



## COVID-19 Officials Gameplay Procedures for SCHL games between September 25 – November 1

The below modifications shall be implemented for all SCHL events in accordance with state and local governments, Mass Hockey, RI Hockey, and USA Hockey requirements.

**All officials must adhere to each rink facilities respective COVID-19 guidelines.  
Please visit [Rink COVID-19 Regulations](#) for more information.**

### Gameplay

- All SCHL games will be played per USA Hockey rules
- Warm-up: 3 minutes
- Period Length (all divisions, all age levels): two 20-minute stop time halves
- Penalties: Minors – 2 minutes, Major – 5 min, Misconduct – 10 min
- Teams will defend the same goal for the entire game (no switching sides after intermission).
- Body checking will NOT be allowed in SCHL games. Officials should apply Rule 604 according to the body contact categories of the USA Hockey rulebook.
- Only (1) player per team is allowed in the penalty box. If there are simultaneous penalties for the same team, the second player must serve the entire penalty from the players bench and is ineligible to play until their penalty has expired.
- There will be no Timeouts allowed.
- There will be no overtime. If a game is tied after regulation, it will go down as a draw.

### On-ice

- **Mass Hockey:** Officials are required to wear a face covering on the ice.
- **Mass Hockey:** Officials are required to use electronic whistles.
- **RI Hockey:** Officials are encouraged to wear a face covering on the ice.
- **RI Hockey:** Officials are encouraged to use electronic whistles.
- Officials are encouraged to wear gloves to avoid skin to surface contact.
  
- Deliberate physical contact with an opponent is not allowed outside of incidental contact that may occur as a result of legal play for the puck.
- Referees will minimize player's deliberate close contact at faceoffs by social distancing player prior to the drop of the puck.



- Referees will minimize player's deliberate close contact with quicker stoppages of play than traditional games to limit scrums and close intermittent contact.
- Coaches and volunteers are required to wear a face covering on the bench.
- **Mass Hockey:** Players are required to wear a face covering on the bench.
- **Mass Hockey:** Players at the center position are required to wear a face covering at faceoffs. This is limited to the player taking the draw and is no longer required once the draw is completed.
- **RI Hockey:** Players to maximize social distancing (6') or wear face coverings while not in play (on the bench) for extended periods of times. Not intended when there will be frequent line changes.
- **RI Hockey:** Players are not required to wear a face covering on the ice.
- There will be no handshake line after the game. Teams have the option to line up on the blue line and "stick salute" if they desire, but it is not required.
- Showering is not allowed.
- All personal hockey equipment is prohibited from being shared.
- Contact tracing protocol must be adhered to per state, local, CDC requirements.

### Off-ice

- Locker room availability varies per rink. Please visit [Rink COVID-19 Regulations](#) for more information.
- All personal hockey equipment is prohibited from being shared.
- Showering is not allowed
- Contact tracing protocol must be adhered to per state, local, CDC requirements.

These guidelines are to be followed as listed on September 25, 2020