

SECTION FOUR

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Rule 401 Penalties

- (a) Penalties shall be actual playing time and shall be divided into the following classes:
- 1) Minor Penalties
 - 2) Bench Minor Penalties
 - 3) Major Penalties
 - 4) Misconduct Penalties
 - 5) Match Penalties
 - 6) Penalty Shot
- (b) When play is not actually in progress and an offense is committed by any player or Team Official, the same penalty shall apply as though play were actually in progress.

Rule 402 Minor Penalties

- (a) For a "MINOR PENALTY" the offending player, other than a goalkeeper, shall be ruled off the playing surface for one and one half minutes, during which time no substitute shall be permitted.

If running time is being played and a minor or bench minor penalty terminates, allowing the team to have an additional player on the playing surface, during a stoppage of play, the player so penalised shall remain in the penalty bench until the ensuing face-off is conducted.

- (b) For a "BENCH MINOR PENALTY" one player of the penalised team shall be ruled off the playing surface for one and one half minutes, during which time no substitute shall be permitted. Any non-penalised player, other than a goalkeeper, may be designated to serve the penalty by the Coach or Manager and such player shall immediately serve the penalty.
- (c) If the opposing team scores a goal while a team is shorthanded by one or more minor or bench minor penalties, the first of such penalties shall automatically terminate.

"Shorthanded" means that the team must be below the numerical strength of its opponents on the playing surface at the time the goal is scored. The minor or bench minor which terminates automatically is the one which causes the team to be "shorthanded". Thus, if an equal number of players from each team are serving an equal number of minor penalties, neither team is "shorthanded".

This rule shall also apply when a goal is scored on a penalty shot or an awarded goal.

- (d) When the minor penalties of two players of the same team terminate at the same time, the Captain of that team shall designate to the Referee which of such players shall return to the playing surface first and the Referee shall instruct the Penalty Timekeeper accordingly.
- (e) When a player receives a major penalty and a minor penalty at the same time, the major penalty shall be served first by the penalised player except if the major penalties are coincident, in which case the minor penalty shall be served first.
- (f) When coincident minor penalties are assessed to players of both teams, the penalised players shall take their place on the penalty bench and such players shall not leave the penalty bench until the first stoppage of play following the expiration of their respective penalties. Immediate substitutions shall be made for an equal number of minor penalties or coincident minor penalties of equal duration to each team so penalised and the penalties of the players for whom substitutions have been made shall not be taken into account for the purpose of a delayed penalty.

Rule 403 Major Penalties

- (a) For the first "MAJOR PENALTY" in any one game, the offending player, other than a goalkeeper, shall be ruled off the playing surface for four minutes, during which

time no substitute shall be permitted.

- (b) For the second major penalty in the same game, to the same player or goalkeeper, the player shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty in addition to the major penalty. This game misconduct penalty shall be in lieu of any required game misconduct penalty for the major infraction. A player from the offending team shall be placed in the penalty bench immediately to serve the major penalty.
- (c) When coincident major penalties or coincident penalties of equal duration including a major penalty are assessed to players of both teams, the penalised players shall all take their place on the penalty bench and such penalised players shall not leave the penalty bench until the first stoppage of play following the expiration of their respective penalties.

Immediate substitutions shall be made for an equal number of major penalties or coincident penalties of equal duration including a major penalty to each team so penalised and the penalties of the players for which substitutions have been made shall not be taken into account for the purpose of a delayed penalty.

Where it is required to determine which of the penalised players shall be designated to serve the delayed penalty under Rule 408, the penalised team shall have the right to make such designation not in conflict with Rule 402.

- (d) When coincident penalties of unequal duration (each including one major penalty) are assessed to one player of each team, the penalised players shall all take their place on the penalty bench and such penalised players shall not leave the penalty bench until the first stoppage of play following the expiration of their respective penalties.

