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Correction Due to Errors or Incorrect Rule Application on Game Sheets

Purpose

The Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) aims to ensure fair and accurate officiating during hockey games sanctioned under its jurisdiction. This policy outlines the procedures addressing errors or incorrect rule applications on game sheets for their review and potential correction.

Policy

1. **Errors or Incorrect Rule Application:** If an error in judgment or an incorrect application of the rules results in penalties during a game, the Officiating Program Coordinator (OPC) may review such incidents to determine if they warrant correction or removal.
2. **Procedure for Review**
 - The Officiating Program Coordinator shall carefully examine the game sheet and report submitted by the officials detailing the penalties.
 - Corrections or removal of penalties will be based on the reports provided by the officials on the game sheet. The OPC will use this information to determine whether it should be sent to the NOHA Director of Officials for review.
3. **Limitation During Tournaments**
 - No changes or removals of penalties will be entertained during tournaments sanctioned by the NOHA.
 - The restriction is due to the logistical challenges associated with ensuring uniformity across all tournaments regarding the ability to implement changes or removals of penalties in a timely and consistent manner.
4. **Director of Officials' Review**
 - For non-tournament games, the Director of Officials will thoroughly examine the provided information, considering the circumstances, rules, and any pertinent evidence related to the penalties in question.
 - If the Director of Officials supports the request for changes or removal, they will document their rationale for the decision and forward to the NOHA President.
5. **Approval by NOHA President**
 - The NOHA Director of Officials, upon supporting the request, shall forward the case to the NOHA President for final approval.



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- The NOHA President will review the case and the provided rationale, ensuring adherence to established guidelines before approving any changes or removal of penalties.

6. Communication and Feedback

- Upon approval of changes or removal of penalties for non-tournament games, the NOHA shall communicate the decision to the officials involved.
- Any change or removal should be treated as a learning opportunity and conveyed to the officials with detailed feedback, aiding in their ongoing development and understanding of rules and application.

7. Documentation and Record-Keeping:

- The NOHA shall maintain records of all requests for changes or removal of penalties, including the rationale behind each decision made.
- Records of such cases will be securely stored and made available for review as needed.

Conclusion

The NOHA is committed to upholding fair officiating standards and acknowledges the importance of rectifying errors or incorrect rule applications when necessary. This policy aims to provide a structured process for the review and potential correction of penalties, ensuring consistency, fairness, and continued improvement in officiating standards, with the exception of tournaments due to logistical constraints. The process will primarily rely on reports provided by officials on the game sheet for initiating and conducting reviews.

Approved by the NOHA Board of Directors, December 2023