

# Missouri Hockey Speed up the Game Initiative

Reason for this rule change: To ensure that all efforts are being made to allow the game to be played to completion in the allotted ice slot without cutting the clock in the third period. Players should have the maximum time allowed participate in and complete a game.

Rule applies to the following Mo Hockey playing levels.

- Pee wee
- Bantam

The period lengths for Pee wee and Bantam games will be 12-minute First Period, 12 minute Second Period, and a 13 minute Third Period.

## Rule:

1. Coaches should determine starting line up and have team meeting in the locker room prior to entering the ice surface.
2. Officials will blow the whistle with 30 seconds remaining in the warm-up at which time the following will happen:
  - a. All players will stop and pick up the pucks.
  - b. Players will not congregate at the net or in the goal area after picking up pucks.
  - c. Starting goaltender will remain in the goal crease and not go to their bench
  - d. Starting out skaters will remain on the ice and assume their positions to start the game. They will not go to their bench.
  - e. Remaining players will go their bench.
3. Officials will be ready to start the game at the end of warm up time and both teams should be lined up ready to play.
4. Team meetings are **NOT** allowed between the first and second period. Players will switch ends and officials will conduct the line change procedure allowing the coaches to substitute players and play will start immediately upon conclusion of the line change procedure.
5. Team meetings are allowed between the second and third period.
6. Officials are responsible for checking nets for loose pucks and should ready to start the game per the rules.
7. Home team coach should be prepared to hand the officials the 3 game pucks as the teams are warming up.
8. Each official in the **two-man officiating** system shall carry an extra puck that will be used to reduce non-playing time. Example: Icing - back official will not wait for front official to retrieve the back and skate all the way back to the offending teams end zone. Back official will use additional puck to immediately line the teams up and conduct the face off. Front official will retrieve puck and skate to the appropriate blue line position.
9. Officials in a three-man system shall not carry pucks.

## Violations

1. Teams not lined up and ready to play after the warm up will be given a warning.
2. Teams that have a meeting at the bench prior to the start of the game will be given a warning.
3. Teams that congregate in the goal area or at the net while picking up pucks will be given a warning.
4. Teams that have a meeting between the first and second period will be given a warning.
5. Deliberate non compliance will be reported to the Youth Division Commissioners.