



MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2018

VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Commissioners, Coordinators of Officials and Head Coaches,

FROM: Steve Piotrowski, secretary-rules editor
Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Rules and Officiating Updates.

The rules committee is providing additional reminders on the current rules, which require a consistent standard of enforcement and compliance.

Rule 93.4 – Video Replay. “To allow the on-ice officials to review infractions that may result in the ejection of a student-athlete.” Game officials may use replay during the game to review major penalties that would result in the removal of a student-athlete to ensure proper enforcement.

Reminders/Protocol:

- MUST be when a MAJOR PENALTY is being considered.
- On-ice officials will notify coaches prior to review.
- Instruct public address announcer to make an announcement so fans and media are aware.
- Officials have the following three options for their final determination in situations where the game has been stopped for a penalty:
 1. Minor or Major Penalty Only;
 2. Major and Game Misconduct; or
 3. Major and Game Disqualification.
- Where there is a possible infraction that was not observed and a major penalty may be considered, officials may use video to review the incident. Should the officials ascertain the infraction would be a minor penalty only, they may not assess this penalty by video review. However, should the officials ascertain that a major penalty, major and game misconduct or disqualification is warranted they may enforce such under this rule.

Key Reminder: A team may elect to use its timeout to allow officials to review infractions that may result in the ejection of the student-athlete. This includes infractions observed by the officials and are being assessed, as well as, possible infractions that were not observed by the officials.

Examples/Guidance:

Situation 1: Player A1 makes contact with B1 driving the player into the boards. The referee signals for a delayed minor penalty for boarding. After discussion with the rest of the crew, there is at least the potential that this penalty could be a major penalty for hitting from behind.

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Creating a pathway to opportunity for college athletes

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

RULING: Because the crew came to the conclusion that a major penalty should be considered, this play is now reviewable. The officials have all penalty options at their disposal when reviewing this play.

Situation 2: Team A coach requests a timeout to have officials review a Team A player that was hit and injured. The hit was not observed by any of the officials. The Team A coach feels the Team B player who made the hit should be ejected from the game. Team A has a timeout available. Can the Team A coach use his timeout to have the officials review this aspect of the video review criteria under Rule 93?

RULING: Yes. As this situation is an aspect of Rule 93 - Video Replay Criteria, a team may elect to use its timeout to allow officials to review infractions that may result in the ejection of the student-athlete. This includes infractions observed by the officials and are being assessed, as well as, possible infractions that were not observed by the officials.

Situation 3: Team A moves the puck through the neutral zone on a rush. The trail official observes a player from Team B down on the ice behind the play with an apparent injury. After play is stopped, the officiating crew huddles. None of the officials saw what occurred to the Team B player.

RULING: The officials may use video replay to determine if a major penalty occurred. In this case, the review may result in no penalty being called OR a minimum of a major penalty. A game misconduct/disqualification may also be assessed. A minor penalty may not be assessed in this situation since there was not an initial penalty called.

Situation 4: Player A1 makes high contact with Player B1 after B1 releases a pass. B1 is injured on the play. The referee signals for a major penalty for contact to the head on Player A1.

RULING: This play is reviewable to determine if the contact was directly to the head or neck area, so a major penalty is being considered. The officials have all penalty options at their disposal when reviewing this play, but a minimum of a minor penalty must be enforced.

Postgame Handshake: Rule 82.4 - As a further reminder, at the conclusion of each game, players shall assemble at center ice for the traditional handshake. Coaches shall exchange handshakes and remain on the ice or at their respective bench areas until the conclusion of the player handshake. It is not required for coaches to assemble at center ice and go through the player handshake line.

If you have any general playing rules questions or concerns specific to men's ice hockey, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Riga (william.riga@quinnipiac.edu). If you have any general playing rules questions or concerns specific to women's ice hockey, please do not hesitate to contact Hilary

Witt (hilary.witt@unh.edu). Additionally, Wayne Dean (wayne.dean@yale.edu), chair of the NCAA Men's and Women's Rules Committee, is available to assist in any question or concern related to both men's and women's ice hockey. Lastly, if you have any questions regarding this communication or specific playing rules, please contact me, Steve Piotrowski, (spiotrowski@bigten.org).

The committee requests that this information be reviewed by all administrators, coaches, players and officials. Thank you for your time and attention to this communication. Good luck as the season progresses.

cc: Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Officials
NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee
Selected NCAA Staff