had options for a two-minute minor or five-minute major penalties. These violations now will include an option for game disqualification.

Fouls for grabbing the facemask and head butting had options for a five-minute major penalty or game disqualification. These violations now include an option for a five-minute major plus a 10-minute misconduct. In addition, holding, hooking, interference/obstruction and body-checking (girls teams) had the option of a two-minute minor penalty.

These fouls now will include the option for a five-minute major penalty or game disqualification. These changes are all ways to keep the game hockey as safe as possible for all high school athletes.

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