72. Ice Hockey – MIAA Rules

72.1 Ice hockey shall be played under the National Federation Rules, as modified herein.

72.2 A minor penalty shall be 1.5 minutes, a major 4 minutes, and a misconduct 7.5 minutes.

72.3 A licensed physician, licensed trainer or certified EMT must be in attendance and on duty for all varsity ice hockey games. (It is strongly recommended that such medical coverage and an emergency transport system be in place for all games.) The medical person shall be responsible for both teams unless each team has its own medical coverage. His/her judgment will be final with regard to the condition of a player after injury. No player may continue to play against the medical person’s advice. The penalty for violation of this provision is forfeiture of the game.

72.3.1 The school designated as the home team, or the host site identified with a participating school, must have an AED on site (and accessible) or with their medical person.

72.4 During the regular season and MIAA tournament, the National Federation player limitations will be amended so as to allow a maximum of 22 players to be dressed and on the bench. During the MIAA tournament, two of these 22 players must be dressed as goaltenders.

72.5 The MIAA Score Sheet must be utilized for all games.

72.6 No overtime games are permitted during the regular season, except during MIAA sanctioned multi-school events. Overtime games will be counted as ties for both teams for purposes of MIAA tournament qualification.

72.7 If a player, including the goalkeeper, deliberately removes their helmet and/or full face protector, the nearest official shall assess a minor penalty and a misconduct. If a player loses their helmet, and/or full face protector, or a goalie loses their glove, during play within the scrimmage area, an automatic whistle must be blown stopping all action, and the player must replace the helmet, and/or full face protector, or goalie glove. If a player is sufficiently removed from the scrimmage and loses helmet, and/or full face protector, or a goalie loses a glove, a delayed whistle may be used. If a goalkeeper deliberately removes helmet, and/or full face protector, or glove during a breakaway during the last two minutes of play, or anytime during overtime, the nearest official shall assess a penalty shot and a misconduct.

72.8 Any player or coach ruled out of a game for a game disqualification penalty shall not participate in the next two succeeding regularly scheduled games to be played with a member of the MIAA or in tournament play.

72.9 Any member of a squad who willfully, flagrantly or maliciously attempts to injure an opponent shall be removed from the game immediately and shall be ineligible in all sports for one year from the date of the incident. (Butt-ending is to be interpreted under the NF rule and then, under this rule, if warranted).

72.10 Any penalty after a whistle shall include a misconduct on the penalized player(s).

72.11 Upon receipt of six total minutes of penalties -- any combination of a major or minors -- a player will be excluded from the remainder of that game. This amendment supersedes NFHS Rules 4-3-4 and 4-5-2.
72.12 After four game disqualification penalties, each subsequent disqualification penalty received by a team will result in forfeiture of the subsequent MIAA contest. These penalties will carry over to the next season should a violation occur in the final game of the season. A status report relative to such penalties, forfeitures, & local remediation must be immediately filed with the MIAA office.

72.13 An Ice Hockey player or coach who is ruled out of an MIAA tournament game for a game disqualification will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament. If it is the last game of the tournament for that team, the player or coach will be ineligible for at least the first two hockey games of the next season.

72.14 If the opposing team scores a goal while a team is shorthanded by one or more minor or bench-minor penalties, the shorthanded team shall be permitted to immediately replace on the ice the first player whose penalty caused his team to be shorthanded; however, the originally penalized player must remain in the penalty box until the full 1.5 minutes of his penalty has elapsed, after which time he may be released from the penalty box at the next stoppage in play.

72.15 All Ice Hockey Officials will be required to meet in locker rooms with players and coaches before all regular season games.

72.16 Any coaching staff member who receives two game disqualification penalties during the pre-season and/or regular season games shall not participate in the MIAA tournament. The MIAA Ice Hockey Committee has ruled that 2 disqualifications for a coach or a player could occur in 1 game - if reported that way from the official(s).

72.17 A team will not qualify for the MIAA Tournament if its players receive collectively during preseason contests (officiated by MIAA referees) and/or during regular season games more than three disqualification penalties.

72.18 A “game misconduct” called by an Ice Hockey Official would eliminate a player or coach from the remainder of that game only, as per National Federation Rules.

72.19 For all Girls’ and Boys’ Varsity ice hockey contests, the home team must assign an adult contest manager other than a member of the ice hockey coaching staff to be responsible for all aspects of administration of the contest.