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Mr. Kirby Brownfield
SCSHA President

Re: Request for Exemption on Ice Cuts

Mr. Brownfield:

I received your request for an exemption for ice cuts during the preliminary round and semi final of your State Championships on September 14, 2023 via email.

After my correspondence with you and the information you supplied that the request is based on time constraints from the Carolina Ice Palace in North Charleston, SC. You also informed me that there are no other teams that would be negatively involved by this request.

Based on the rule as listed below from the NTGB:

“For games without an ice cut between the first and second periods, and/or between the third period and the overtime period, there shall be a two (2) minute rest period put on the clock. Any variation must be approved by the National Championship Tournament chairperson.”

Therefore it is my determination that your request for an exemption to not have ice cuts during your preliminary rounds and semi final games, but will maintain ice cuts during your final game as outlined in the NTGB is approved.

Even though this approval is given the on ice officials who will be doing the game do have the authorization to call for an ice cut based on safety and the overall condition of the ice.

Good luck with your upcoming season.

Yours in Hockey

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