The penalties which create the disparity in total penalty time shall be served first in the normal manner by the penalised players. Immediate substitution shall be permitted for the major penalties of each player.

Rule 404 Misconduct Penalties

- (a) A "MISCONDUCT PENALTY" involves the removal of a player, other than a goalkeeper, for a period of ten minutes, but another player is permitted to immediately replace a player so removed. A player whose misconduct penalty has expired shall remain in the penalty bench until the next stoppage of play.

Unless immediate substitution is permitted under coincident penalty rules 402 and 403, when a player receives a minor or major penalty and a misconduct, game misconduct or a **match** penalty at the same time, the penalised team shall immediately place an additional non-penalised player, other than a goalkeeper, on the penalty bench and such player may not be changed.

Any violation of this provision shall be treated as illegal substitution under Rule 205.

If any player is assessed a second misconduct penalty in the same game, he shall automatically be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

- (b) A "GAME MISCONDUCT" penalty involves the suspension of a player for the balance of the game, but a substitute is permitted to replace the player so removed.
- (c) The Referees are required to report all game misconduct penalties and all surrounding circumstances to the Tournament Authorities immediately following the Game. The Tournament Authorities shall have full power to impose further penalties.

For all game misconduct penalties regardless of when assessed, a total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against the offending player.

A mandatory hearing shall be held and a decision made relative to any further disciplinary action within 30 days of the incident. If circumstances prevent the Tournament Authorities from conducting the hearing, the suspension shall be automatically terminated after 30 days.

- (d) A Team Official who is assessed a game misconduct may not sit near the team bench, nor in any way attempt to direct the play of the team.

Rule 405 Match Penalties

- (a) A "MATCH PENALTY" involves the suspension of a player for the balance of the game and the offending player shall be ordered to the dressing room immediately. Unless immediate substitution is permitted under the coincident penalty rules 403 and 405, the penalised team shall immediately place a non penalised player, other than a goalkeeper, on the penalty bench to serve the four minute time portion of the penalty and such player may not be changed.

The player shall also serve any additional minor or major penalty assessed to the offending player unless immediate substitution is permitted under coincident penalty rules 402 and 403.

The Referees are required to report all match penalties and all surrounding circumstances to the Tournament Authorities immediately following the game. The Tournament Authorities shall have full power to impose further penalties.

For all match penalties, regardless of when assessed, a total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against the offending player.

- (b) When coincident match penalties have been assessed or when any combination of coincident major and match penalties have been assessed to a player or players of both teams, rule 403 covering major penalties shall be applicable with respect to player substitutions.
- (c) A player who has been assessed a match penalty shall be suspended from participating in any games or practices until the case has been dealt with by the Tournament Authorities.

A mandatory hearing shall be held and a decision made relative to any further disciplinary action within 30 days of the incident. If circumstances prevent the Tournament Authorities from conducting the hearing, the suspension shall be automatically terminated after 30 days.

- (d) A Team Official who is assessed a match penalty may not sit near the team bench, nor in any way attempt to direct the play of the team.

Rule 406 Penalty Shot

- (a) Any infraction of the rules which calls for a "Penalty Shot" shall be taken as follows:

The Referees shall identify the player entitled to take the shot (as appropriate) and shall then place the puck on the centre face-off spot. The player taking the shot shall, on the whistle of a Referee, play the puck and shall attempt to score on the goalkeeper. Once the player taking the shot has touched the puck, it must be kept in motion towards the opponent's goal line and once it is shot, the play shall be considered complete. No goal can be scored on a rebound of any kind and any time the puck crosses the goal line the shot shall be considered complete.

Only a player designated as a goalkeeper, substitute goalkeeper or temporary goalkeeper may defend against a penalty shot.

- (b) The goalkeeper must remain in the goal crease until the player taking the shot touches the puck and in the event of violation of this rule or any foul committed by a goalkeeper the Referees shall allow the shot to be taken and if the shot fails the Referees shall permit the penalty shot to be taken again.

