



## CHE/ACHA/NCAA 2011-12 Rules Adjustments

*The following are the rules adjustments CHE and ACHA has declared over the 2010-12 NCAA Ice Hockey Rules and Interpretations. All CHE teams must carry a copy of these rules adjustments to all league, exhibition, and non-conference games.*

1. In Rule 2, section 3.a of the NCAA rule book regarding number of players dressed states that 18 players may be dressed and skate and also 2-3 goalies. CHE states that a maximum of 21 players including at least one goalie may dress for a team in a game. However, if only one goalie is dressed to play, only 19 other skaters may dress.
2. The CHE by-laws state that any game that is delayed 30 minutes or more from the original start time caused by the home or visiting team, the offending team will forfeit the game.
3. With regard to curfews. As the CHE By-laws state in Article XVI, section 16.04, "In any situation where a game is subject to curfew the home team must inform the officials and the visiting team of the curfew time when meeting prior to the game as indicated in the standardized CHE Game Protocol. When the curfew time hits, the game will end regardless of the time remaining on the game clock. Either a clock displaying the actual time or a clock counting down to the curfew time must be displayed prominently in the arena in plain view of the official and both coaches. These requirements do not apply to any rink which does not subject CHE games to a curfew. Should a game be suddenly curfewed without any notice to the visiting team and/or officials, the home team shall forfeit the game."
4. All CHE regular season games shall utilize a three man officiating system. The system shall be one (1) referee and two (2) linesmen. Although this officiating system is not recognized in the NCAA Rule book, the individual duties for both a referee and linesman, as listed in the NCAA Rule book, shall be used to determine their on-ice responsibilities during the course of a game. If, under extenuating circumstances, only two officials show up, the game shall be officiated using the two (2) referees system. If in the event only one (1) official shows up, under extenuating circumstances, the game shall not be played and the incident will be reviewed by the Commissioner to determine if a forfeit will be awarded to the visiting team or, if, when and where the game will be rescheduled.
5. CHE does not require uniform helmets or player's shells. However, NCAA approved helmets and equipment must be worn at all times.
6. All CHE games tied after regulation shall follow the CHE/ACHA Overtime & Shootout Protocol.
7. Any player who is assessed a penalty for "spitting" shall be charged an immediate Game Disqualification (previously a game misconduct).
8. With regard to Goalkeeper's Equipment: A request to measure or check any equipment covered in Sections 1, 2 and 4 of Rule 3 shall be limited to one request by each team per stoppage of play and may involve only one player during each stoppage of play. (\*PENALTY—Bench minor to challenging team if player's equipment is found to be legal.) It is important to note that the request must be for any equipment covered in sections 1, 2, and 4. Goalie equipment is in section 3 of Rule 3. Therefore, **NO team may request a measurement, nor may the officials measure them during the game.** Another note from the casebook: SECTION 3. Goalkeeper's Equipment, A.R.: Team A's captain requests the referee to measure the Team B goalkeeper's leg pads. **RULING: The request for measurement must be denied and referred to the appropriate conference office to investigate.**

Remember: Games to serve DQ suspension(s) must be scheduled before DQ is received. Any exhibition games scheduled after the DQ is received will not count towards serving the suspension.

***\*In all areas where it is not clearly stated in the CHE By-laws/Playing Rules, NCAA/ACHA rules will govern all play.***