MEMORANDUM

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

TO: NCAA Ice Hockey Commissioners, Coaches, Coordinators of Officials and Game Officials.

FROM: Tom Anastos, chair
       Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules Committee
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SUBJECT: Video Replay Situations – Offsides and Too Many Men.

The rules committee has received a request for clarification regarding two situations as part of the video replay criteria. Specifically, these situations relate to the review of offsides and too many men on the ice as it relates to a goal.

As a reminder, the committee’s rule on offside/too many men review situations identifies the time a review may take place as “when the puck leaves the offensive zone.” The rules also prohibit a review taking place once play has been resumed (e.g., faceoff). The committee’s guidance in both situations is that once play is stopped and resumed, the opportunity for review has ended.

Here are the two situations and the committee’s clarifications:

**Situation 1:** Team A enters the attacking zone and is offside, but the on-ice officials do not detect the offside. Play continues and Team B’s goalkeeper makes a save and freezes the puck. At the ensuing faceoff, which remains in the attacking zone, Team A wins the faceoff and scores. Is this play reviewable?

**Answer:** NO. Once the faceoff is administered to restart play, this type of play is no longer reviewable. This applies to both offside plays and undetected too many men on the ice situations.

**Situation 2:** A Team A player catches a long pass at the blueline and is on a breakaway. A Team B player fouls the player from behind and a reasonable scoring opportunity is eliminated. The referee signals for a penalty shot/optional minor. On the initial pass, the Team A player was close to being offside. Is this play reviewable to see if the play was offside?

**Answer:** NO. First, a goal has not been scored in this situation, so the play is not reviewable. Additionally, administering the penalty shot/optional minor will result in the restart of play, which also makes this play no longer reviewable, if a goal is scored on the penalty shot. Therefore, a coach may not challenge this type of play. This situation also applies to too many men on the ice situations, should a penalty shot/optional minor be the result.
We hope this information is helpful. Good luck the rest of the season.

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