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From Konstantin Komissarov, IIHF Manager, Officiating
Date Friday, May 30, 2008
Subject IIHF Championship Program
Sizes of Goalkeeper's Equipment

Dear Friends,

IIHF informs your National Association that the transition time of three years to introduce the new IIHF Rules 233 and 235 for all National Associations competing below Division I of the IIHF World Championships, are over.

The decision concerning a transition time of three years including 2007/2008 seasons, were approved at the 2005 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Vilamoura. (See attached document).

Please be insure that in the upcoming IIHF Championships and IIHF Competitions the goalkeepers of your teams participating in IIHF Championship Program shall use the goalkeeper's equipment confirming to the provision of 2006-2010 IIHF Rule Book & 2008/2009 IIHF Goalkeeper Equipment Size Specification.

Regards,

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cc. Dave Fitzpatrick, IIHF Sport Director

Attachment

Excerpt from the minutes of the 2005 Semi-Annual Congress in Vilamoura

9.2 Rule change proposals: Goalkeeper's Equipment Measurements

Frank Gonzalez recalled that in the Rules Conference at the 2005 Annual Congress, it was decided to defer the final decision regarding the rules dealing with the measurements of goalkeeper's equipment to the present Semi-Annual Congress to allow the reference to the measurements as per NHL rules, which were expected to be introduced in the meantime.

The IIHF rules concerned are 233 – Goalkeepers Gloves and 235 – Goalkeepers Leg Guards.

- ✓ ***The Congress unanimously approved the new rules 233 and 235 as presented. The new rules, which will become effective at the start of the 2006/07 season, read as follows:***

233 Goalkeepers Gloves

233a) – Blocking Glove

The maximum outside dimension of the protective padding attached to the back, forming part of a blocking glove, shall not exceed:

- ***38.1 cm in length***
- ***20.32 cm in width.***

233b) – Catching Glove

The maximum outside dimension of the catching glove shall not exceed:

- ***20.32 cm in length in any part of the wrist cuff which must be 10.16 cm in width (height).***
- ***Distance from the heel along the pocket to the top of the T trap shall be no more than 46 cm.***

The perimeter of the catching glove shall not exceed 114,3 cm.

235 Goalkeepers Leg Guards

The goalkeepers leg guards shall not exceed 28 cm wide when on the leg of the goalkeeper.

- ***Aprons or plate covering the space between the ice and the bottom of the leg guards in front of the skates is not permitted.***

The following Congress members participated in the discussion of the rule changes: Jeannine Clément (BEL), Alan Maislin (ISR), Don Rurak (AUS), Matjaž Žargi (SLO), Frank Gonzalez, René Fasel.

- It was explained that equipment manufacturers have already started producing the equipment following the NHL measurements, which will be the same for IIHF as from 2006/07.
- For the 2006 Olympic Competition it was agreed by the participants in the special meeting that the current IIHF measurements shall not be overruled, and consequently the NHL sizes be allowed for the NHL goalies and the IIHF sizes, which are still valid throughout the Olympic season, shall also be permitted.
- Following a question by Jeannine Clément (BEL) it was explained that the above new rules shall apply to international competitions only; National Associations are free to keep on using the existing old equipment within their own leagues.

- With reference to other remarks by Congress delegates, it was agreed that for National Associations competing in the second and third Divisions of the IIHF World Championship, there shall be a transition time of three years to introduce the new IIHF rules 233 and 235 up and including the 2007/08 season.