The goalkeeper may attempt to stop the shot in any manner except by throwing the stick or any other object, in which case a goal shall be awarded.

- (c) In cases where a penalty shot has been awarded under Rule 609 deliberately displacing the goal post or removing the helmet/face mask during a breakaway, Rule 609 delaying the game, Rule 625 illegal entry into the game, Rule 636 for throwing a stick and under Rule 639 for fouling

from behind, the Referees shall designate the player who has been fouled as the player who takes the penalty shot.

In cases where a penalty shot has been awarded under Rule 612 falling on the puck in the goal crease or Rule 616 picking up the puck from the goal crease area, the penalty shot shall be taken by a player selected by the Captain of the non-offending team from the players on the playing surface at the time when the foul was committed. Such selection shall be reported to the Referees and cannot be changed.

If by reason of injury the player designated by a Referees to take the penalty shot is unable to do so, the shot may be taken by a player selected by the Captain of the non-offending team from players on the playing surface when the foul was committed. Such selection shall be reported to the Referees and cannot be changed.

- (d) Should the player in respect to whom a penalty shot has been awarded commit a foul in connection with the same play or circumstances, either before or after the penalty shot has been awarded, the player shall be first permitted to take the shot before being sent to the penalty bench to serve the penalty, except when such a penalty is for a game misconduct or match penalty in which case the penalty shot shall be taken by a player selected by the Captain of the non-offending team from the players on the playing surface at the time the foul was committed.

If, at the time a penalty shot is awarded, the goalkeeper of the penalised team has been removed from the playing surface for another player, the goalkeeper shall be permitted to return to the playing surface before the penalty shot is taken.

- (e) While the penalty shot is being taken, all players of both teams except those involved with the taking of the penalty shot, must withdraw from the playing surface onto their respective players' bench.
- (f) If, while the penalty shot is being taken, any player of the opposing team shall interfere with or distract the player taking the shot, a goal shall be awarded.
- (g) If the goal is scored during a penalty shot, the puck shall be faced-off at the centre spot. If a goal is not scored, the puck shall be faced-off at either of the end face-off spots in the zone in which the penalty shot was taken.
- (h) Whether or not a goal is scored from a penalty shot, if an infraction for which the penalty shot was awarded was such to incur:
- 1) a major, match or misconduct penalty, the penalty shall be assessed in addition to the penalty shot.
 - 2) a minor or bench minor penalty, a further penalty to the offending player shall not be applied.

NZIHA prescribes that a minor or bench minor penalty shall be assessed, recorded on the score sheet but not served.

- (i) If the foul upon which the penalty shot is based occurs during actual playing time, the penalty shot shall be awarded and taken immediately following the normal stoppage of play.

The time required for the taking of a penalty shot shall not be included in the regular playing time.

Rule 407 Goalkeeper Penalties

- (a) A goalkeeper shall not be sent to the penalty bench for an infraction which incurs a minor, major or misconduct penalty, but instead the penalty shall be served by a teammate who was on the playing surface at the time the infraction was committed. Such player shall be designated by the Coach and shall not be changed.
- (b) When a goalkeeper incurs a game misconduct penalty, the position shall be taken by a teammate, or by a substitute or temporary goalkeeper who is available, and such player shall be allowed the goalkeeper's full equipment.
- (c) When a goalkeeper incurs a match penalty, the position shall be taken by a teammate or a substitute goalkeeper who is available, and such player shall be allowed the goalkeeper's equipment. However, any additional penalties specifically called for by the individual rules covering match penalties shall apply, and the offending team shall be penalised accordingly. Such additional penalty shall be served by another member of the team who was on the playing surface at the time the infraction was committed. Such player is to be designated by the Coach through the playing Captain and shall not be changed.
- (d) All penalties assessed to a goalkeeper, regardless of who serves the penalty, or any substitution, shall be charged in the records against the goalkeeper.
- (e) A minor penalty shall be assessed to a goalkeeper who participates in the play in any manner beyond the centre line.

