



CANADIAN JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE MEMO

TO: CJHL Member Leagues and Teams

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SUBJECT: Goalies on Benches and Facial Protection

The CJHL would like to remind all CJHL teams that all goalies that are on the bench during games, as per Hockey Canada Rules under Section 3. Equipment - Note 4 must minimally wear the same protective head equipment as the players.

Goaltenders that are on the bench during games are subject to the CJHL & Hockey Canada Phased in Full Facial Agreement dated December 8, 2023 and are specifically subject to points 3 and 4 of the Agreement outlined below.

3. Beginning in the 2023-24 season and in every season afterwards, CJHL players born on or before December 31, 2004, will be offered the option of wearing full facial or half visor protection. A waiver approved by Hockey Canada and the CJHL must be signed by any player who qualifies and chooses to wear a half visor indicating that they understand the possible additional risks of wearing a half visor and has chosen to do so voluntarily.

4. CJHL teams which have players who qualify for and choose to wear half visors, must purchase the additional insurance for **all** players on their roster at the annual fee, as per Hockey Canada insurance provider.

Simply stated, only 19-year-old (2004) and 20-year-old (2003) goaltenders are permitted to wear a player helmet and 1/2 visor on the bench during games only if they have signed their Member Team ½ Visor waiver and their Member Team must have the additional insurance in place for all players. All other goaltenders must be in their CSA approved goalie mask or CSA approved player helmet and full-face mask.

If you have any questions or need any clarity, please don't hesitate to contact me at 416-817-4190

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