



HOCKEY

NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY | VIDEO REPLAY REFERENCE GUIDE

2026-28 Rules • Rule 93.4 • Women's Ice Hockey

REFEREE INITIATED OR COACH'S CHALLENGE

- Puck completely crossing the goal line.
- Puck entering the goal legally through the goal mouth (not through or under the net).
- Puck entering the net before the goal frame is dislodged.
- Puck entering the net before time expires, a whistle, or play is ruled stopped.
- Puck deflecting into the net off an on-ice official.
- Correct game/penalty clock time or face-off location, including time lost on false face-offs.
- Review of a major penalty, subject to Rule 93.4(c). ***Women's game: Officials may use this procedure when a major penalty is being considered.***
- Whether a goal was scored before a penalty infraction occurred.
- Correct identification of players involved in a fight or infraction.
- Validity of a penalty-shot or shootout goal under applicable procedures.
- Goal resulting from continuous play despite an inadvertent whistle after losing sight of the puck.

COACH'S CHALLENGE ONLY

- Goal after an offside entry, before the puck exits the zone or play restarts after a stoppage.
- Puck directed into the net by a hand.
- Puck directed into the net by a distinct kicking motion
- Puck directed into the net by a stick contacting the puck above crossbar height.
- Goal allowed or disallowed due to potential goalkeeper interference.
- Defending skater (not goalkeeper) covering or gathering the puck in the goal crease.
- Goal after a missed attacking-zone stoppage, with the puck remaining in the zone.
- **Women's hockey:** Review for a major when no penalty or only a minor was called on the ice.

Important: In women's hockey, officials may only use this procedure when an on-ice major penalty is being considered; a minor or no-call requires a coach's challenge for major-penalty review.

Challenge reminder: Specify the review criterion and approximate time. An unsuccessful challenge costs a time-out, or a bench minor if the time-out has been used. Conclusive evidence is required to overturn an on-ice ruling.



WOMEN'S MAJOR PENALTY VIDEO REVIEW GUIDE

ON-ICE RULING & AVAILABLE OUTCOMES

Quick reference - three review scenarios. Original on-ice ruling determines which outcomes are available following review.

MAJOR PENALTY IS BEING CONSIDERED

Includes a major indicated by a referee or reported by a linesperson.

Key principle: All options are available.

Video finding	Permitted outcome
Video shows no penalty	Remove the penalty.
Video supports a minor penalty	Assess a minor penalty.
Video supports a major penalty	Assess the major penalty, with a game misconduct or game disqualification as applicable.
Video is inconclusive	Retain the major penalty assessed on the ice.

NO PENALTY ASSESSED ON THE ICE

Coach's challenge requesting review for a major penalty.

Key principle: A minor penalty cannot be assessed through this challenge. Reminder, an unsuccessful challenge costs a time-out, or a bench minor if the time-out has been used.

Video finding	Permitted outcome
Video shows no penalty	No penalty.
Video supports only a minor penalty	No penalty.
Video supports a major penalty	Assess the major penalty, with a game misconduct or game disqualification as applicable.
Video is inconclusive	No penalty; the original no-call stands.

MINOR PENALTY ASSESSED ON THE ICE

Coach's challenge requesting an upgrade to a major penalty.

Key principle: The original minor cannot be removed through this challenge. Reminder, an unsuccessful challenge costs a time-out, or a bench minor if the time-out has been used.

Video finding	Permitted outcome
Video supports a minor penalty	Retain the minor penalty.
Video supports a major penalty	Upgrade to a major penalty, with a game misconduct or game disqualification as applicable.
Video shows no penalty	Retain the original minor penalty.
Video is inconclusive	Retain the original minor penalty.

REPLAY REVIEW REQUIREMENT

In the Women's game, officials may use video review when a major penalty is being considered. When there is no penalty or a minor penalty called on the ice, a team must use a coach's challenge for the play to be reviewed for a major penalty.

Note: Game misconduct and game disqualification assessments depend on the applicable penalty rule. This reference summarizes the review outcomes provided and should be checked against the current NCAA rulebook before formal distribution.