



CANADA

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PLAYING RULE CHANGES

PROPOSAL # 3

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 19 (f) Note 3 Change of Players

Current Rule reads:

When a goaltender leaves her goal area, and proceeds to the player's bench for the purpose of substituting another player, she must be within 3.05m (10 ft.) of the bench before the substitute may enter the game. If the substitute is made prematurely, the official shall stop the play when the offending team gains possession and control of the puck. The resulting face-off shall take place where the stoppage occurred, unless otherwise stated in the rules. There shall be no time penalty to the making the premature substitution.

Proposed Amendment:

When a goaltender leaves her goal area, and proceeds to the player's bench for the purpose of substituting another player, she must be within 3.05m (10 ft.) of the bench before the substitute may enter the game. If the substitute is made prematurely, the official shall stop the play when the offending team gains possession and control of the puck. The resulting face-off shall take place **at the centre face-off spot, except in cases where the offending team would gain a territorial advantage, in which cases the face-off shall be where the stoppage of play occurred as per Rule 57 (g).** There shall be no time penalty to the **team** making the premature substitution.

PROPOSAL #6

Submitted by: Ontario Hockey Federation

Rule 24 (d) Protective Equipment

Current Rule reads:

Where a player wears a helmet and/or facial protector in an offset position during play, play shall be stopped immediately and a Misconduct penalty will be assessed to the player.

Proposed Amendment:

Where a player wears a helmet and/or facial protector in an offset position during play, ***The team shall receive one warning and any subsequent infractions by the same team will result in a Misconduct penalty assessed to that player.***

PROPOSAL #7

Submitted by: Ontario Hockey Federation

Rule 24 (f) Protective Equipment

Current Rule reads:

The wearing of a BNQ approved throat protector is compulsory for players registered in Minor and Female hockey. If a Referee discovers that a Minor or Female hockey player is on the ice and is not wearing a BNQ approved throat protector, a Minor penalty is to be assessed to that player. When a player wears his neck protector improperly, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty. For violations during the pre-game warm-up, the Referee shall report the infraction on the official game report to the President.

Proposed Amendment:

The wearing of a BNQ approved throat protector is compulsory for players registered in Minor and Female hockey. ***When a player fails to wear or properly wear a throat protector at any time on the ice during the game, his team shall receive one warning. Any player on that team who commits a subsequent infraction will receive a Misconduct penalty. Referees are encouraged to deliver this warning directly to the Coach.***

PROPOSAL #8

Submitted by: Ontario Hockey Federation

Rule 24 (g) Protective Equipment

Current Rule reads:

For divisions of hockey that allow the wearing of the half visor, the wearing of a mouth guard is compulsory (recommended but optional for Senior hockey). When a player fails to properly wear a mouth guard at any time on the ice during the game, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty.

Proposed Amendment:

For divisions of hockey that allow the wearing of the half visor, the wearing of a mouth guard is compulsory (recommended but optional for Senior hockey). When a player fails to properly wear a mouth guard at any time on the ice during the game, **his team shall receive one warning. Any player on that team who commits a subsequent infraction will receive a Misconduct penalty. Referees are encouraged to deliver this warning directly to the Coach.**

PROPOSAL #12

Submitted by: Hockey Quebec

Rule 74 (a) Puck Must Be Kept in Motion

Current Rule reads:

A team in possession of the puck in its defending zone shall always advance the puck towards the opposing goal, except if prevented from doing so by players of the opposing team. For an infraction of this rule, play shall be stopped and the face-off shall be at either end zone face-off spot in the defending zone of the offending team.

Proposed Amendment:

~~A team in possession of the puck in its defending zone shall always advance the puck towards the opposing goal, except if prevented from doing so by players of the opposing team. For an infraction of this rule, play shall be stopped and the face-off shall be at either end zone face-off spot in the defending zone of the offending team.~~

PROPOSAL #13

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule NEW Rule 87 Diving

Current Rule reads:

Proposed Amendment:

A Minor Penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct shall be imposed on a player who attempts to draw a penalty by his/her actions (diving). This penalty may be assessed with or without a foul to the opposing team at the discretion of the Referee.

PROPOSAL #14 (NEW)

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 57 (g)

Current Rule reads:

All face-offs in the neutral zone shall be conducted at the designated face-off spots as dictated by reason for the stoppage of play, or on the line parallel to the side boards from one end zone face-off spot to the other end zone spot. When a stoppage of play occurs between the end zone face-off spots and the nearest end of the rink, the face-off shall be the nearest end zone face-off spot, unless otherwise stated in the rules.

