



Novice ½ Ice Zone Meeting Survey

The following is a list of questions we wish your feedback on to assist the SHA in establishing one structure for ½ ice hockey at the Novice level in the province.

1. BC, Alberta and Manitoba have implemented ½ ice hockey for Novice for the entire season beginning in 2019/20. Should the SHA follow suit;

Yes 36 No 52

- Just implement it. Make it easier for MHA's to schedule for season.

If No, what date should the SHA use for the transition to full ice?

January 1 47
January 15 5
February 1 4

- ½ Ice development during weekdays
- Full ice games on weekends.
- Beginning of the year

2. I believe the SHA must regulate a start date for Novice sanctioned exhibition games to be;

November 1 30
November 15 24
December 1 25
December 15 8

3. I believe the SHA must regulate a start date for Novice sanction tournament games to be;

November 15 31
December 1 33
December 15 7
January 1 16

4. The SHA would like to see a Novice ½ ice game played at one end while the remaining players perform drills at the other end between shifts. Do you agree with this?

Yes 56 No 31

- A bit chaotic to organize
- No room in our rink
- Two games each and middle for drills

- Or 2 games at the same time.
- Not if you have some kids that have ADHD/Autism or we have kids that too much for them but we still include them.
- Two games at once
- Only if there is only one half ice game scheduled at that time
- Disorganized – if you are playing game, then play

5. I believe a Novice ½ ice game should be one hour in length consisting of a 10-minute warm up and two 25- minute periods with the teams changing ends for each period.

Yes 60 No 26

- Until Jan 1, then regular game format
- 5 minute warm up, 3x20 straight
- 5 minute warmup is enough
- No end change

6. I believe there should be a buzzer system used to signal the end of a shift;

Yes 54 No 33

7. I believe the length of a shift should be;

1 Minute (60 seconds) 22
 1 ½ Minutes (90 seconds) 38
 2 Minutes (120 seconds) 29

- 3 minutes

8. I believe there should be faceoffs to start each shift;

Yes 54 No 34

9. I believe there should be faceoffs after each goal;

Yes 71 No 16

10. I believe lightweight blue picks should be used for all Novice games;

Yes 21 No 65

11. I believe the number of officials used in a game should be;

One 27 Two 60

- Experienced with inexperienced

12. Any penalties called in a Novice game should result in;

- Team playing short handed for the remainder of the shift 39
- Penalty shot 31
- Nothing 4
- Other (Please list) 8

- Penalty Shot at end of game.
- Send to the bench and have the coach explain what they did wrong.
- Kept the same with a time penalty
- Offending player off ice
- Player sent off for rest of shift unless at end of shift their next.
- All questions assume the buzzer. No buzzer first 2 periods straight time 50, 3 min. penalty last period stop time 50 minutes 2 minutes.
- 2 minutes straight time penalty
- 2 minutes penalties
- penalty box, 2 minutes
- serve the allotted time of penalty
- 2-minute penalty
- get player to skate a drill station – most penalties are due to poor skating/positioning

13. I believe the following number of players should be used in a Novice game;

- Four on Four (4 on 4) 9
- Five on Five (5 x 5) 58
- Vary depending upon the number of players present 22

14. I believe Novice hockey should use full time goalies;

Yes 15 No 72

- The ones that want to.
- Can rotate who wants to play
- Depends on interest
- Let kids who want to try and play net
- Hybrid system. Rotation progressing to full time later in year.
- If they want to play
- If they want to try
- All that want to
- All interested

If no, should all players be rotated through the goaltender position?

Yes 60 No 13

15. I believe Novice hockey should have line matching;

Yes 62 No 25

- First year's vs First year's
- Second year's vs Second year's
- Tough to do because of variance in #'s