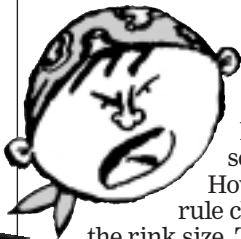


THE FAN RANT*

The NHL is going to hell



Change the goals, change the bluelines, change this and that. Enough already. More scoring won't make hockey more exciting – more scoring opportunities will.

How do you get them? Not by rule changes, but by increasing the rink size. Take out some rows of seats (that are only affordable to corporations anyways) and the added excitement will bring up attendance. And for purists who think the physical aspect will wane with more ice: the faster they skate the harder they will hit (and get hit).

— Keith Richardson, 43, Colts Neck

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