

# IIHF OFFICIAL RULE BOOK IN-LINE HOCKEY

## INTERNATIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE GAME OF IN-LINE HOCKEY

### SECTION TWO - TEAMS

#### Rule 201 Composition of Team

- NEW** (a) A team shall be composed of five players on the surface including the goalkeeper. ***No team shall be allowed to start a game with less than five players.*** A maximum of **16** players plus no more than 2 goalkeepers shall be permitted on any one team roster.

#### Rule 202 Captain of Team

- NEW**(a) One Captain ***and not more than two Alternate Captains*** shall be appointed by each team and only the Captain ***or Alternate Captain*** shall have the privilege of discussing with the Referee any matter relating to the interpretation of rules which may arise during the course of a game.
- NEW** The Captain shall wear the letter "C", ***and the Alternate Captain the letter "A"*** approximately 8cm in height and in contrasting color, in a conspicuous position on the front of the jersey. ***If the letters are not worn, the privileges under this section will not be granted.***

A complaint about a penalty is not a "matter relating to the interpretation of rules" and a minor penalty shall be assessed to any Captain or other player making such a complaint.

- (b) The Referee and Official Scorer shall be advised prior to the start of the game, the names of the Captain of the team and the designated alternate.
- NEW**(c) Any player, ***except*** a goalkeeper, shall be entitled to be identified as the Captain.

No playing Coach or Manager shall be permitted to act as Captain

- (d) Any Captain or player who comes off the players' bench and makes any protest or intervention with the Officials for any purpose shall be assessed a minor penalty for Abuse of Officials.

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## **Rule 203 Players in Uniform**

- (a) At the beginning of each game the Manager or Coach of each team shall list names and numbers of the players and goalkeepers who shall be eligible to play in the game. No change or addition to the roster shall be permitted once the game has commenced.
- (b) Each team shall be allowed one goalkeeper on the playing surface at one time. The goalkeeper may be removed and another "player" substituted. Such substitute shall not be permitted the privileges of the goalkeeper.
- (c) It is recommended (required for IIHF Championships) that each team have on its bench a substitute goalkeeper who shall be fully dressed and equipped to play.

When the substitute goalkeeper enters the game the position shall be taken without delay and no warm-up shall be permitted.

- (d) Except when all designated goalkeepers are incapacitated, no player on the playing roster in that game shall be permitted to wear the equipment of the goalkeeper. If a team's goalkeeper(s) is unavailable to continue, the team must immediately appoint a temporary goalkeeper or place an additional skater on the playing surface with none of the goalkeeper's privileges. A goalkeeper may be substituted for by another goalkeeper during play with full goalkeeper's privileges.

## **Rule 204 Playing Lineup**

- (a) Upon the Referee's signal prior to the start of the game and following any stoppage of play, the Visiting Team shall promptly place a lineup on the playing surface ready to play and no substitution shall be made from that time until play has resumed. The Home Team may then make any desired substitution which does not result in the delay of the game.

If there is any undue delay by either team in changing lines, the Referee shall order the offending team(s) to take their positions immediately and not permit line changes.

When a substitution has been made under the above rule, no additional substitution may be made until play commences, except when a penalty is assessed.

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## **Rule 205 Change of Players**

- (a) Players may be changed at any time from the players' bench, provided that the player or players leaving the playing surface are at the bench and out of the play before the change is made.

If, in the course of making a substitution, either player deliberately plays the puck/ ball while the retiring player is still on the playing surface, the infraction "Too Many Players" shall be assessed.

If, in the course of a substitution, either player is accidentally struck with the puck/ ball, the play shall not be stopped and no penalty shall be assessed.

- (b) A goalkeeper may be substituted for by a player or goalkeeper at any time during play. The goalkeeper must be within 3m of the players' bench before the substitute may enter the playing surface.

For a violation of this rule there shall be no time penalty to the team making the premature substitution, but the ensuing face-off shall take place at the center face-off spot.

- (c) A player serving a penalty on the penalty bench, who is to be changed after the penalty has been served, must proceed at once by way of the playing surface before any change can be made. For a violation of this rule, a bench minor penalty shall be assessed.

- NEW**(d) During a stoppage of play, ***other than a time-out***, a goalkeeper may not go to the players' bench without the permission of the Referee unless there is a substitution by another player or goalkeeper. When a substitution is made under this rule, the replaced goalkeeper shall not return to the playing surface until play resumes, except that immediate re-entry into the game shall be permitted when a penalty is assessed to either team.

For a violation of this rule, a bench minor penalty shall be assessed.

- NEW** (e) ***For player changes taking place during a stoppage of play, the Referee will assume the normal position for the ensuing face-off. The Referee will then allow a five-second period during which the visiting team may make a player change. After this five-second period has elapsed, the Referee will raise an arm to indicate that the visiting team may no longer make a player change.***

- NEW** ***With the arm still up, the Referee will allow a five-second period during which the home team may make a player change. After this five-second period has elapsed, the Referee will drop the arm to indicate that the home team may no longer make a player change.***

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**NEW** *If a team attempts to make a player change after their allotted time period, the Referee shall send the player(s) back to the player's bench. For any subsequent infraction to this procedure at any time during the course of the game, the Referee shall assess a Bench Minor Penalty to the offending team. Any change of one to five players is considered to be a line change under this rule.*

## **Rule 206 Injured Players**

- (a) When a player, other than a goalkeeper, is injured or compelled to leave the playing surface during a game, the player may retire from the game and be replaced immediately by a substitute.
- (b) Any goalkeeper who sustains an injury or becomes ill must be ready to resume play immediately or be replaced by a substitute goalkeeper. No additional time shall be allowed by the Referee for the purpose of enabling the injured or ill goalkeeper to resume the position. The substitute goalkeeper shall enter the game without delay and no warm-up shall be permitted.

The substitute goalkeeper shall be subject to the regular rules governing goalkeepers and shall be entitled to the same privileges.

- (c) Any penalized player who has been injured, may proceed to the dressing room without going to penalty bench. The penalized team shall immediately put a substitute player on the penalty bench to serve the entire penalty. The penalized player who has been injured and has been replaced on the penalty bench is not eligible to play until the penalty time has expired.
- (d) When a player is injured and cannot continue play or go to the players' bench, play shall not be stopped until the injured player's team has secured possession of the puck/ ball. If the player's team is in possession of the puck/ ball at the time of injury, play shall be stopped immediately unless the team has a scoring opportunity.

In the case where it is obvious that a player has sustained a serious injury, play shall be stopped immediately.

- (e) A player, other than the goalkeeper, whose injury appears serious enough to warrant a stoppage of play, may not participate further in the game until the completion of the ensuing face-off.
- (f) If a player or goalkeeper is obviously bleeding, play shall be stopped immediately and the injured player shall be ruled off the playing surface. Such player shall not be permitted to return to play until the bleeding has been stopped and the cut or abrasion covered.

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Likewise, any Official who is bleeding, shall not continue until the bleeding has been stopped and the cut or abrasion covered.