Rule 408 Delayed Penalties

- (a) Except in the last two minutes of play or at anytime during Overtime, if a second player of any team is penalised while one player of the same team is serving penalties, the penalty time of the second player shall not commence until the penalty time of the player already penalised has elapsed. Nevertheless, the second player penalised must immediately proceed to the penalty bench and may be replaced by a substitute until such time as the penalty time of the penalised player shall commence.

In the last two minutes of play or at anytime during Overtime, the delayed penalty rule applies to the third penalised player of the same team. This rule allows a team to have a minimum of three players including the goalkeeper on the playing surface.

- (b) Except in the last two minutes of play or at anytime during Overtime, when any team shall have two players serving penalties at the same time and because of the delayed penalty rule a substitute for the second offender is on the playing surface, none of the two penalised players on the penalty bench may return to the playing surface until play has been stopped. When the play has been stopped, the player whose full penalty has expired may return to the playing surface.

Except in the last two minutes of play or at anytime during Overtime, the Penalty Timekeeper shall permit the return to the playing surface in the order of expiration of their penalties, of a player or players when by reason of the expiration of their penalties the penalised team is entitled to have more than four players on the playing surface.

In the last two minutes of play or at anytime during Overtime, the delayed penalty rule applies to the third penalised player of the same team. This rule allows a team to have a minimum of three players on the playing surface.

- (c) In the case of delayed penalties, the penalised players whose penalties have expired shall only be allowed to return to the playing surface when there is a stoppage of play.

When the penalties of two players of the same team shall expire at the same time, the Captain of that team shall designate to the Referees which player shall return to the playing surface first and a Referee shall instruct the Penalty Timekeeper accordingly.

When a major and a minor penalty are assessed at the same time to different players of the same team, the minor penalty shall be recorded as being the first of such penalties.

Rule 409 Calling of Penalties

- (a) Should an infraction of the rules be committed by a player of the team in possession of the puck, the Referee shall immediately stop play and assess the penalty(s) to the offending player(s).
- (b) Should an infraction of the rules which would call for a penalty, be committed by a player of a team not in possession of the puck the Referee shall signify the calling of a delayed penalty by raising their non whistle arm and upon completion of the play by the team in possession, will immediately stop play and assess the penalty to the offending player.

“Completion of the play by the team in possession” in this rule means that the puck must have come into the possession and control of an opposing player or has been “frozen”. This does not mean a rebound off the goalkeeper, the goal or the boards or any accidental contact with the body or equipment of an opposing player.

- (c) The ensuing face-off shall take place at the face-off spot nearest to the location of the puck when play is stopped unless the stoppage occurs in the Attacking Zone of the player penalised, in which case the face-off shall be conducted at the nearest high zone face-off spot.
- (d) If the penalty to be assessed is a minor penalty and a goal is scored on the play by the non-offending team, the minor penalty shall not be assessed, but all other minor, major or match penalties shall be assessed in the normal manner regardless of whether or not a goal is scored.

NZIHA prescribes that the first of the minor penalties shall be assessed, recorded on the score sheet but not served.

- (e) If, after a Referee has raised their arm, a goal is scored in any manner against the non-offending team, the goal will not be allowed and a penalty shall be imposed.
- (f) If, after a Referee has raised their arm and the non-offending team scores a goal, the goal will be allowed and the first Minor Penalty will not be assessed. All other penalties shall be assessed. If the offending team is already short handed, the signalled Minor penalty will be washed out but all penalties served in the penalty bench will remain. All other penalties that occurred during the same play shall be assessed.

NZIHA prescribes that the first of the minor penalties shall be assessed, recorded on the score sheet but not served.

- (g) Should the same offending player commit other fouls on the same play, either before or after a Referee has stopped play, the offending player shall serve such penalties consecutively.
- (h) All minor and bench minor penalties occurring after a goal has been scored or during the stoppage of play when a penalty shot is being attempted, shall be served in the normal manner under this rule.

