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Memorandum

To: USA Hockey Board of Directors
District Personnel
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Council and Committee Members

From: John Dotte, USA Hockey Vice President & Youth Council
Chairperson

Date: 11/6/02

Re: Checking at the Squirt level in Canada

Checking at the Squirt level in Canada

Certain provinces in Canada permit checking at the Squirt (Atom) age classification. After discussion at the Youth Council meeting and with Risk Management, the following decision was made: USA Hockey registered teams at the Squirt level may check when playing games in Canadian branches that permit checking at the Squirt (Atom) level. NO Squirt games in the United States, regardless of the competition, shall allow body checking.

It is strongly recommended that coaches whose teams do play in Canada be sure to inform their players and parents that there could be checking and provide proper instruction beforehand.

In summary, the rules of the country in which the game is played will be honored.