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## **Clarifications of Modified Rules for Full-Ice Games** **Updated November 17, 2020**

### **Puck out of Play**

In all situations, when the puck is shot out of play, deflected out of play or the net is dislodged, the defensive team will be awarded possession of the puck and the attacking team will be forced to retreat. The official will blow the whistle a 2nd time when it is determined that the attacking team has sufficiently retreated, and the defending team has possession and control of the puck. If the whistle is blown in neutral zone the defensive versus attacking team will be determined by the position of the puck relative to the centre red line (centre ice).

### **No Goaltender**

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

If a goaltender does not show up the strength of the game would be 5 vs 4 or 4 vs 3 in favour of the team with no goaltender.

### **Physical Contact**

Intentional physical contact is NOT permitted and must be avoided. For the purposes of hockey, intentional physical contact will include body to body contact. Stick to body infractions do not constitute intentional physical contact. Example: Lifting a player's stick to obtain the puck does not constitute intentional physical contact. Accidental/incidental contact may occur.

### **Injured Player**

If a player is injured, they are allowed to go directly to the bench and the equipment will stay on the ice until a stoppage in play, a teammate picks it up and carries it to the bench or a trainer is required. As long as the player that picks up the equipment does not intentionally get involved in the play, a penalty shot will not be assessed.

### **Start of Game**

As per Hockey Canada Rule 1.9 (e) – the Home Team shall have the choice of ends to start the game and must take the players' bench that corresponds to their choice of ends. Teams shall alternate ends of the ice to start each period but neither team is permitted to change their players' bench.

### **Penalties**

All Major, Gross, Match, Game Misconduct, and Game Ejection penalties including Fan Abuse Incidents must be reported to the Timekeeper for proper recording. These penalties must also be reported to Adam Morell ([amorell@noha-hockey.com](mailto:amorell@noha-hockey.com)) within 48 hours of completion of your game.

**Players are not required to leave the ice if they are assessed a non-coincidental penalty and it does not call for a Game Ejection.**



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### **Goals and Assists**

Officials will not report Goals and Assists to the Timekeeper.

### **Icings**

If the puck goes around the boards and out across center, the Official will pick up the puck and take it to the defending teams end for them to get possession and control before blowing the whistle for the attacking team to begin skating towards the attacking zone.

The Official is no longer required to blow their whistle for the attacking team proceed, however, the attacking team must wait for the non-offending team to regain possession.

### **Penalty Reporting/Codes**

If the penalty assessed calls for a Game Misconduct, Match Penalty, Gross Misconduct, or Game Ejection the Official is to report the penalty to the Timekeeper. The penalty code being used would be the corresponding penalty for the infraction i.e. GM21, MP40.00, GE101, GRM21, etc.

### **Hand Pass/High Sticking the Puck**

If the whistle is blown because of a hand pass or the puck is high sticked, in all situations, the defensive team will be awarded possession of the puck and the attacking team will be forced to retreat. The official will blow the whistle a 2nd time when it is determined that the attacking team has sufficiently retreated, and the defending team has possession and control of the puck. If the whistle is blown in neutral zone the defensive versus attacking team will be determined by the position of the puck relative to the centre red line.

Example: If Team A makes a hand pass to a teammate who is on his side of center, whistle is blown, and Team A will be given possession from where the puck was played. If the player were on Team B's side center, they would get possession where the puck was played.

### **If the Goalie is Pulled**

If a team is assessed a penalty shot(s) and the goaltender has been pulled for an extra attacker, the goaltender will be permitted to return to his net for the penalty shot(s).