



## NEW PLAYING RULES 2010-2011



### Referee Signals

Added a signal for Hand Pass

### Playing Rule 3.6 (c) Protective Equipment

#### Amendment:

- Any player or players who remove their helmets or undo their chinstraps before or during fights will be assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty.
- If a player removes his helmet and releases his chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former gets an additional two-minute minor penalty in addition to the Gross Misconduct.
- If the player removes his opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight, a Gross Misconduct penalty shall be assessed.

### Playing Rule 4.6 (c) Penalties

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- In Minor and Female hockey, any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. A total of ten minutes shall be charged against the player for a Game Misconduct.

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### Playing Rule 4.7 (c) Penalties

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### Playing Rule 4.10 (b) Awarded Goals

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- A Goal will be awarded to the attacking team when the opposing team has taken their goaltender off the ice and when a shot has been taken (control no longer applies) and a defending player picks up the puck with his hand from the goal crease or intentionally falls on or covers the puck in the crease with his hand, thereby preventing an obvious and imminent goal.

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### Playing Rule 4.11 (a) Goaltender Penalties

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- No goaltender shall be sent to the penalty bench for an infraction which incurs a Minor, Major or Misconduct penalty. Instead, such a penalty shall be served by any player of her team who was on the ice at the time of the infraction. Such player shall be designated by the Manager or Coach of the penalized team through the Captain.

#### Amendment:

- Add the following as a separate paragraph under Rule 4.11(a):  
“Unless the penalty being served is a time penalty, any player serving a penalty on behalf of a goaltender shall leave the penalty box if the offending goaltender is subsequently ejected from the game.”

#### Rationale:

- The objective of this proposal is to create a more comprehensive version of Rule 4.11(a).
- Rule 4.11(a) is currently incomplete because it does not address the status of a player who is serving penalty on behalf of a goaltender when that goaltender is subsequently ejected from the game. This causes misunderstandings about how to handle such a situation.

### Playing Rule 4.12 (c) Delayed Penalties

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- When the penalties to the player or players have expired and the penalized team is entitled to more than four players on the ice, the Penalty Timekeeper shall permit the penalized players to return to the ice in the order of the expiry of their penalties.

#### Amendment:

- When the penalties to the player or players have expired and the penalized team is entitled to more than four players on the ice, the Penalty Timekeeper shall permit the penalized players to return to the ice in the order of expiry of their penalties.
- When the penalties of two players from the same team expire at the same time and that team is entitled to only one additional player on the ice the players shall return to the ice in the order in which their penalties were reported.”

#### Rationale:

- Clarifies the situation for all.

### **Playing Rule 4.13 (b) Calling of Penalties**

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- If the Referee signals a Minor or Bench Minor penalty(ies) against a team that is shorthanded by reason of one or more Minor or Bench Minor penalties, and a goal is scored by the non-offending side before the whistle is blown, the goal shall be allowed and the player who is serving the first Minor or Bench Minor penalty will return to the ice, while the signalled penalty(ies) shall be assessed and served in the normal manner.

#### Amendment:

- Add....If the Referee signals a delayed penalty calling for a Penalty Shot against a team that is shorthanded and a goal is scored by the non-offending team before play is stopped, the goal shall be allowed. If the infraction associated with the Penalty Shot would normally call for a Minor or Major or Match penalty, then a Minor / Major / Match penalty shall be assessed in lieu of the Penalty Shot.”

#### Rationale:

- The current rule is incomplete – It does not address the concept of “downgrading” a Penalty Shot when a goal is scored against the offending team during a delayed penalty call. This amendment makes this rule more comprehensive and negates the need to explain the concept in the Referee’s Case Book.

### **Playing Rule 5.2 (r) Referee and Linesmen**

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- Linesmen shall check the goal and nets before the start of the game and at the end of each period

#### Amendment:

- Linesmen shall check the goal, netting, and the ice in and around the goaltender’s crease before the start of each period.

#### Rationale:

- Linesmen check the goal and netting to ensure that they are not damaged, to ensure that the goal is properly positioned, and to ensure that no pucks or other objects are present in the goal.
- Checking the nets at the end of the period, before they are removed and reinstalled, does not ensure that these objectives can be achieved. Therefore, it make more sense to complete this task before each period (after the ice is resurfaced and nets are reinstalled).

### **Playing Rule 7.3 (f) Interference**

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- A Minor penalty shall be assessed a goaltender who deliberately piles up snow or other obstacles at or near his net which, in the Referee’s opinion, would tend to prevent a goal from being scored.
- A penalty shot shall be assessed if such obstacle prevents a goal while the offending team’s goaltender is legally on the ice.

#### Amendment:

- A Minor penalty for interference shall be assessed to a goaltender that deliberately piles snow inside his goal crease at any time or is observed by the Referee to have deliberately left or placed an object in his defending zone at or near the net before proceeding to the player’s bench.
- A Penalty Shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team if, in the Referee’s opinion, such object or obstacle actually prevents a goal while the offending team’s goaltender is legally on the ice. If a Penalty Shot is awarded under this rule, the Minor penalty shall not be assessed.
- A goal shall be awarded if, in the opinion of the Referee, such object or obstacle actually prevents a goal after the offending goaltender has been legally substituted by another player.

#### Rationale:

This results in a clearer understanding of the rule without the need to reference more than a full page of explanations (i.e., Situations 7, 8, 9 and 10 to Rule 7.3) in the Referee’s Case Book.

### **Playing Rule 10.7 Kicking the Puck**

#### 2009-10 Rule:

- Kicking the puck shall be permitted in all zones. This action can not result in a goal being scored.

#### Amendment:

- Rule 10.7(a) Kicking the puck shall be permitted in all zones.
- Rule 10.7(b) No goal can be scored when an attacking player kicks another object which, in turn, propels the puck directly or indirectly into the goal.

#### Rationale:

- This incorporates several important points presented in the Referee’s Case Book into the actual rule which permits a better and more comprehensive understanding of the rule by sole reference to the rule itself.