



ACHA Rule Update Memo

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We continue to get questions about “goaltender” helmet and mask requirements. NCAA rule states a goalkeepers helmet and mask are **“recommended”** to be HECC certified. (Note: Our NCAA rule is different from USA Hockey, please be aware).

From the NCAA Rules:

Helmet and Face Mask:

All players are required to wear ice hockey helmets with throat straps securely fastened. There shall only be enough room between the throat strap and the chin to insert two fingers.

PENALTY—Minor

(Note: An on-ice official shall check each starting goalkeeper’s throat strap before the start of the game.)

All players must wear a HECC-approved hockey helmet. **It is recommended that goalkeepers wear a HECC-approved helmet.** It is recommended that teams add each player’s number to the front of the helmet.

If a player’s (including goalkeeper’s) mask and/or helmet are displaced, there shall be an immediate whistle.

All players are required to wear face masks that have met the standards established by HECC. **It is recommended that all goalkeepers wear a goalie helmet with wire cage that has met the standards established by HECC.**

PENALTY—Players shall not be permitted to participate in the warm-up and game until equipment has been corrected. Misconduct for second offense by the same player in the same game. Game misconduct for third offense by the same player in the same game.

All players must properly wear a HECC-approved helmet and HECC-approved face mask to be in the bench area. Backup goalkeepers must properly wear a goalkeeper helmet with wire cage to be in the bench area.

PENALTY—Warning and bench minor if not corrected.

Helmet

It is **recommended** that all goalkeepers wear a goalie helmet with wire cage that has met the standards established by HECC. Form-fitting masks are not permitted. It is **recommended** that goalkeepers wear a throat protector.

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