

# Neck Laceration Protectors

## USA Hockey Rule Book

### Rule 304 (g)

**(g)** All players, including goalkeepers, in all age classifications, except adults, are required to wear a HECC-certified neck laceration protector, that covers as much of the neck area as possible, and are recommended to wear cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments.

USA Hockey strongly recommends that adult players wear a HECC-certified neck laceration protector designed for that purpose that covers as much of the neck area as possible and are also recommended to wear cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments.

For all Disabled Hockey disciplines, all players, including goalkeepers, under the age of 18 are required to wear HECC-certified neck laceration protection, and are also recommended to wear cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments.

USA Hockey strongly recommends that players, including goalkeepers, who are 18 years of age and older wear a neck laceration protector designed for that purpose that covers as much of the neck area as possible.

*(Note) In addition to HECC-certified neck laceration protectors, BNQ-certified neck laceration protectors will fulfill this rule through the 2026-27 USA Hockey season.*

### Rule 501 (c)

All On-Ice Officials shall wear black trousers and an official sweater with the current USA Hockey officiating crest on the left chest of the sweater during all games. Any other crest that is worn must be located on either arm of the sweater. The wearing of nameplates and/or numbers shall be regulated by each League.

Each official is required to wear a black hockey helmet, with chin strap properly fastened, and a non-altered half-shield visor properly attached to their helmets. All officials under the age of 18-years are required to wear a neck laceration protector designed for that purpose. All officials who are 18 years of age or older are strongly recommended to wear a neck laceration protector designed for that purpose.