


2010-2011 Hockey Canada  
Playing Rule Changes

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## Signals

**New Signal**

- Hand Pass – Pushing Motion with the Open Palm



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## Rule 2.6 (g)

When a player is injured so that he cannot continue play or go to his bench, the play shall not be stopped until the injured player's team has secured possession and control of the puck. If the injured player's team is in possession of the puck at the time of the injury, the play shall be stopped immediately unless his team is in scoring position, at which time the Referee shall allow the play to be completed.

Note 1: Where there is suspicion that a player has sustained a serious injury, **any on ice official may stop the play immediately.**

Note 2: Where play has been stopped due to an injured player, excluding the goaltender, the injured player shall leave the ice and may not return to the ice until the play has resumed. If the player refuses to leave the ice, a Delay of Game penalty shall be assessed.

**Any Official may stop play when a player has sustained a serious injury**

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## Rule 4.1 (e)

When a player is assessed both a Minor and Major penalty at the same time, the Major Penalty shall be served first. The same principle will apply when a player is assessed both a Minor and Match penalty at the same time. The five-minute time penalty which accompanies the Match penalty is to be served first. **See Rule 4.12 (e)**

**Rule did not change, moved the rule on player assessed a minor and major at the same time to a separate section under rule 4.1.**

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## Rule 4.6 (c) and 4.7 (c)

- **Any player or team official** who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. A total of ten minutes shall be charged against the player for a Game Misconduct.
- **Rule did not change – changed wording from minor and female hockey to any player or team official**

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## Rule 4.10 (b)

A goal will be awarded to the attacking team when the opposing team has taken their goaltender off the ice and when a shot has been taken (control no longer applies) and a defending player picks up the puck with his hand from the goal crease or intentionally falls on or covers the puck in the crease.

**Removed – with his hand thereby preventing an obvious and imminent goal**

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## Rule 4.11 (a)

No goaltender shall be sent to the penalty bench for an infraction which incurs a Minor, Major or Misconduct penalty. Instead, such a penalty shall be served by any player of her team who was on the ice at the time of the infraction. Such player shall be designated by the Manager or Coach of the penalized team through the Captain.

**Unless the penalty being served is a time penalty, any player serving a penalty on behalf of a goaltender shall leave the penalty box if the offending goaltender is subsequently ejected from the game.**

**Rule did not change – added paragraph**

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## Rule 4.12 (c)

When the penalties to the player or players have expired and the penalized team is entitled to more than four players on the ice, the Penalty Timekeeper shall permit the penalized players to return to the ice in the order of expiry of their penalties.

**When the penalties of two players from the same team expire at the same time and that team is entitled to only one additional player on the ice the players shall return to the ice in the order in which their penalties were reported.**

**Rule did not change – added paragraph**

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## Rule 4.13 (b)

If the Referee signals a Minor or Bench Minor penalty against a team that is shorthanded by reason of one or more Minor or Bench Minor penalties, and a goal is scored by the non-offending team before the whistle is blown, the goal shall be allowed and the player who is serving the first Minor or Bench Minor penalty will return to the ice, while the signaled penalty(ies) shall be assessed and served in the normal manner.

**If the Referee signals a delayed penalty calling for a Penalty Shot against a team that is shorthanded and a goal is scored by the non-offending team before play is stopped, the goal shall be allowed. If the infraction associated with the Penalty Shot would normally call for a Minor or Major or Match penalty, then a Minor / Major / Match penalty shall be assessed in lieu of the Penalty Shot.**

**Rule did not changed – added paragraph**

**Under 4.13 (b), Note 2 becomes Note 1, which was removed** 9

## Rule 5.2 (d)

The Referee shall assess all penalties as prescribed by the rules for infractions thereof.

**Rule did not change – removed “the linesman shall stop the play for any infraction within their jurisdiction”**

## Rule 5.2 (r)

Linesman shall check the goal, netting, and the ice around the goaltender's crease **before the start of each period**. The Referee shall check the goal lights, timing device, and ice markings. If the ice markings are not in accordance with Hockey Canada Rules, it must be reported to the President.

The official method of refereeing Hockey Canada hockey games with a Referee and two Linesman. However, Branches are authorized to use two Referees for games under their jurisdiction. When reference is made to the Linesmen under Rules 5.2 and 5.3 (all clauses), the duties of the Linesmen will be carried out by both Referees.

**Check goal, netting and the ice in and around the goaltender's crease before the start of each period**

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## Rule 5.3 (d)

(d) Linesmen shall point out the offender and report to the Referee at the first stoppage, their version of any infraction of the rules which **calls for** a Minor, Bench Minor or double Minor penalty for Rules 6.1 (b) (Head-butting), 6.1 (d) (Grabbing/pulling hair or head/facial protection), 6.1 (f) (Butt-ending), 6.1 (g) (Spearing), 10.1 (a), 10.1 (f), 8.2 (b) (High Sticking **double Minor**) in Junior and Senior only., 7.3 (c)(d), 10.15 (e), 1.9 (d), 2.5 (e)(g), (Section Three), 3.6 (b) (Note 4), 9.2 (b), 9.2 (c), 9.2 (h), as well as any infraction which **calls for** a Major or Match penalty or any conduct calling for a Bench Minor, Misconduct, Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct Penalty,

**Rule did not change – removed references from linemen shall point out the offender for Rule 2.6 (e), replacing an injured player serving a time penalty and unsustained measurement**

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## Rule 6.1 (f) and (g)

### **Move Rule 6.1(f) - Butt-Ending and Rule 6.1(g) - Spearing to Section 8**

Amend Rule 6.1(h) to include Butt-Ending and Spearing thus: A match penalty shall be assessed any player who deliberately attempts to or deliberately injures an opponent with a slash, high stick, cross-check, **butt-end or spear**.

