

CHANGE CONTROL MANAGEMENT (Inline Hockey 2027)

Additions

Page, Item	New
13, Art. 2.1, A, a	For International competitions, the surface must be plastic tile
71, Art 1, Video Assistant Referee	<p>11. Video Assistant Referee</p> <p>11.1 Definition and Purpose</p> <p>11.1.1 The Video Assistant Referee (VAR) is a support tool for Match Officials to review specific game situations, ensuring correct rule application and protecting the integrity of athletes and the competition.</p> <p>11.1.2 VAR does not replace the referees' decisions but provides visual elements to assist their evaluation.</p> <p>11.1.3 VAR is not compulsory at all matches. VAR shall only be implemented at matches where it is financially feasible and where the required equipment and certified VAR officials are available.</p> <p>11.2 Scope of application</p> <p>11.2.1 VAR may only be used in the following game situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal validity check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Puck fully crossed the goal line. b. Goal scored with the net improperly positioned. · Goal intentionally scored with the skate. c. Goal scored with the stick above the legal height. d. Goal with a player present in the opponent's goal area. e. Goal involving interference or infraction on the goalkeeper. f. Any other situation requiring verification of a valid or invalid goal. <p>11.2.2 Assessment of Injuries Requiring Medical Attention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. If a player is injured as a result of contact not detected by the Game Officials, a video review may be initiated by the officials. B. The purpose of the review shall be to determine whether a rule violation occurred and whether a penalty should be assessed in accordance with the Official Rules of Inline Hockey.

	<p>11.3 VAR activation procedure</p> <p>11.3.1 VAR review requests may only be made by the on-surface Game Officials or the designated VAR Referee.</p> <p>11.3.2 The request must be made immediately after the contested event. On surface referees may stop play whenever necessary to conduct a VAR review.</p> <p>11.3.3 Team captains and coaches are permitted to request up to two (2) VAR challenges per match. Challenges may only concern goals and major or match penalties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. If the challenge is successful and the original decision is changed, the team retains its challenge.B. If the challenge is unsuccessful and the original decision is upheld, the team loses one challenge. <p>11.3.4 VAR Signal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. When initiating a VAR review, the referee shall stop play and clearly signal the review by forming a rectangle in the air with both hands and index fingers.B. This signal indicates that a Video Assistant Referee review has been initiated and that play will not resume until the review process has been completed.C. The signal shall be used for all VAR reviews regardless of whether the review is initiated by the on-surface officials, the VAR Referee, or as a result of a team challenge.D. The official VAR signal is illustrated in Annex B. <p>11.4 Communication between on-surface referees and VAR referee</p> <p>11.4.1 A bidirectional audio communication system shall be available between the on-surface referees and the VAR Referee.</p> <p>11.4.2 The VAR Referee provides the requested images and information; the final decision remains the exclusive responsibility of the on-surface referees.</p> <p>11.4.3 Following completion of the review, the on-surface referee shall communicate the final decision to both teams and the official scorer before play resumes.</p> <p>11.5 Limitations and Control</p> <p>11.5.1 VAR cannot be used for situations not listed in Article 11.2.</p> <p>11.5.2 There is no maximum number of VAR reviews per match.</p>
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	<p>11.5.3 Each use of VAR must be documented in the official match report supplement.</p> <p>11.5.4 Every reasonable effort shall be made to complete a VAR review within two (2) minutes. The accuracy and correctness of the decision shall take precedence over the review duration.</p> <p>11.5.5 If conclusive video evidence is not available, the original on-surface decision shall stand.</p> <p>11.6 VAR operations and technical procedures</p> <p>11.6.1 Referees must receive specific training on the use of VAR and review procedures.</p> <p>11.6.2 The VAR Referee must be qualified and appointed by the Inline Hockey Technical Commission.</p> <p>11.6.3 Technical Failure Procedure If the VAR system becomes unavailable during a match due to technical malfunction, power failure, communication failure, or any other operational issue, the match shall continue under normal officiating procedures.</p> <p>No further VAR reviews shall be conducted unless the system is fully restored and confirmed operational by the VAR Referee and the Referee Supervisor.</p> <p>11.6.4 Any technical failure affecting the availability of VAR shall be recorded in the official match report</p>
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