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To: NOHA Teams and Associations

From: Glen Campbell

Re: Fighting

At the 2009 Hockey Canada Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, they discussed introducing more severe penalties for players who get involved in fighting situations.

Having said that, the NOHA has decided to be proactive in an effort to help curtail fighting. All Officials attending NOHA recertification clinics this season will receive instruction on how to try and prevent a fight from occurring whenever they can do so safely.

The focus is the safety of the players; for example, should a player undo his chin strap, lose his helmet or remove his helmet for the purpose of fighting, officials will be asked to try and prevent the fight from taking place.

Team coaches and staff are asked to remind their players to keep their chin strap fastened and not to remove their helmets for the purpose of fighting. Misconduct and Gross Misconduct penalties may be assessed these players.

For clarification on the penalties that may be given for fighting, see the Hockey Canada rule book, Section 3.6 (Protective Equipment) and Section 6.7 (Fighting and Roughing).

Yours truly,

Glen Campbell
NOHA Director of Officials