

IIHF OFFICIAL RULE BOOK IN-LINE HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE GAME OF IN-LINE HOCKEY

SECTION FIVE - OFFICIALS

Rule 501 Appointment of Officials

- (a) Referee system - The official method of officiating IIHF games is with two Referees (2 man system).

All duties of the Linesmen under Rule 503 shall be carried out by both Referees, in addition to the duties of the Referee under Rule 502.

- (b) All Game Officials shall be controlled and assigned by the league or by the Local Officials Association.

For IIHF Championships, the Referee's Committee shall appoint all Game Officials.

- (c) The Referee(s) shall have full authority and final decision in all matters of dispute, and not subject to appeal, during the course of the game.

- NEW** (d) All Referees and Linesmen shall wear black trousers, black and white striped sweaters designed for hockey, a **facial visor** and a black hockey helmet with chin strap properly fastened, elbow pads and shin and knee protection.

Referees and Linesmen shall wear the current IIHF Officials crest on the left chest of the sweater during all games. Any other crest that is worn shall be placed on either arm of the sweater. The wearing of name plates shall be regulated by each league.

Referees shall be equipped with finger whistles and metal tape measures with a minimum length of 2m.

- (e) For tournament play, the Tournament Committee shall appoint a Game Timekeeper, a Penalty Timekeeper, an Official Scorer and two Goal Judges.

Rule 502 Referee

- (a) The "REFEREE" shall have general supervision of the game and shall have full control of all Game Officials and players before, during and after the game on and off the playing surface. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Referee shall be final.

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The Officials shall enter the playing surface prior to warm ups and remain on the surface at the conclusion of each half until all players have proceeded to their dressing rooms. Penalties may be assessed at any time before, during and after the game.

- (b) Prior to each game, the Referee shall check the member cards of each player and Coach against the game roster. Any participant who does not possess a card shall not be allowed to participate.
- (c) The Referee shall order the teams onto the playing surface at the appointed time for the beginning of each game and at the start of each quarter.

If for any reason there should be more than fifteen minutes delay in the commencement of the game or any undue delay in resuming play for the following quarters, the Referee shall state in the report to the League Authorities the cause of the delay and the team(s) that was at fault.

- (d) The Referee shall make a visual inspection of all players during the warm-up. If there is any lack of conformity to the regulations on mandatory equipment, the Referee shall ensure that the required equipment is in place.
- (e) The Referee shall, prior to the start of the game, see that the appointed Game Timekeeper, Penalty Timekeeper, Official Scorer and Goal Judges are in their respective places and that the timing and signaling equipment is in good working order.
- (f) The Referee shall impose such penalties as are prescribed by the rules for infractions thereof and the Referee shall have the final decision regarding all goals. The Referee shall consult with the Linesmen and the Goal Judge, if necessary, before making a final decision.
- (g) The Referee shall report to the Official Scorer or Penalty Timekeeper all goals and assists legally scored and all penalties assessed and the reason for the assessment of such penalties.

The Referee shall report the reason for not allowing a goal every time the goal light is turned on in error during the course of play and every time a goal is illegally scored.

- (h) If a Referee cannot appear for a game or is unable to continue due to illness or injury, the Managers or Coaches of the teams shall agree on the Referee(s) and Linesmen. If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team who shall act as Referee and Linesman. The player of the home team shall act as the Referee and the player of the visiting team shall act as the Linesman.

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If the regularly appointed Officials appear during the progress of the game, they shall at once replace the temporary Officials.

- (i) After each game, the Referees shall check and sign the score sheet and return it to the Official Scorer.

Referees are required to report to the League Authorities all game misconduct, gross misconduct and match penalties immediately following the game giving full details of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Rule 503 Linesmen

- (a) The duties of the "LINESMEN" shall be to assist the Referee in the overall conduct of the game.
The Linesman shall stop play for any off-side infraction, illegal clearing infraction, when the puck/ ball goes outside the playing area, when it is interfered with by any ineligible person, when it is struck above the height of the shoulder, when it is passed to a teammate with the hand and when the goal post has been displaced from its normal position. When in the vicinity of the goal, the Linesman shall stop play when the puck/ ball is observed entering the goal. The Linesman shall stop play for off-sides occurring at the face-off circles and when there has been a premature substitution for a goalkeeper under Rule 205, for injured players under Rule 206 and for interference by spectators under Rule 622.
- (b) The Linesman shall conduct face-offs at all times, except at the start of a quarter and after a goal has been scored.
- (c) The Linesman shall, when requested to do so by the Referee, describe any incident that may have taken place during the playing of the game.
- (d) The Linesman shall not stop play to assess any penalty except for any violation of too many players under Rule 205, articles thrown onto the playing surface under Rule 601 and illegally received replacement stick under Rule 605. The Linesman shall report such violations to the Referee who shall assess a bench minor penalty to the offending team.

