



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Ice Hockey Conference Commissioners, Coordinators of Officials and Head Coaches.

FROM: Jeff Fulton, Secretary-Rules Editor  
NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee

SUBJECT: 2020-21 Preseason Rules Guidance and Clarifications.

This communication is intended to assist with preparations for the 2020-21 NCAA ice hockey season. Several important pieces of information are included to assist with the understanding and application of the rules.

The rules committee and NCAA staff have prepared rules and officiating materials designed to assist in the understanding of our rules and expectations with regard to enforcement.

- 1. Secretary-Rules Editor.** The NCAA and the men's and women's ice hockey rules committee would like to thank Steve Piotrowski for serving college hockey for the past 12 years as the secretary-rules editor. As Mr. Piotrowski's term has ended, Jeff Fulton will serve as the secretary-rules editor moving forward. Should you have any playing rules questions, please contact Mr. Fulton at [NCAAFulton@gmail.com](mailto:NCAAFulton@gmail.com).
- 2. Rules Videos.** The rules and officiating staff has prepared two video presentations to be utilized at the upcoming clinics and in preseason meetings. Please share these videos with your team as you begin preparing for the upcoming season. Links to the videos are below:
  - Rules and Officiating Video (both Men's and Women's): To view the 2020-21 NCAA ice hockey video, please click [here](#).
  - Women's Supplemental Video: To view the 2020-21 NCAA women's ice hockey video, please click [here](#).
- 3. Major Rules Changes.** The complete list of the new rules changes is located [here](#). A copy of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 rules book will be mailed to each head coach and conference commissioner. Please note that in the printed rules book there is a page numbering error at the start of the index. This error has no impact on the index references, and the error has been corrected in the digital version of the rules book. A free digital version of the rules book will be posted at [www.ncaapublications.com](http://www.ncaapublications.com) over the coming weeks. The committee approved new points of emphasis for the 2020-21 season which can be found in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 rules book.

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- 4. NCAA Center Ice Hub – Coach Access.** The home of the NCAA’s officiating education and guidance is open to all coaches and conference administrators. You are encouraged to sign up for credentials by going to the link below and clicking on the “REGISTRATION” tab. All educational materials that are distributed to officials will be posted here, including testing, videos and other guidance. As coaches and administrators, we hope you will take advantage of being a part of this important training tool.

**Center Ice Hub Site:** <https://ncaaicehockey.arbitersports.com/front/>

Thank you for your attention to this information as you prepare for the coming year. Additional information will be supplied in the near future at the preseason conference clinics and meetings. Please go to [www.ncaa.org/playingrules](http://www.ncaa.org/playingrules) to review all information (e.g., rules book, video, etc.). Hopefully, this will assist officials and coaches in understanding our rules changes for this season.

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cc: NCAA Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Officials  
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Selected NCAA Staff Members