



Ligue EHL

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2024-2025 M9 Règle/Rules

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FROM / DE: The Executive Committee

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OBJECT: **M9 Règle/Rules**

Please note that the following rules are to be applied for all M9 games;

- Game Time
 - Warm-up 2 minutes
 - **1st period 21 minutes**
 - Break 1 minute
 - **2nd period 21 minutes**
 - The 2nd period may be extended to take advantage of available ice time.
- Shift length time
 - The duration of the shift is **90** seconds. A siren or a whistle announces the substitution of players.
- Referees & Timekeepers
 - The presence of an off-ice official (timekeeper) is mandatory.
 - The presence of an on-ice official duly accredited by Hockey Québec is optional.
 - At all times, each team must have a coach ready to act as an official.
- Face-offs
 - Each period begins with a face-off at center ice.
- Time-outs and possession changes
 - There will be no offsides or disallowed clearances.
 - When a goaltender stops the puck, the Referee shall blow the whistle to indicate to the attacking team to back off and the defending team shall take possession of the puck behind their goal to counter-attack.
 - When the puck is sent out of play, the offending team backs up, and the official hands a puck to the other team to resume play.
 - After a goal, the referee blows the whistle to indicate to the scoring team to back up and the defending team regains possession of the puck.
 - The retreating team may not put pressure on the puck carrier until the puck carrier makes an initial move (pass, carry the puck across the goal line).

- Penalties
 - Minor penalties are called by the official in the usual way. Play is stopped and the puck is returned to the non-offending team for the restart in which play was stopped.
 - When the official judges that the action was neither intentional nor dangerous, the offending player is not penalized.
 - When the official judges that the gesture is deliberate and/or dangerous, the player at fault must be sent to his team's bench for the remainder of the current shift. The team may replace the offending player on the ice. The official does not have to wait for the player to be replaced before restarting play.
 - Any penalty for hitting, roughing, checking or hitting the head will be considered as dangerous and deliberate. Any penalty for tripping, hooking or obstruction is left to the judgement of the official.
 - In all cases, penalties are recorded on the player's score sheet for the game by the off-ice official.
 - Any player who incurs his 3rd minor penalty in the same game will be removed from play for the remainder of the game.

- **A reminder to limit the number of individuals in the shared changing room. Rooms should be restricted to players, 1 parent per player and the coaching staff. Rooms are often shared between two teams, so this step is required to ensure the safety and security of all those involved.**