The Linesman shall report immediately to the Referee the circumstances surrounding any violation of delaying the game under Rule 609 and any infraction of the rules which constitutes a bench minor, misconduct, game misconduct, gross misconduct, match penalty or penalty shot. The Referee may assess a penalty for such infractions.

- (e) If the Referee accidentally leaves the playing area or receives an incapacitating injury, while play is in progress, the Linesman shall stop play immediately.

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Rule 504 Goal Judges

- (a) There shall be one "GOAL JUDGE" at each end of the rink. They shall not be members of either team engaged in the game, nor shall they be replaced after the start of the game, unless it becomes apparent to the Referee that either Goal Judge makes unjust decisions, in which case, the Referee shall appoint a replacement.
- (b) The Goal Judges shall be stationed behind the goals during the progress of the game in properly screened cages so there can be no interference with their activities. They shall not change goals during the game.
- (c) In the event of a goal being claimed, the Goal Judge shall decide whether or not the puck/ ball has passed between the goal posts, under the crossbar and entirely over the goal line. The decision of the Goal Judge shall be "Goal" or "No Goal", and may be overruled by the Referee.

Rule 505 Penalty Timekeeper

- (a) The "PENALTY TIMEKEEPER" shall keep a correct record of all the penalties assessed by the Referee(s) including the names of the penalized players, the infractions penalized, the duration of each penalty and the time at which each penalty was assessed. The Penalty Timekeeper shall record each penalty shot awarded and the result of the shot.
- (b) The Penalty Timekeeper shall check and ensure that the time served by all penalized players is correct. The Penalty Timekeeper shall be responsible for the correct posting of all minor and major penalties on the scoreboard and shall promptly notify the Referee of any discrepancy between the time recorded on the clock and the correct official time.

The Penalty Timekeeper shall, upon request, inform a penalized player of any unexpired penalty time.

Misconduct and coincident minor penalties shall not be recorded on the clock, but such penalized players shall be alerted and released at the first stoppage of play following the expiration of the penalties.

- (c) If a player leaves the penalty bench prior to the expiration of the penalty, the Penalty Timekeeper shall note the time and signal the Referee at the next stoppage of play.

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Rule 506 Official Scorer

- (a) The "OFFICIAL SCORER" shall obtain a list of eligible players from each team, prior to the start of the game. This information shall be made known to the Coach of each team.

The Official Scorer shall secure the names of the Captain of each team and note such on the Official Score Sheet.

- (b) The Official Scorer shall keep a correct record of all goals scored, and to whom credit shall be given for assists.

The Official Scorer shall also record the time of entry into the game of any substitute goalkeeper and shall record when a goal has been scored while the goalkeeper has been removed from the playing surface.

- (c) The points for goals and assists shall be announced over the public address system and all changes in such awards shall also be announced.

No requests for changes in any award of points shall be considered unless they are made at or prior to the conclusion of the game by the team Captain.

- (d) The Official Scorer shall prepare the Official Score Sheet for signature by the Officials and forward it to the League Authorities.

Rule 507 Game Timekeeper

- (a) The "GAME TIMEKEEPER" shall signal the Referee for the start of each quarter and the Referee shall start play promptly in accordance with the scheduled playing time. The Game Timekeeper shall record all official playing time.

- (b) If the rink is not equipped with an automatic sound device, or such sound device fails, the Game Timekeeper shall signal the end of play time by blowing a whistle.

- (c) The Game Timekeeper shall announce when one minute of actual playing time

NEW remains in ***each of the first three quarters and when two minutes remains in the last quarter.***

Rule 508 League Authorities

- (a) The "LEAGUE AUTHORITIES" as applied under these rules shall be defined as the immediate governing body of the team or teams involved.