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P.C.A.H.A. 2009-2010 MEMORANDUM #6

DATE: January 7, 2010.
TO: PCAHA Managing Directors
FROM: Andrew Mustard
PCAHA Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Shortened Third Period in PCAHA Playoff Games.**

One of the major sources of disputes in playoff games is the time allocated to the third period. Many team officials believe that the third period may not be shortened in a playoff game. In fact, almost all playoff games are played under Section G(7)-Note (b), which states:

Prior to the third period, if the referee feels there is not sufficient time to play the period as listed, he/she will notify both teams that it is necessary to shorten the period by a specific number of stop-time minutes. This must be noted on the game report by the referee. The revised playing time shall be shown on the clock at the commencement of the third period.

Note (b) shall apply to all league and playoff games with the exception of the following:

- (i) Games in the Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship "Final 4" (hosted) Round-Robin series [Section N(10)(e)].¹
- (ii) Games in the Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship Final four-point playoff series (if any) [Section N(11)(f)].²
- (iii) Tiebreaker Games under Section N(13).³
- (iv) Games designated by the Executive Committee as requiring three full periods.

A complete third period means a 15-minute stop time period in the case of a 1-hour or 1¼-hour icetime, and a 20-minute stop time period in the case of a 1½-hour or longer icetime.

The following situations do not require a full third period and will follow G(7)-Note (b) if there is insufficient icetime to complete a full third period:

1. All "A" round-robin series games except those in the Playoff Championship "Final 4" hosted round-robin series, as mentioned above.
2. All Female round-robin games.
3. All Presidents Series round-robin games.
4. All "C" round-robin games.
5. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd games in a preliminary round Four Point Series.
6. Single Game Elimination Series Format #2.

In games in which the third period may be shortened, the referee is required to make his or her decision prior to the start of the third period. Once the third period has started the referee cannot further modify the period time. Section G(7)-Note (d) states, "The referee must attempt to complete the game in its entirety, unless advised by the arena ice engineer that the icetime has expired."

¹-That is, the "A" "Final 4" championship series in Atom through Juvenile.

²-For 2009-2010 this provision applies only to the Bantam Tier 4 Championship Four Point Series.

³-Includes ● the 4th game (if necessary) of a Four-Point series; ● Single Game Elimination Series Format #1, and ● a Tiebreaker Game used to break a tie in the final standings at the end of regular season or at the end of a round-robin playoff series [Section M(2)(e)].

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Regardless of the format used, the first and second periods may not be shortened.

Running time cannot be used under any circumstances.

It is advisable for the respective Playoff Supervisor to communicate with the participating teams prior to the start of a playoff round to ensure all teams are aware of the game format being used for each game. If you have any questions with regard to the above, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AM', with a large loop at the top and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Mustard
PCAHA Executive Director

cc. Presidents Caucus, Executive Committee, League Managers, file