



The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

Not in Minor Hockey Coach!!

Now that the NHL and OHL seasons are in full throttle, and with the World Juniors about to start, non-minor hockey rule systems get wide publicity. Coaches may wrongly believe that a rule some TV analyst has explained, applies to their game. The truth is that rules vary from level to level, not only within Hockey Canada, but also at IIHF and NHL levels. This issue highlights some of the key differences.

High-sticking the puck on the power play:

NHL: When an attacking player high-sticks the puck on the power play, the ensuing face-off goes down to the offending team's end zone. Minor Hockey: When an attacking player causes the play to be stopped (in this case by high sticking the puck in the other team's end) the face-off is at the nearest neutral zone face-off dot. Rules 57 (e), 62(d).

Bench Minor Penalties: NHL and IIHF: Any player on the offending team may serve a Bench Minor penalty. Minor: If the player is identified as being the guilty individual, they must serve the appropriate Bench Minor penalty. If the penalty is assessed to a Team Official, or the player is not identified, a player from the ice must serve the Bench Minor penalty. Rule 29 (b).

Goal scored on a Delayed Penalty: IIHF: When a player is serving a Minor penalty and that team is scored on with a delayed penalty to be assessed, the goal washes out the delayed penalty. The Minor penalty being served remains unchanged. Minor: The goal ends the Minor penalty being served. The delayed penalty goes to the box to serve the full penalty. Rule 39 (b).

Fast Face-off Rule: NHL: The "Fast-off" procedure is not effect in the last two minutes of regulation and overtime. IIHF: Once the line change procedure is complete, the linesman drops the puck within five seconds, regardless if the players are in the proper position. Minor: The standard face-off procedure shall be enforced for the entire game, including overtime. Rule 19 (g).

Defender Shooting Puck Out of Bounds During Play:

NHL: A minor penalty for delay of game results regardless of the player's intention. Minor: To earn a penalty, a player must deliberately shoot the puck outside the playing surface. Rule 75(b). A goalie shooting the puck directly out of bounds gets a minor penalty regardless of the goalie's intention. Rule 55 (a) (Note 1).

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