



## 2020-21 and 2021-22 Major Rules Changes for Men's and Women's Ice Hockey

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. These changes will be incorporated into the rules book for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Rule Change and Rationale</u>
25.2 Penalty Shot	<p>To clarify that the spin-o-rama type move where the player completes a 360 degree turn as the player approaches the goal, shall not be permitted.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This change clarifies what a legal move is when attempting a penalty shot. This rule change is consistent with the National Hockey League's rules on this type of move.</p>
81.1 Faceoff Procedure	<p>To modify the current faceoff procedure so that on the initial violation of the faceoff, the center will not be removed. The linesman will issue a warning to the violating team and any subsequent violation by the same team during the same faceoff will result in a bench minor to the violating team.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To speed up the faceoff by not removing the center after the first violation. <i>(Note: This change has no impact on a player's ability to use their skate to win the faceoff.)</i></p>
81.2 Faceoff Location	<p>To permit the attacking team to select the location of the faceoff in the offensive half of the zone following an icing or the start of a powerplay.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To create more offensive opportunities by permitting the attacking team the choice to select where they would like to take the faceoff.</p>
82.4 Postgame Handshake	<p>To remove the requirement from the playing rules for coaches and players to assemble in their appropriate areas to conduct the postgame handshake.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This change will allow conferences to determine the best practice to show sportsmanship.</p>
91.1 Tied Games – Regular Season	<p>To require that if the game is tied at the end of regulation teams will conduct a sudden-victory five minute 3-on-3 overtime period. No alternative systems are permitted with the exception of regular season tournaments that require a team to advance.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To establish a consistent format nationally for games that remain tied after regulation. 3-on-3 overtime is designed to create more space on the ice, allowing for the opportunity for more goals to be scored and more games to end in overtime rather than the shootout. The change aligns collegiate hockey with what other high level hockey leagues do globally to determine a winner in overtime.</p>

<p>91.2 Tied Games – Regular Season Conference Formats</p>	<p>To require that if the game remains tied after regulation teams shall conduct a five-minute sudden-victory 3-on-3 overtime period as consistent with Rule 91.1. By conference policy only, a three-player shootout may be used immediately after the mandatory five-minute overtime period.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To provide conferences the ability to award conference points during conference play to the winner of a shootout should the game remain tied after the overtime period.</p>
<p>91.5 Tied Games – Regular Season Tournaments</p>	<p>To remove the option of conducting a 20-minute sudden-victory 5-on-5 overtime format should the game remain tied after the five-minute 3-on-3 overtime period during a regular season tournament.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To provide consistency in the determination of a winner in regular season tournament games. All regular season tournament games that remain tied after regulation shall end in either a 3-on-3 overtime period or if still tied after that 3-on-3 overtime period, a three-player shootout shall be used to determine the winner.</p>
<p>Appendix B Shootout Protocol</p>	<p>To modify the shootout protocol to permit an injured goalkeeper to re-enter the shootout if the goalkeeper sustains an injury and is removed from the shootout.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This change would permit an injured goalkeeper to re-enter the shootout. The current protocol prevents re-entry once the goalkeeper is removed from the shootout.</p>