**Rule did not change – moved butt-ending and spearing rules to Section 8 to have all stick infractions that carry a game ejection together. Also added butt-end and spear to rule 6.1 (h)**

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## Rule 6.7 (a)

A Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player that fights **with an opposing player**.

**Rule did not change – added “with an opposing player” instead of “any player who fights”**

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## Rule 6.7 (b)

6.7(b)(1) – A Minor penalty for **instigator** shall be assessed any player identified by the Referee as being the instigator of a fight.

6.7(b)(2) – A Minor penalty for **aggressor** shall be assessed any player identified by the Referee as being the aggressor in a fight.

**Made two distinct entries, one for instigator and one for aggressor**

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## Rule 6.7 (e)

Any player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on her hands, who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury, shall be assessed a Match penalty in addition to any other penalties she may incur.

**Rule did not change – removed last paragraph**

**Note – The foregoing sections shall also apply to goaltenders**

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## Rule 7.3 (f)

- A Minor penalty for **interference** shall be assessed to a goaltender that deliberately piles snow inside his goal crease at any time or is observed by the Referee to have deliberately left or placed an object in his defending zone at or near the net before proceeding to the player's bench.

**A Penalty Shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team if, in the Referee's opinion, such object or obstacle actually prevents a goal while the offending team's goaltender is legally on the ice. If a Penalty Shot is awarded under this rule, the Minor penalty shall not be assessed.**

**A goal shall be awarded if, in the opinion of the Referee, such object or obstacle actually prevents a goal after the offending goaltender has been legally substituted by another player.**

**Infraction changed from minor penalty to interference – some changes in wording and extra paragraphs that does not change the rule**

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## Rule 9.5 (d)

**A Minor penalty shall be assessed any player that leaves the penalty bench or returns to the ice before the expiration of his penalty. However, in the case of a player returning to the ice prematurely due to an error by the Penalty Timekeeper, no penalty shall be assessed and the player must only serve the time remaining in his penalty at the moment he returned to the ice.**

**Rule did not change – new wording**

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## Rule 10.7 (b)

Kicking the puck shall be permitted in all zones.  
This action can not result in a goal being scored

**Add:**

**No goal can be scored when an attacking player kicks another object which, in turn, propels the puck directly or indirectly into the goal.**

**Rule did not change – added a paragraph**

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## Rule 10.15 (e)

At the end of each period, all players must remain on their respective players' or penalty bench until directed off by the Referee. The Visiting Team shall leave the ice first, unless otherwise directed by the Referee. Failure to comply shall result in a Bench Minor penalty.

Any unusual circumstances shall be reported to the President.

A Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed to the coach of any team that fails to comply with this rule at the end of the game if an altercation that results in penalties of any kind is either in progress as the game ends or begins after the game has ended.

**Include it as a separate section under Rule 9.5 (i).**

**Rule did not change – moved the rule, “players remaining on their respective benches under start of game and periods” to Section 9.5, leaving the player’s or penalty bench**

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## Section 4 – Types of Penalties

Amend Example 8 to show the first Minor/Bench Minor to Player X as the penalty stroked out/cancelled and the second Minor/Bench Minor to Player X circled as the time penalty.

W	X
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
5 + GM	2 time penalty
	5 + GM

**Rule did not change – shows correct minor to be cancelled in coincidental penalty situation**

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## NOHA Policy - Affiliation

Teams must have a NOHA Player **Affiliation Record form** duly completed and signed by their Association Signing Officers for each player(s) participating in any game as an affiliated player. The NOHA Player Affiliation Record form must be signed by the Referee for each game this player participates. Teams must also have a copy of the Teams approved Affiliation Declaration. No photo copies at any level and for the entire season

**Officials will have to sign an NOHA Player Affiliation Record form for each game a player participates**

**No cards and no photocopies**

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## Instigator and Aggressor Penalties

### Currently:

#### Home Penalties

Per	No	Min	Code	Off	Start	End	On
2	4	5	Fi	7:10	7:10	2:10	-----
2	4	10	GM 30	7:10	-----	-----	-----
2	4	2	INS 36	2:10	2:10	0:10	0:10

Served by # 12

### After change:

#### Home Penalties

Per	No	Min	Code	Off	Start	End	On
2	4	5	Fi	7:10	7:10	2:10	-----
2	4	10	GM 30	7:10	-----	-----	-----
2	4	2	GM36	2:10	2:10	0:10	0:10

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No change to the rule – changed INS 36 to GM 36, and AGG 37 to GM 37.  
Minor still applies

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