Rule 410 Supplementary Discipline

- (a) In addition to the suspensions assessed under these rules, the NZIHA or its approved authorities may, at the conclusion of the game, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game and may assess additional suspensions for any offense committed before, during or after any game by a player or Team Official, whether or not such offense had been witnessed or penalised by the Referees.
- (b) Any suspension not fully served at the conclusion of one competition/season shall carry forward to the next competition/season of that player and shall continue until fully served. For the purpose of this clause a player must be a registered player member for the current season

SECTION FIVE

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Rule 501 Appointment of Officials

- (a) Referee system - The official method of officiating IIHF games is with two Referees (2 referee system).
- (b) All Game Officials shall be controlled and assigned by the Tournament or by the NZIHA or its approved authorities.

NZIHA prescribes that for NZIHA Championship tournaments, the NZIHA Chief Referee shall appoint all referees.

- (c) The Referees shall have full authority and final decision in all matters of dispute, and not subject to appeal during the course of a game.
- (d) All Referees shall wear black trousers, black and white striped sweaters designed for in-line hockey, a facial visor and a black hockey helmet with chin strap properly fastened, elbow pads and shin and knee protection.

Referees shall wear the current NZIHA Officials crest on the left chest of the sweater. Any other crest that is worn shall be placed on either arm of the sweater. Other Referee accreditation may be worn on shoulder of sleeve.

Referees shall be equipped with finger whistles and metal tape measures with a minimum length of 2m.

- (e) For tournament play, the Tournament Committee shall appoint a Game Timekeeper, a Penalty Timekeeper, an Official Scorer and two Goal Judges.

Rule 502 Referees

- (a) The "REFEREES" shall have general supervision of the game and shall have full control of all Game Officials and players before, during and after the game on and off the playing surface. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Referees shall be final.

The Officials shall enter the playing surface prior to warm ups and remain on the surface at the conclusion of each half until all players have proceeded to their dressing rooms. Penalties may be assessed at any time before, during and after the game.

- (b) Prior to each game, the Referees shall check the member cards of each player and Coach against the game roster. Any participant who does not possess a card shall not be allowed to participate.
- (c) The Referees shall order the teams onto the playing surface at the appointed time for the beginning of each game and at the start of each quarter.

If for any reason there should be more than fifteen minutes delay in the commencement of the game or any undue delay in resuming play for the following quarters, the Referees shall state in the report to the Tournament Authorities the cause of the delay and the team(s) that was at fault.

- (d) The Referees shall make a visual inspection of all players during the warm-up. If there is any lack of conformity to the regulations on mandatory equipment, the Referees shall ensure that the required equipment is in place.
- (e) The Referees shall, prior to the start of the game, see that the appointed Game Timekeeper, Penalty Timekeeper, Official Scorer and Goal Judges are in their respective places and that the timing and signalling equipment is in good working order.
- (f) A Referee shall impose such penalties as are prescribed by the rules for infractions thereof and the Referees shall have the final decision regarding all goals. A Referee shall consult with the

other Referee and the Goal Judge, if necessary, before making a final decision.+

- (g) A Referee shall report to the Official Scorer or Penalty Timekeeper all goals and assists legally scored and all penalties assessed and the reason for the assessment of such penalties.

A Referee shall report the reason for not allowing a goal every time the goal light is turned on in error during the course of play and every time a goal is illegally scored.

- (h) If the Referees cannot appear for a game or one is unable to continue due to illness or injury, the Managers or Coaches of the teams shall agree on the Referee(s). If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team who shall act as Referee(s). If the regularly appointed Referees appear during the progress of the game, they shall at once replace the temporary Referees.
- (i) After each game, the Referees shall check and sign the score sheet and return it to the Official Scorer.

