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**DATE:** November 1, 2009.

**TO:** The Presidents  
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues

**FROM:** David Buck  
PCAHA President

**SUBJECT:** **Application of Time-Out Rule in Games Within the PCAHA.**

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BC Hockey Regulation 4.07 states, "In all divisions of hockey, during games that consist of three (3) periods that are each twenty (20) minutes in length, the time out rule is permitted in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule 10.17." HC Rule 10.17(f) permits each team to take one 30-second time-out in a stop time game, as permitted by the Branch (BC Hockey).

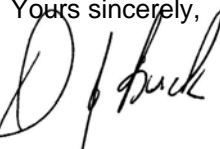
Most games within the PCAHA are played with 15-minute periods or combinations of 15- and 20-minute periods. In such games the Time-Out Rule does not apply. Under PCAHA Section G(7), only games played on icetimes 2 hours or more in length can have three 20-minute stop-time periods. Therefore, the Time-Out Rule can potentially be used only when a game is scheduled on an icetime 2 hours or more in length. However, in such a game if the third period is shortened by the Referee to less than 20 minutes (see Section G(7)-Note (b)), the Time-Out Rule would no longer apply at that point.

### **The Time-Out Rule may not be used in games with 15-minute periods or a combination of 15-minute and 20-minute periods.**

This interpretation applies to all games (league, playoff, tournament/jamboree, and exhibition games).

It does not apply to Senior Female hockey, which follows a different procedure under BC Hockey Reg. 4.08.

Please circulate this bulletin within your Association so that team officials are aware of the use of the Time-Out Rule.

Yours sincerely,  
  
David Buck  
PCAHA President

cc. Referees Committee Members  
Executive Committee  
League Managers  
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