



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Ice Hockey Conference Commissioners, Directors of Athletics and Head Coaches.

FROM: Steve Piotrowski, secretary-rules editor
NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey.

SUBJECT: Ice Hockey Playing Rules Reminders for the 2026-27 Season.

As a new playing season approaches, here are a few important items to consider. The 2026-27 season will be the first year using the 2026-27 and 2027-28 NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Book, which can be downloaded as a PDF [here](#). Physical copies of the Rules Book can be purchased [here](#). The 2026-27 major rules changes available on the NCAA ice hockey playing rules [website](#) under "Updates" and on NCAA Center Ice on [RQ+](#). As rules questions and interpretations are issued throughout the 2026-27 season, they also will be available on the NCAA ice hockey playing rules website and Center Ice.

1. Preseason Rules Education: Both the Men's and Women's Preseason education videos, containing rule changes and points of emphasis, can be found on the [Central Hub](#). Recorded sessions of preseason webinars will be uploaded as they are available.
2. Game DQ and Game Misconduct Appeals: The NCAA has refined the Game Disqualification and Game Misconduct appeal procedure. Team personnel must contact their conference commissioner and coordinator of officials, who will review the play for clear and obvious misapplication of the rules. The conference office will then file the appeal to be reviewed by the National Coordinators of Officials and Secretary-Rules Editor. More information regarding deadlines of appeal and response can be found [here](#). The Ice Hockey Appeal form is available through your conference office.
3. Registration on RQ+: NCAA Ice Hockey will continue to utilize RQ+ as the official platform to distribute rules clarifications, announcements and interpretations. Officiating updates and clarifications also are posted throughout the season. The central hub is now available at www.refquest.com. Commissioners, conference administrators and head coaches are automatically uploaded into the central hub based on information provided in the NCAA Directory. Coaches that don't have access to Center Ice, or need access for additional staff/coaches, please register at no cost using the link above. Conference commissioners and conference soccer administrators who need access to Center Ice may contact Bobbi Edmunds at bobbi@refquest.com.

Should you have any rules questions, please contact Steve Piotrowski at ncaapiotrowski@gmail.com.

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Thank you in advance for your support and have a great season.

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NCAA Divisions II and III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee
NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee
NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey
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