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Charging	6.3(a)	<p>A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty based on the degree of violence shall be assessed to any player who runs or jumps into or charges an opponent. If injury results, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed.</p>	<p>Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game following warning.</p>	<p>Conscious decision to engage physical contact.</p>
Checking from Behind	6.4(a)	<p>A Minor penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty or a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, <b>based on the degree of violence of the impact</b>, shall be assessed any player who intentionally pushes, body-checks, cross-checks while in motion or otherwise hits an opposing player from behind, anywhere on the ice.</p> <p>If a player is injured, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty must be assessed. A Match penalty could also be assessed under this rule.</p>	<p>Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game <u>without</u> warning.</p>	<p>Conscious decision to engage physical contact.</p>
Head Contact	6.5(a)	<p>In minor and female hockey, a Minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who accidentally contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck</p>	<p>Minor penalty – penalty shot</p>	<p>Key word: accidental</p>

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Head Contact	6.5(b)	In minor and female hockey, a double Minor penalty or a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee and based on the degree of violence of impact, shall be assessed to any player who intentionally contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck with their stick or any part of the player's body or equipment.	Double minor penalty – two penalty shots And Automatic removal from game following warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.  Key word: intentional
Head Contact	6.5(c)	In minor and female hockey, any player incurring three head contact penalties that do not meet the criteria of a Major and a Game Misconduct or a Match penalty shall be assessed a Game Ejection.	Any player receiving 3 accidental penalties under 6.5(a) shall be assessed a Game Ejection.	
Head Contact	6.5(d)	In Junior and Senior, a Minor and a Misconduct penalty, or a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee based on the degree of violence of impact, shall be assessed to any player who checks an opponent in the head in any manner.	Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game <u>without</u> warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.
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Fighting and Roughing	6.6(c)	A Minor penalty shall be assessed any player who, having been struck, shall retaliate with a blow or attempted blow. Should such a player continue to retaliate, they shall be assessed a	Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.



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		Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty.	game following warning.	
Fighting and Roughing	6.6(l)	A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who is guilty of unnecessary rough play.	Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game following warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.
Fighting and Roughing	6.6(m)	A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who, in the Referee’s judgment, makes deliberate physical contact with an opponent after the whistle.	Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game following warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.
Holding	7.1(a)	A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who holds an opponent with their hands, stick or in any other manner. If the penalty assessed is for holding the stick, a Minor penalty for Holding the Stick shall be recorded and announced.	Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game following warning.  Excludes Holding the Stick	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.
Interference/Protection of the Goaltender	7.3(a)	A Minor penalty for Interference or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty <b>based on the degree of violence of impact</b> , shall be assessed to any player who:  (1) interferes with or impedes the progress of an opponent who is not in possession of the puck, or  (2) deliberately knocks a stick out of an opponent’s hand, or	Follow rule as written if deemed intentional physical contact:  Minor penalty – penalty shot  And Automatic removal from	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.

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		(3) prevents an opponent who has lost or dropped their stick from regaining possession of it.	game following warning.	
Interference/P rotection of the Goaltender	7.3(b)	A Minor penalty for Interference with the Goaltender shall be assessed to a player who, by means of their stick or body, interferes with or impedes the movements of the goaltender by actual physical contact. The penalty should be announced as Interference with the Goaltender.	Follow rule as written if deemed intentional physical contact: Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game following warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.
Tripping	7.4(a)	A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who trips an opponent. If injury results, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed.	Follow rule as written if deemed intentional physical contact: Minor penalty – penalty shot And Automatic removal from game following warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.
Tripping	7.4(b)	A double Minor penalty or Match penalty, at the discretion of the Referee based upon the degree of violence of impact with the ice, shall be assessed to any player who slew-foots an opponent. Slew footing occurs when one player uses a leg or a foot to knock or kick an opposing player's feet from under them, or pushes another player's upper body backward with an arm or elbow and at the same time, with a forward	Double minor penalty – two penalty shots And Automatic removal from game following warning.	Conscious decision to engage physical contact.



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## GAME PLAY

MANDATORY RULES	RECOMMENDED RULES
Pre-game on-ice warm up	5 minutes
Two periods (run time) of equal length	22 minute periods
Intermission / break between periods	1 minute
Teams shall alternate ends between each period	
No faceoffs	Period 1 – visiting team has first possession Period 2 – home team has first possession
No overtime / no shootout for tied games	
A player that loses a glove must immediately retrieve the glove or leave the ice	

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## GAME ROSTER

MANDATORY RULES	RECOMMENDED RULES
Maximum 11 participants per team	10 players plus 1 goaltender
Both teams must start the game with a minimum of 6 players plus 1 goaltender OR 7 players.	

## LINE CHANGES

RECOMMENDED RULES
Change on the fly
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## GOALS

### MANDATORY RULES

When a goal is scored the team that scored the goal must all retreat from the offensive zone. All players from the team that scored the goal must simultaneously make contact with the center red line (center ice) before they can proceed to apply pressure to the team that was scored upon. Team that scores must all retreat to center ice before returning to the offensive half of the ice.

