



2021-22 Major Rules Changes/Clarifications for Men's and Women's Ice Hockey

The following rules changes were approved through the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules change process. These changes will be incorporated into the rules book for the 2021-22 seasons. Listed below are the major changes of note; some editorial changes will be highlighted in the online version of the rule book for this season. The book may viewed at www.NCAAPublications.com.

Rule	Rule Change
Rule 91.4 Tied Games Post Season Tournament	<p>New Rule: Each team shall be allowed a one-minute timeout per overtime period; the timeout may be taken anytime during a stoppage of play. In addition, at the first stoppage of play at or under the 10-minute mark, an ice maintenance timeout of one minute in duration will be administered.</p> <p>Rationale: Allow teams one timeout per overtime period plus a one-minute ice maintenance at or under 10 minutes. <i>Ice Maintenance in overtime will occur regardless of the reason for the whistle (e.g. icing, power play, etc.)</i></p>
Rule	Clarifications
Rule 85.1/85.4 Icing	<p>Clarification: The determination of players on the ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending player's stick.</p> <p>Rational: Add clarification around release of the puck on an icing and players on the ice.</p>
Rule 84 Handpass	<p>Clarification: The position of the puck where it is played, not the player, shall be the determining factor in which zone it has been played from.</p> <p>Rationale: Add clarification around location of puck and players skates in determining the infraction.</p>
Rule 86 Offsides	<p>Clarification: If, during a delayed off-side, an attacking player in the attacking zone elects to proceed to his players' bench (which extends into the attacking zone) to be replaced by a teammate, he shall be considered to have cleared the zone when both skates are off the ice and the Linesman judges him to have left the playing surface.</p> <p>If his replacement comes onto the ice in the attacking zone, while the delayed off-side is still in effect, he too must clear the attacking zone. Once all attacking players have cleared the attacking zone and the Linesman has lowered his arm for the delayed off-side, all attacking players may legally enter the attacking zone and pursue the puck.</p> <p>Rationale: Add clarification around a delayed offsides and the offensive player retreating to the bench</p>
Rule 93.4 Video Replay Criteria	<p>Clarification: To determine if a goal was scored as the direct result of a high stick by an attacking player to a teammate or to himself/herself.</p>

	Rationale: Adding clarification on high stick to include himself/herself
93.4 Video Replay	Clarification: Direct Result is defined as there is no Change of Possession after the infraction and prior to the goal. Rationale: Adding definition of “Direct Result”
Rule 93.6 Video Replay Criteria	Clarification: Video review must be initiated and reviewed prior to officials exiting the ice for the end of a period. Rationale: Clarification identifies the next face-off does not include after the officials have exited the ice for the end of period.
Rule 89.1 Puck out of Bounds or Unplayable	Clarification: Should the puck strike the curved glass located at the end of either players’ bench; play shall be stopped when observed by any of the on-ice officials. The ensuing face-off shall be determined as if the puck went outside the playing area. Rationale: Clarification if the puck strikes the curved glass it should be considered out of play
Rule 93.4 Video Replay Criteria	Clarification: The legitimacy of all potential goals on Penalty Shot or Shootout attempts to ensure compliance with applicable rules (e.g., double tap, goalkeeper throwing stick, goalkeeper dislodging goal, shooter cradling puck above the normal height of the shoulders, shooter performing illegal spin-o-rama move, skater’s continued forward advancement of puck, goalkeeper leaving crease prior to puck touch at center ice, etc.) Rationale: Allows for penalty shot/shootout goals to be reviewed through video replay process
Rule 93.4 Video Replay Criteria	Clarification: where a major penalty goes un-noticed prior to a goal, the goal shall be disallowed, and clock will be reset to time of infraction. Rationale: Identifies a clock reset when a goal is over-turned due to a major penalty.
Appendix B Shootout Protocol	Clarification: No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot. If, however, because of injury or penalty, one team has fewer players eligible for the shootout than its opponent, both teams may select from among the players who have already shot. This procedure would continue until the team with fewer players has again used all eligible shooters. Rationale: Add to shootout procedure, when one team has un-equal number of shooters (i.e. 18 vs 16 shooters available) due to penalties or injury.

<p>Rule 61</p> <p>Tripping Penalty Shot/Optional Minor</p>	<p>Clarification: If Penalty shot is selected then the player isn't required to serve the penalty and no further penalties assessed unless the infraction is a major, misconduct or disqualification penalty (see 25.3 and 72.1).</p> <p>Rationale: Clarifies wording when a penalty shot is selected that the penalized player is not required to serve penalty.</p>
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