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**Memo RE: Zippered / Torn Pants**

**As per: HOCKEY CANADA OFFICIATING STANDARDS**

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- From: Ken Corbett, Chair, Officiating Policy Committee / Hockey Canada Vice Chair at Large

**9. *Zippered / Torn Pants***

Please note that pants with zippers on the inseam are designed to be worn with Zippers properly closed. Players who come onto the ice with zippers undone should be immediately sent off the ice, are not to return until they can comply with this directive. Players with ripped pants which expose equipment should also be sent off the ice and are not able to return until corrected.(Bulletin 03/40)

**The following procedure is to be followed in addressing this situation:**

- Rule 24 - Situation 3 shall be applied: (as per chin strap not properly fastened or other items involving protective or dangerous equipment) (p.58 Casebook).  
In applying this rule:
  - o The player shall be ruled off the ice until the repairs are made (as per the HC Standards bulletin) and the reason/warning – that the player cannot return until the problem is fixed to the satisfaction of the rule shall be delivered to both the player and the Coach. (No penalty to this point)
  
- If the player returns or if there are subsequent violations then procedures as per Rule 24 Situation 10 (paragraph 2) should be applied.
  - o Player is penalized with a minor penalty for “Illegal Equipment”. The penalty must be served by another player who was on the ice and the player guilty of the infraction is ruled out of the game until the pants or illegal piece of equipment is repaired to the acceptable / required standard.
  - o If the player returns and the violation still exists (now a 3<sup>rd</sup> time) then Rule 47 b (2) ".....shows disrespect for the ruling of the official" and the player should be assessed a Game Misconduct and ordered out of the game.

**Note to Referees:** If the situation continues to an extent where you as the referee has had to assess a Game Misconduct as per above then a written report is necessary outlining the situation and the process followed.