



NEPSAC SMAC RECOMMENDATION FOR HOCKEY 2024/25 SEASON

NCAA 2022-23 and 2023-24 Ice Hockey Rules Book and USA Hockey Rule 304 detail the minimum protective equipment that shall be worn during warm-ups and games. There is consensus that it is the responsibility of each member institute coach(es), athletic trainer(s), and equipment manager(s) to be knowledgeable of the rules that govern all protective equipment. There may be some circumstances when it is beneficial for athletic administrators to have knowledge of the rules that govern protective equipment. Hockey officials are also expected to penalize players for non-compliance.

The NEPSAC SMAC therefore defers responsibility to each member institution to identify the individual(s) responsible for conducting regular equipment checks and frequency of the checks to ensure that all players (skaters and goalkeepers) are properly equipped, and the equipment is in good working order for relevant practices and competitions.

Sources:

<https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1084402-rule-304-Protective-equipment>

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