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To: HNS Officials
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From: Phil Power
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Re: Rule Changes

Please be advised of the new rule changes (includes omissions, additions, and deletions) for the 2008 -2009 season.

Rule 3.6 (f) – Protective Equipment

Rule 3.6 (g) – Protective Equipment

Rule 10.10 – Puck Must Be Kept in Motion - DELETED

Rule 9.3 – Diving (New) –

- A Minor Penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct shall be imposed on a player who attempts to draw a penalty by his/her actions (diving). This penalty may be assessed with or without a foul to the opposing team at the discretion of the Referee.

Rule 10.2 (g) – Face-Offs –

- All face-offs in the neutral zone shall be conducted at the designated face-off spots as dictated by reason for the stoppage of play.
 - The face-off location will be at one of the two face-off spots nearest the offending team's blue line, thus causing a loss of territorial advantage.
 - When a stoppage of play occurs between the end zone face-off spots and the nearest end of the rink, the face-off shall be the nearest end zone face-off spot, unless otherwise stated in the rules.
 - Centre ice face-offs will be only conducted at the start of each period, following the scoring of a goal, premature substitution of the goaltender or in accordance with Rule 10.5(f).
 - Any other stoppage of play in any zone not caused by either team, the ensuing face-off shall be at the nearest face-off spot excluding the centre face-off spot.
- When any stoppage of play in the end zone is caused by a **defending player** or the goaltender, the ensuing face-off shall take place **the nearest defending zone face-off spot based on the cause of the stoppage of play and not related to the location of the puck when play was stopped.**

More information can be found on the HNS website – www.hockeynovascotia.ca

Should you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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