



## MEMORANDUM

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### VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Conference Commissioners, Coaches and Officials

FROM: Jeff Fulton, secretary-rules editor  
NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Book – Significant Guidance and Updates

As you are likely aware, based on our October 11, 2024 communication, the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee provided several areas of guidance early in the season. As a result of this guidance, the NCAA rules book has been updated to reflect these clarifications. Several editorial adjustments were needed due to this change in direction and a few other minor editorial corrections were identified. The rules book has been updated online at [www.ncaapublications.com](http://www.ncaapublications.com) and is identified as an online-only publication.

During that process, several other areas of the book (mostly editorial) were noted and adjusted in the online publication. A few items have been raised as causing confusion by officials, coaches and administrators – these are listed in the second page of this document.

This list is being provided because this handful of clarifications are considered significant enough to potentially alter on-ice enforcement. Please review these items carefully and make notes in your printed book as you see fit. Additional education will be distributed to reinforce these items through the RefQuest platform.

Thank you for your attention to this information and good luck the rest of the season.

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cc: NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee  
NCAA Registered Officials and Coordinators of Officials  
Selected NCAA Staff Members

**NCAA ICE HOCKEY RULES: CHART OF SIGNIFICANT UPDATES****OCTOBER 25, 2024**

<b>Rule/Page</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Description of Clarification</b>
25.2/37	Penalty Shot - Awarded Goals	Goal may be awarded if goalkeeper throws stick, deliberately dislodges goal, etc. Editorial disagreement in Rule 25.4, so this wording was removed from 25.2.
81.2/83 and AR 23 (Page 151)	Faceoff locations	Non-offending team chooses the faceoff location after all penalties, not just those that result in a power play.
89.3/100; AR/160	Puck Unplayable – Offensive Zone	An offensive zone faceoff will be conducted when the puck becomes unplayable, provided the action starts and finishes in the attacking zone (e.g., shot/pass, etc.).
93.7/106	Coach Challenge – Must Specify	Clarification was added last year to require the coach to specify what aspect of the video replay criteria is being challenged and the review is limited to that aspect.
AR/138-139	Major Penalties	This AR is not consistent with the rules committee guidance. In situations where a major penalty was not detected and the non-penalized team scores a goal during intervening action, the penalty shall be enforced, the goal is allowed, and play shall continue from the stoppage of play (no game time restored).
AR/151 (Rule 81)	Faceoffs	This AR was not updated with the rules change; initial faceoff violation for encroachment (or any other violation) results in the center of the offending team being replaced.
AR/163	Penalty Options	Corrected AR 4 to note officials have all penalty options available, in accordance with the rules change.