Referees are required to report to the Tournament Authorities all game misconduct, and match penalties immediately following the game giving full details of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Rule 503 Other Duties by the Referees

- (a) The Referees shall stop play for any off-side infraction, illegal clearing infraction, when the puck goes outside the playing area, when it is interfered with by any ineligible person, when it is struck above the height of the shoulder, when it is passed to a teammate with the hand and when the goal post has been displaced from its normal position. When in the vicinity of the goal, the Referees shall stop play when the puck is observed entering the goal. The Referees shall stop play for off-sides occurring at the face-off circles and when there has been a premature substitution for a goalkeeper under Rule 205, for injured players under Rule 206 and for the interference by spectators under Rule 622.
- (b) A Referee shall conduct face-offs at all times.
- (c) If a Referee accidentally leaves the playing area or receives an incapacitating injury, while play is in progress, play will be stopped immediately.

Rule 504 Goal Judges

- (a) There shall be one "GOAL JUDGE" at each end of the rink. They shall not be members of either team engaged in the game, nor shall they be replaced after the start of the game, unless it becomes apparent to the Referees that either Goal Judge makes unjust decisions, in which case, the Referees shall appoint a replacement.
- (b) The Goal Judges shall be stationed behind the goals during the progress of the game in properly screened cages so there can be no interference with their activities. They shall not change goals during the game.
- (c) In the event of a goal being claimed, the Goal Judge shall decide whether or not the puck has passed between the goal posts, under the crossbar and entirely over the goal line. The decision of the Goal Judge shall be "Goal" or "No Goal", and may be overruled by the Referees.

Rule 505 Penalty Timekeeper

- (a) The "PENALTY TIMEKEEPER" shall keep a correct record of all the penalties assessed by the Referees including the names of the penalised players, the infractions penalised, the duration of each penalty and the time at which each penalty was assessed. The Penalty Timekeeper shall record each penalty shot awarded and the result of the shot.
- (b) The Penalty Timekeeper shall check and ensure that the time served by all penalised players is correct. The Penalty Timekeeper shall be responsible for the correct posting of all

minor and major penalties on the scoreboard and shall promptly notify the Referees of any discrepancy between the time recorded on the clock and the correct official time.

The Penalty Timekeeper shall, upon request, inform a penalised player of any unexpired penalty time.

Misconduct and coincident minor penalties shall not be recorded on the clock, but such penalised players shall be alerted and released at the first stoppage of play following the expiration of the penalties.

- (c) If a player leaves the penalty bench prior to the expiration of the penalty, the Penalty Timekeeper shall note the time and signal the Referees at the next stoppage of play.

Rule 506 Official Scorer

- (a) The "OFFICIAL SCORER" shall obtain a list of eligible players from each team, prior to the start of the game. This information shall be made known to the Coach of each team.

The Official Scorer shall secure the names of the Captain of each team and note such on the Official Score Sheet.

- (b) The Official Scorer shall keep a correct record of all goals scored, and to whom credit shall be given for assists.

The Official Scorer shall also record the time of entry into the game of any substitute goalkeeper and shall record when a goal has been scored while the goalkeeper has been removed from the playing surface.

- (c) The points for goals and assists shall be announced over the public address system and all changes in such awards shall also be announced.

No requests for changes in any award of points shall be considered unless they are made at or prior to the conclusion of the game by the team Captain.

- (d) The Official Scorer shall prepare the Official Score Sheet for signature by the Officials and forward it to the Tournament Authorities.

Rule 507 Game Timekeeper

- (a) The "GAME TIMEKEEPER" shall signal the Referees for the start of each quarter and the Referees shall start play promptly in accordance with the scheduled playing time. The Game Timekeeper shall record all official playing time.

- (b) If the rink is not equipped with an automatic sound device, or such sound device fails, the Game Timekeeper shall signal the end of play time by blowing a whistle.

- (c) The Game Timekeeper shall announce when one minute of actual playing time remains in each of the first three quarters and when two minutes remains in the last quarter.