

LONDON BLIZZARD RULES EMPHASIS

Equipment

-pushers must wear ice hockey skates (no figure skates), a SCA approved helmet properly fastened with a full face guard, shin pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves and a numbered matching team sweater

-BNQ certified throat protectors mandatory for all players including goalies

-players feet/ankles and hips must be secured to/in sledge

Pushers

-may not intentionally stop or pass the puck with their skates

-may not coach other players on the ice

-must not be better than the "average" speed of play eg. cannot catch up to a puck carrier

-must not enter "triangle" of faceoff dots to net posts in defensive zone -cannot dominate play, exhibit above average agility, skate backwards

Team Officials -only team Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Equipment Manager are permitted on bench

during game

Hand Contact -players, except goaltenders, may not close their hands on the puck except to catch the puck out of the air and immediately place it on the ice

-hand passes are allowed only in a player's own defensive zone, both passing and receiving.

Otherwise play is stopped with no penalty and a faceoff is held.

-A player may not cradle or hold puck with their fingers, hands or sledge to keep it away from

an opponent

Head Contact -ZERO tolerance to head contact. All contact above the shoulders is to be called by officials

Body Checking -allowed only in A, B and C divisions.

-incidental contact is allowed in Open and Junior divisions. Body checking will result in penalties: minor penalty if no injury results, major and game ejection if injury occurs

Puck at Bench -deflectors to be used at bench area when normal hockey benches are not being used -players are encouraged to push puck onto surface perpendicular from the boards