



Ontario Sledge
Hockey Association
Rules Committee

OSHA Rules Committee Charter	
Composition:	3 members, with one member acting as chair.
Purpose:	To maintain, communicate, and administer OSHA's rules and regulations governing sledge hockey.
Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, provide recommendations, and implement rule changes as proposed and approved by the OSHA Board of Directors. • Communicate rule changes and emphasis to teams as required. • Monitor and provide recommendations for the OSHA Board with regards to changes in the general rules of hockey, rules or recommendations from governing bodies and other relevant organizations (eg: HDCO). • Maintain OSHA's Official Playing Rules. OSHA Official Playing Rules will be updated every 2nd year starting from April 2009 as necessary. Rule change appendices may be used in non update years. • Interpret rules and regulations, investigate situations and complaints, rule on infractions and apply appropriate disciplinary measures. • Consider and rule on requests involving special circumstances and/or rule variances. • Notify relevant parties and OSHA Board of decisions and/or rulings. • Advise OSHA Board and/or the Executive of major issues.
Guidelines:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All requests, complaints, suggestions and proposals must be submitted to the committee in writing. • All committee decisions, rulings or recommendations will presented to appropriate parties in writing. • Except in exceptional cases as deemed by the rules committee, the OSHA Board will consider rule change proposals every second year starting from April 2008. • Rule variance requests citing special circumstances must be submitted for a ruling prior to the fact and NOT after. • Committee will address submissions within 5 days of receipt in writing where possible. • Complex issues with Association wide implications will be referred to the OSHA executive for review prior to final decision. • Matters referred to the committee should be of substance and not matters of a personal nature or differences of opinion.
Appeals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee decisions can be appealed in writing, providing grounds for the appeal as directly related to the decision and must be accompanied by a non-refundable cheque for \$100 made payable to OSHA. • Committee will appoint a panel of 3 persons within 3 days of receiving a valid appeal. • Appeals panel will review appeal and determine whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and notify the appellant immediately if there are 'not' sufficient grounds. • The panel will schedule an appeal hearing, either in person or by teleconference call, within 5 days of receiving the appeal. • Panel will hand down a decision within 5 days of hearing the appeal and notify the Rules Committee. • Rules committee will notify the appellant and also the team, OSHA Board and



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Executive as required.

- Appeal panel decisions are final.