

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS

## *2011 - 2012 Ice Hockey Rules Changes*

- 2-3-4 By state association adoption, at the conclusion of a period, teams must remain at their bench area until the referee signals the players to proceed directly to their respective dressing rooms.  
PENALTY: MINOR. (captain's choice of players)
- 2-7 Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those Individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, allow an otherwise illegal piece of equipment, create risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.
- 3-4-5a Deleted: ~~When a new HECC/ASTM Standard is established, players will have a three year grace period to purchase helmets and face masks which comply with the new standard.~~
- 5-1-3 The officials retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications that are responsive to actions occurring while the officials had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents after the officials' jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.
- 6-8 No player shall make contact with an opposing player's head or neck area in any manner.  
PENALTY: MINOR or MAJOR or DISQUALIFICATION ~~at the discretion of the referee. Contact to the head can be a standalone penalty, or it can be assessed in front of another infraction (i.e., contact to the head—high stick, contact to the head—elbow, contact to the head—rough).~~
- 6-29-2 If an attacking player precedes the puck, which is shot, passed or deflected, into the attacking zone, but a defending player is able to play the puck, the official shall signal a delayed offside. ~~(except that if the puck is shot on goal, play shall be stopped immediately for the offside violation)~~  
ADD (after NOTE): If the puck enters the defending team's goal during a delayed offside or immediately after the offside, the goal is disallowed.
- 6-39-1 NOTE: All ~~tournament~~ games shall may be played under overtime policies adopted by the state high school association.

Note: Content crossed out is no longer in this rules book.

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
*2010 - 2012 Ice Hockey Rules Changes*

- 1-2** Logos allowed in offensive zones, 4 feet outside circles
- 1-3-c** Goal netting recommendations added
- 2-1-d** Jersey number must contrast overall color in 2012-13
- 3** Equipment expectation statement added
- 4-4-c** A player that receives three game misconducts will be suspended one game
- 4-9-b** Goal scored during a delayed penalty does not negate enforcement of penalty
- 6-8** Contact to the Head penalty strengthened; penalty increased to major and game misconduct or disqualification
- 6-14-b, c** Penalty for grabbing facemask increased and clarified
- 6-19-a** Hand pass wording adjusted, requirements added
- 6-27-b, 6-58** Teams are allowed to use timeout to change players
- 6-27-g** Icing rule changed; officials will judge which team would have reached the puck first
- 6-27-k** In exhibition games, teams not allowed to ice the puck when shorthanded
- 6-27-n** Icing negated if defending goalkeeper leaves crease to play the puck
- 6-40-e** Shot hits goal post/crossbar and goes out of play results in offensive zone faceoff
- 6-40-f** When defending team causes puck to leave the ice in its defending zone, no change of players is allowed
- 6-41-d** Situations where both teams refuse to play puck added
- 6-52-d, f** Between period protocols clarified
- 6-55-a, 6-57** Teams shall change ends in overtime
- 6-59-c** Awarded goal situation clarified