Proposed Amendment:

All face-offs in the neutral zone shall be conducted at the designated face-off spots as dictated by reason for the stoppage of play, ~~or on the line parallel to the side boards from one end zone face-off spot to the other end zone spot.~~ ***The face-off location will be at one of the two face-off spots nearest the offending team's blue line, thus causing a loss of territorial advantage.***

When a stoppage of play occurs between the end zone face-off spots and the nearest end of the rink, the face-off shall be the nearest end zone face-off spot, unless otherwise stated in the rules.

Centre ice face-offs will be only conducted at the start of each period, following the scoring of a goal, premature substitution of the goaltender or in accordance with Rule 65 (f).

Any other stoppage of play in any zone not caused by either team, the ensuing face-off shall be at the nearest face-off spot excluding the centre face-off spot.

PROPOSAL #15 (NEW)

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 57 (h)

Current Rule reads:

When any stoppage of play in the end zone is caused by the goaltender, the ensuing face-off shall take place at either end zone face-off spot regardless of the location of the puck when play was stopped.

Proposed Amendment:

When any stoppage of play in the end zone is caused by ***a defending player*** or the goaltender, the ensuing face-off shall take place at **the nearest defending zone face-off spot based on the cause of the stoppage of play and not related to the location of the puck when play was stopped.**

PROPOSAL # 1

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 35 (k) Penalty Shot

Current Rule reads:

Note: Also refer to:

Rule 24 (c) Rule 55 (d)
Rule 55 (e) Rule 58 (c)
Rule 61 (c) Rule 70 (e)
Rule 82 (a) Rule 85 (d)

Proposed Amendment:

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Rule 24 (c) Rule 55 (d)
Rule 55 (e) Rule 58 (c)
Rule 61 (c) **Rule 66 (f)**
Rule 70 (e) **Rule 78 (e)**
Rule 82 (a) Rule 85 (d)

PROPOSAL # 2

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 42 (d) Linesmen

Current Rule reads:

Linesmen shall point out the offender and report to the Referee at the first stoppage, their version of any infraction of the rules which incurs a Minor, Bench Minor or double Minor penalty for Rules 49(b) (Head-butting), 49(d) (Grabbing/pulling hair or head/facial protection), 49(f) (Butt-ending), 49(g) (Spearing), 55(a), 55(f), 62(b) (High Sticking) in Junior and Senior only., 66(c)(d), 81(e), 9(d), 19(e)(g), 20(e), Unsustained Measurement (Section Three), 24(b) (Note 4), 47(b), 47(c), 47(h), as well as any infraction which incurs a Major or Match penalty or any conduct calling for a Bench Minor, Misconduct, Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct Penalty,

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PROPOSAL # 3

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 47 (i) Note - Harassment of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct

Current Rule reads:

Note: When the penalty is assessed against a player on the penalty bench, another player from the ice must serve the Bench Minor penalty.

Proposed Amendment:

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PROPOSAL # 4

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 55 (e) Delay of Game

Current Rule reads:

Proposed Amendment:

Add Rule 78 (e) Refusing to Start Play

PROPOSAL # 5

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 57 (c) New – Face-Offs

Current Rule reads:

NEW
When a team commits a face-off infraction (late arrival, immediately taking a proper position, early movement),the Referee or Linesman shall require where possible for this face-off, that the replacement for the player ejected from the face-off shall be any other player on the ice that has not committed a face-off infraction during the same stoppage.

Proposed Amendment:

Add word 'not'
NEW
When a team commits a face-off infraction (late arrival, **not** immediately taking a proper position, early movement),the Referee or Linesman shall require where possible for this face-off, that the replacement for the player ejected from the face-off shall be any other player on the ice that has not committed a face-off infraction during the same stoppage.

PROPOSAL # 6

Submitted by: Officiating Policy Committee

Rule 82 (c) – Throwing Stick or Object

Current Rule reads:

(c) A Minor penalty for Throwing a Stick/Object (as applicable) shall be assessed any player who deliberately throws his stick or any part thereof in any zone, but not at the puck or puck carrier.

Proposed Amendment:

(c) A Minor penalty for Throwing a Stick/Object (as applicable) shall be assessed any player who deliberately throws his stick or any part thereof **or any other object** in any zone, but not at the puck or puck carrier.