



Date: December 23, 2020

RE: **Temporary Emergency Rule**
Adopted by the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA)

Under the rules and guidelines adopted by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and some local counties, team officials (coaches and team managers) of Maryland and Virginia hockey teams are required to properly wear a face covering/mask at all times during practices and games. This requirement for a team official to properly wear a face covering/mask also applies whenever a team official is attempting to communicate with an On-Ice or Off-Ice Official. To emphasize and enforce compliance with these face covering/mask requirements and guidelines, the Affiliate adopts the following temporary emergency local rule:

1. If, during a game, an On-Ice Official observes a team official or Off-Ice Official with his/her face covering/mask off or pulled down so as not to cover their nose and mouth the official shall issue a warning to the bench for that team, or the Off-Ice Official, that all team officials and Off-Ice Officials must properly wear a face covering/mask at all times during the game.
2. If, during the same game, an On-Ice Official observes a second time any team official on the warned team's bench with his/her face covering/mask off or pulled down so as not to cover their nose and mouth the On-Ice Official shall assess a bench minor under USA Hockey Rule 601(b.1) to the team of the team official not properly wearing a face covering/mask as required.
3. If, during the same game, an On-Ice Official observes a third time any team official on the bench of the team that has already received a bench minor for failure to properly wear a face covering/mask with his/her face covering/mask off or pulled down so as not to cover their nose and mouth the On-Ice Official shall assess a game misconduct penalty to that team official under USA Hockey Rule 601(e.1).

This Temporary Emergency Order shall be effective starting December 23, 2020 and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2020 unless repealed or extended by the Board of Directors of the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association. Once adopted this Temporary Emergency Order shall be forwarded to the Maryland and Virginia State Supervisor of Officials, all Officials Associations within PVAHA, all associations with youth or disabled players registered within PVAHA to specifically include all Tier I and Tier II Youth and Girls' teams plus any Out-of-Affiliate opponents for those teams, all High School and Youth leagues operating within PVAHA and posted on the PVAHA website. The onus of informing any Out-of-Affiliate opponents of this Temporary Emergency Order shall be on the PVAHA home team officials and not the assigned On-Ice Officials. This Temporary Emergency Order does not apply to Junior or college games played within the Affiliate.

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