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SUBJECT: SAFETY CONCERN - FACIAL PROTECTORS

A recent safety concern has surfaced with respect to CSA approved wire cage facial protectors. If the butt end of the hockey stick has not been sufficiently covered there is a possibility that it could penetrate the cage causing injury to the facial area.

CHA Rule 21 (a) states that the end of the shaft of all sticks must be covered to protect against injury. In the case of hollowed shaft sticks, the end of the shaft must have a protective cap as well as being covered to protect against injury. The CHA recommends that parents, coach's, safety people, trainers and player's ensure that the sticks butt end is sufficiently covered to minimize the possibility of this type of injury. Branches are asked to encourage their coaches and trainers/safety people to stress the importance of extra tape on the butt end of the stick to their player's.

It should also be stressed that players wear the correct type of facial protection depending on their age. The following are the guidelines for facial protection under CSA certification and within the CHA Rulebook:

Type 1 – Worn if the player is older than 10 years of age and does not play the position of goaltender. This type of protector is distinguishable by a white sticker bearing the CSA certification mark. For polycarbonate protectors the CSA mark may be embossed.

Type 2 – Worn if the player is 10 years of age or younger and does not play the position of goaltender. This type of protector is distinguishable by an orange sticker bearing the CSA certification mark.

Type 3 – Worn if the player plays the position of goaltender. This protector is distinguishable by a blue sticker bearing the CSA certification mark.

Type 4 – Visor for players in Senior (which includes Adult Recreational Hockey) and Junior Hockey. This is distinguishable by a yellow sticker bearing the CSA certification mark.

Type 5 – Worn if the player is older than 10 years of age and does not play the position of goaltender. This type of protector is distinguishable by a green sticker bearing the CSA certification mark. For polycarbonate protectors the CSA mark may be embossed.

Type 6 - Worn if the player is 10 years of age or younger and does not play the position of goaltender. This type of protector is distinguishable by a red sticker bearing the CSA certification mark.

Note that types 1 and 2 differ from 5 and 6 only in the penetration requirements in clause 4.3.3 of the CSA standard.

Although injuries are rare when wearing full facial protection, it is important that all facial protection fits properly, is properly fastened, and is mounted to the helmet according to the manufacturer guidelines. By taking proactive steps we can continue to minimize facial injuries in the game.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 613-562-5677 extension 2323.

Sincerely

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