

TO: USCA DIRECTORS, USCA OFFICIALS
REGIONAL PLAYDOWN CHAIRS, WEB POSTING
FROM: GRAYLAND COUSINS, USCA VP – CHAMPIONSHIPS
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RE: **TIMEOUT RULE**

During the junior playdowns this year, several questions were raised regarding the new WCF timeout rule. The rule as stated in the USCA Championships Booklet is incorrect. Upon review and clarification from the WCF, the following language will replace the entire Section III, E., 4. a) of the Championship Rules Booklet. The correct language will be included in the 2005 booklet. The policy will take effect immediately.

All Championships (including Junior Nationals)

“Each team may call two 60 second timeouts per game, excluding any extra ends. Each team may call one, 60-second timeout during each extra end. Timeouts shall not be carried forward to the extra ends or from one extra end to another. Timeouts called to consult with a coach shall be timed from the arrival of the coach on the ice surface of the game at which the time-out is called. Time clocks shall be stopped during the involvement of an official in case of injury to a player, or violation of rules, etc.

Interpretation: A team may request such a time-out with a traditional “T” using the hands.”

Further WCF interpretation:

1. A timeout can only be called when your clock is running. When a time-out is called, the second team cannot meet with their coach. They can only do so by calling their own time out when their clock is running.
2. The time-out is timed from when the coach reaches the ice surface of the game at which the time-out is called (not from when the coach reaches his/her team).
3. A time out is called by a team member only, not a coach.

Further USCA Interpretation

1. A time out may not be called during the one-minute break between ends as neither team's clock is running.