



CHICAGO METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE

ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS

THE FOLLOWING RULE IS IN EFFECT
FOR ALL METRO HIGH SCHOOL GAMES THIS YEAR
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

EIGHT SECOND FACE-OFF PROCEDURE

3-Man System

When the whistle has been blown to stop play, the referee shall start to count to eight (8) to let the visiting team make their line change. Once they have changed (*within the eight (8) count*), the referee shall raise his/her non-whistle hand (*as a signal to the home team*) and start an eight (8) count to allow the home team to complete their line change.

The referee will then lower his/her arm (*no further line changes will be allowed*) and the linesman shall blow his/her whistle and begin to count to five (5) at which point the puck shall be faced-off whether or not both centers are ready for the face-off.

If the defending center is **NOT** ready to face-off when the count reaches five (5), and the face-off is in his/her defending zone, the puck shall not be dropped, at which point the offending teams center **MUST** be ejected from the face-off.

If both centers are not ready for a face-off in the defending zone, the puck may be dropped. During the last two (2) minutes of a three or less goal game, the linesman shall eject the center instead of just dropping the puck in all instances.

2-Man System

Same as above except that the official administering the face-off (*dropping the puck*) shall raise his arm as described in the procedure outlined in the 3-Man System.

NOTE

After a penalty has been assessed, officials will maintain the same face-off standard they have been applying up to that point in the game.