

# **FACILITY ALERT**

June 2, 2006

The following Alert is distributed to you as a benefit and service of membership with the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO LINE MARKINGS FOR THE 2006-2007 HOCKEY SEASON

Please be advised that at a recent 2006 Hockey Canada Annual General Meeting in St. Johns, Newfoundland the Hockey Canada Board of Directors have ratified changes to the positioning of the goal line and the blue lines effective for the 2006-2007 season.

Changes will include moving the goal line from 13 feet to 11 feet from the end boards to the nearest edge of the goal line. Additionally, in rinks with a length of 185 feet or greater, the blue line will be positioned 64 feet as opposed to the previous 60 feet from the goal line. Measurement will be taken from the nearest edge of the goal line to the nearest edge of the blue line. On rinks less than 185 feet the blue lines will be positioned so they divide the distance between the goal lines into three equal areas. Attached you will find the revised wording for rule 3 (a) and 3 (b) as well as a detailed diagram to assist you as you make these adjustments.

Prior to Hockey Canada's Annual General Meeting a notice of motion was received through the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council that allowed O.R.F.A. and other recreation facility associations across the Country the opportunity to provide feedback. Concerns were identified to Hockey Canada including rationale for the changes and associated cost or capacity to implement changes. During the consultation, it was further clarified that the changes will be a directive to the various Hockey Canada Branches, but ultimately, would require support of building owners. Hockey Canada is optomistic that these changes will be phased in voluntarily with anticipated support from building owners and managers.

It is Hockey Canada's position that the rule changes will be a positive change for the game and will enhance the skill of players of all ages, and additionally promote a safe environment by providing more playing space in the attacking zone.

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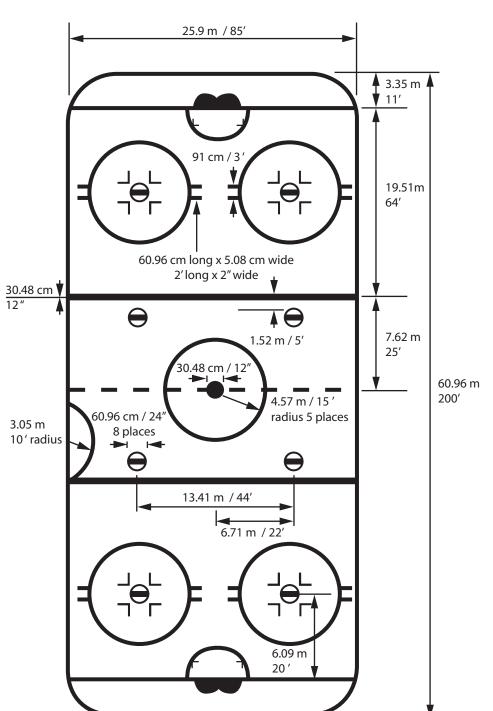
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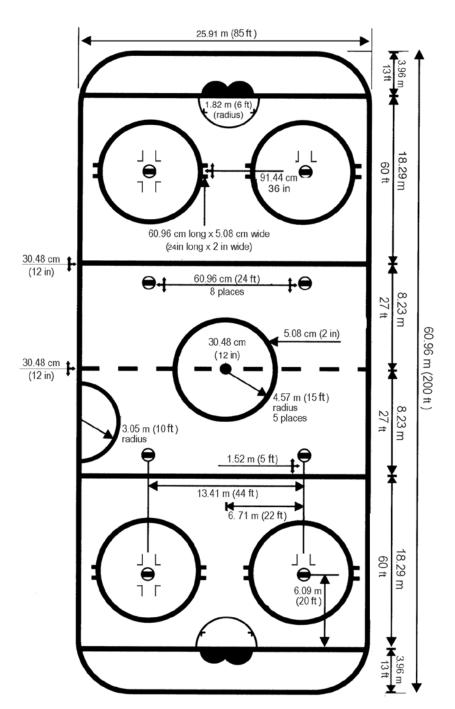
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### **New Approved Lines effective 2006-07**



#### **Current Lines**







#### **HOCKEY CANADA**



#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO / À: Randy Kinnee (CRFC)

**Provincial/Territorial Recreation Associations** 

**Canadian Arena Facilities** 

FROM / DE: Rene Marcil, Chair of the Board

**Bob Nicholson, President** 

**Todd Jackson, Senior Manager Safety and Insurance** 

DATE: 2006-05-25

SUBJECT: Changes to Hockey Canada Playing Rule 3(a) and 3(b)

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Hockey Canada considers this to be a positive change which will enhance the skill of players of all ages, and will additionally promote a safe environment by providing more playing space in the attacking zone.

If you have any questions with respect to the information enclosed please contact Todd Jackson at 613-562-5677 extension #2323 who will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Rene Marcil

Chair, Hockey Canada

Bob Nicholson President, Hockey Canada

Sincerely,

Todd Jackson

Senior Manager, Safety and Insurance, Hockey Canada