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SUBJECT: ICE MARKINGS

At their recent Annual General Meeting (AGM), Hockey Canada (HC) voted to change the location of key markings on their ice surfaces. These changes will affect the location of markings for ringette.

Further to consultation with Ringette Canada's Officiating Committee Chair, the information contained in this memo can serve as guidelines for ringette associations and arena operators in terms of ringette markings. The following changes were made:

- The goal line was moved 2 feet (0.61 metres) closer to the end boards; and
- The blue line was moved 2 feet (0.61 metres) further from the end boards.

The net effect of these changes is that the distance from the blue line to the goal line is now 64 feet (19.5 metres) as opposed to the previous 60 feet (18.29 metres). The two blue lines are now 56 feet (17.09 metres) apart as opposed to the previous 60 feet (18.29 metres).

The location of the free play line will still be across the top of the free pass circles in each end. It should be noted that the distance between the free play line and the goal line will not change as a result of these adjustments. The other ringette markings, such as the goalkeeper crease and those inside the free pass circles, will not change.

While the ringette community may not have decided to make these changes, we will nonetheless be playing with the ice surfaces available in our communities. As nearly all community arenas are making the changes to conform to the new hockey rule book, it will be considered legal and acceptable for all ringette games to be played on this surface. This will include major national events such as the Tim Hortons Canadian Ringette Championships and the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

These changes will be monitored in the coming season to determine if any more formal rule adjustments will become necessary. Should your association have any questions, comments or concerns about these changes, please contact the Ringette Canada office (ringette@ringette.ca) for more information. ***We would appreciate you giving this message the widest possible distribution and ensuring that a copy is provided to your association's officiating director.***