Important Memo #2 to all U9 EFHL Teams and Associations

We are writing to advise of some issues that we have become aware of relating to the rules and regulations surrounding penalties for U9 gameplay and some reminders of previous processes and changes. We want to thank all Coaches, Players, Parents, Officials and Volunteers who have done a wonderful job so far this season, your efforts and support of our Minor Hockey Associations is paramount to our success.

- **Penalties:** For all U9 games, officials will call penalties with the Hockey Canada rules. When a penalty is called, the referee will blow the whistle and a change of possession will occur. The referee will advise the coach of the offending player and that player will miss their next shift; however, the team will play 4 on 4 even strength. It is imperative that Coaches are ensuring penalized players understand their infraction and miss their next shift and support the calls of the officials.
- **Coach Support of Officials:** U9 team staff including Coaches and Managers are asked to support the calls of the officials. The U9 learn to play program is a learning environment for players, coaches and officials and should be treated as such. Team staff are NOT to argue or disagree with penalties called by officials and are to follow EFHL and Hockey Alberta rules and explain the violation the player made and ensure they miss their next shift.
- **Electronic Game Sheets:** Great progress has been made with the U9 Electronic Game Sheet system. Almost 100 percent of games are being started with rosters updated and verified. We do need the home teams to ensure they are selected to complete the game in the game sheet app so that it is completed on the website. Keep up the great work!
- **Game Procedures:** Reminder that blue pucks and small nets are mandatory, and no scorekeeping during the games or recorded on the e-game sheets.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to minor hockey, you continued cooperating and support are greatly appreciated!

Chris March, Commissioner EFHL