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**TO:** HNS Officiating  
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**RE:** Face Off Procedure

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There has been some discussion regarding the correct procedures for face offs. For the last 2 years hockey Nova Scotia has had a supplement rule that has prevented wingers from having their sticks over the "hash marks." This rule through Hockey Nova Scotia has been DELETED.

Please find the proper procedure, as per hockey Canada, below.

## 7. Face Off Consistency

The Hockey Canada Officiating Program would like to re emphasize the importance Off face-off consistency. We must all work to applying a standard that is uniform. Key point to stress are:

- The face-off should be fair.
- The standard is to be consistent within Branches and Nationally.
  - Center men are not to be in motion, they are to have sticks stopped and in designated areas prior to puck drop. Their feet are not to be over or on the restraining lines.
  - **Wingers are to have their skates behind restraining lines, their sticks can be inside circle or inside the 'hash marks' so long as they are not interfering with opposing players.**

Should you require any clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Hockey,



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