No contact between players to celebrate goals

## ICING

### MANDATORY RULES

Icing the puck results in a change of possession. The official will blow the whistle, we recommend that the official also verbally identify the icing infraction (yell icing). The team that iced the puck must all retreat to the center red line (center ice). All players from the team that iced the puck must simultaneously make contact with the center red line AND allow the other team to regain puck possession before they can return to the offensive side of the ice.

## OFFSIDE

### MANDATORY RULES

Offside will result in a change of possession. The official will blow the whistle, we recommend that the official also verbally identify the offside infraction (yell offside). All players from the team that was offside must retreat to the centre red line (center ice). All players from the offside team must simultaneously be in contact with the center red line before they can return to the offensive side of the ice.

## GOALTENDER FREEZES THE PUCK

### MANDATORY RULES

When the goaltender freezes the puck, the attacking team must exit the offensive zone and simultaneously make contact with the BLUE line (all players simultaneously in neutral zone) before re-entering the zone.

Officials are encouraged to work with participants to promote continuous play, if the Official is required to stop the play then the whistle will be blown.



## PENALTIES

### MANDATORY PENALTY PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

The Hockey Canada Playing Rules 2020-2022 apply for all infractions

Penalty shots will be awarded for penalties as per:

- 2 min penalties = 1 penalty shot
- 4+ min penalties = 2 penalty shots
- All major penalties will result in 2 penalty shots and an ejection from the game
- Intentional body contact or body checking = 2 penalty shots and may result in removal from the game at the discretion of the referee
- Intentionally entering the goaltender’s crease = 1 penalty shot

Coincidental penalties will result in no penalty shots being awarded unless there is an imbalance in penalties assessed to each team.

If a delayed penalty is called near the end of the game and the clock runs out, and where the result of the penalty shot(s) could change the outcome of the game, the penalty shot(s) will be taken. If the outcome of the penalty shot(s) would have no impact on the outcome of the game, the penalty shot(s) will not be taken

If a team has no goaltender and a penalty shot is assess, the opposing team will be awarded a goal for each penalty shot.

Misconduct penalties will result in NO penalty shot. The timekeeper will put 10-minutes on the penalty clock and the player must remain on team bench until 10-minutes has expired. If there is no timekeeper.

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## PENALTY SHOT PROCEDURE

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The time clock will continue to run during all penalty shots (time will not be stopped). If the buzzer sounds during the penalty shot the penalty shot must continue

The penalty shot must be taken by the individual the infraction was committed against unless they are unable to do so because of injury or has received a Game Ejection, Game Misconduct, Match Penalty, or Gross Misconduct.

Someone who was on the ice will take the penalty shot for bench minors, too many players, etc. (where the victim cannot be identified)

The player taking the penalty shot will line up at centre ice

All other players from both teams will line up by the far blue line and referred to as 'Chasers'

All players will start from a standing position

Referee will blow the whistle to start play

All players may begin skating on the whistle. The 'Chasers' cannot interfere with the penalty shot

When multiple penalty shots are awarded at the same time (ex. double minor or major penalties) the 'Chasers' may not move until the final penalty shot in the sequence

Penalties may be assessed against the 'Chasers' during the penalty shot

Should the player miss the penalty shot, play will continue (rebound goals will count)

If a goal is scored, the team that scored the goal must allow the other team to advance the puck past center ice before applying pressure. If the puck has not advanced past center ice within 10 seconds of the whistle the official will signal the team that scored to proceed with the attack



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Penalties that do not involve intentional physical contact, in the divisions permitted to deliver modified ice programming, will be handled in the same manner as traditional modified ice programming per the Hockey Canada Player Pathways. Specifically, penalty shots will not be awarded, however, the official will notify the coach of the offending team. It is expected that the coach takes the opportunity as a teaching moment and communicates directly with that individual.

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## GAME ROSTER

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Both teams must start the game with a minimum of 6 players plus 1 goaltender OR 7 players.	

## LINE CHANGES

MANDATORY RULES	RECOMMENDED RULES
1.5 minute shifts (time keeper will sound the horn to notify shift change). Regardless of the team in possession of the puck when the buzzer sounds, the defending team will always be given possession of the puck at the buzzer. It will be the position of the puck relative to the centre red line (centre ice) that will determine defending and attacking teams. The defending team will be allowed to gain full possession of the puck before the attacking team can apply pressure. The	Designated bench entry and exit doors

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official will monitor this and will blow the whistle if a puck gathering or puck scrum occurs	
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## GOALS

### MANDATORY RULES

Goals result in a change of possession. The attacking team must retreat and allow the team that was scored against the opportunity to play the puck. If this does not occur, the official may blow their whistle and signal the opposing team to provide more space.

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## GOALTENDER FREEZES THE PUCK

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## ICING

### MANDATORY RULES

There is no icing in cross-ice hockey.

## OFFSIDE

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