

CHANGE CONTROL MANAGEMENT: RINK HOCKEY RULEBOOK 2026

Changes

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Article 2.1.b. (Structure of teams)	7 Technical representatives / 2 Delegates	6 Technical representatives / 1 Delegate
Article 2.9. (Structure of teams)	2 representatives standing	1 representative standing
Article 8.4. (Substitutions)	Verbal warning	Yellow card
Article 9.11 (Time outs)	Verbal warning	Yellow Card
Article 16 (Warnings)	Article 16 (Verbal warnings)	Article 16 (Warnings)
Article 16.1./2./3. (Warnings)	Verbal warning	Yellow card
Article 18.1.n./o. (Serious misconduct)	Verbal warning	Yellow card
Article 20.5. (Penalties)	.....new infractions are made by the representatives of the same team.....	.....new infractions are made by the players of the same team.....
Article 20.5.1. (Penalties)	Verbal warning	Yellow card
Article 20.6.c. (Penalties)	.....will show a blue card to the coach;	....will show a red card to the coach;

Article 20.8.a. (Penalties)	If the offender is a player or coach and is identified.....	If the offender is a player or any other representative of the team and is identified.....
Article 20.8.a. (Penalties)	...they will show them a blue or red card.....	...they will show them a yellow or red card.....
Article 20.8.b. (Penalties)	....will show a blue card.....	....will show a red card....
Article 22	(Verbal warnings)	(Yellow cards)
Article 22.1. (Yellow cards)	Verbal warning	Yellow card
Article 22.1.a. (Yellow cards)	A blue card, when the offender is a player, goalkeeper or head coach.	A blue card, when the offender is a player or goalkeeper on the rink.
Article 22.1.b. (Yellow cards)	A red card, when the offender is another representative of the team.	A red card, when the offender is a player or goalkeeper on the bench or is another representative of the team.
Article 24.1.b. (Serious misconduct)	If the infraction is committed by the head coach, the main referees must show them a blue card, but they will not temporarily be suspended.	If the infraction is committed by a technical representative, the main referees must show them a red card, expelling them from the match and forcing them to leave the substitutes bench and must remain in the dressing room.
Article 24.1.c. (Serious misconduct)	If the offender is any other representative of the team, the main referees must show them a red card, expelling them from the match and forcing them to leave the substitutes bench.	Whenever a red card is shown to a technical representative of the team, there will be no other sanctions to the team.

Article 24.1.e. (Serious misconduct)	Players who have been shown a blue card will occupy one of the chairs placed between the substitutes bench and the official game table.....	Players who have been shown a blue card will be seated at the team's substitutes bench.....
Article 25.1.b. (Very serious offences)	.....loses the right to join the substitutes bench.....	....loses the right to stay at the substitutes bench.....
Article 29.4. (Penalties)	The player who executes the penalty may start it after the referee blows their whistle. It is mandatory to take a direct shot on goal from a static position. The player is allowed all body or stick movement after the whistle.	The player who executes the penalty may start it after the referee blows the whistle. It is mandatory to be in a static position, near the ball, being allowed all body or stick movement after the whistle. The player can choose to make a direct shot at goal or move the ball in the direction of the opponent's goal, trying to pass the goalkeeper.
Article 30. 2. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	The player in charge of executing the direct free hit or penalty and the defending goalkeeper have to be in a static position. The defending goalkeeper will not be able to move until the referee blows their whistle and can leave their protection area once the attacking player hits the ball.	The player in charge of executing the direct free hit or penalty and the defending goalkeeper have to be in a static position. The defending goalkeeper will not be able to move until the referee blows their whistle, being free to move after that.
Article 30.12. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	In the execution of the direct free hit or the penalty, the goalkeeper may not move until the referee blows their whistle to start the execution of the penalty, nor are they allowed to leave their protection area until the player who executes the shot touches the ball. In the	In the execution of the direct free hit or the penalty, the goalkeeper may not move until the referee blows their whistle to start the execution of the penalty. In the event.....

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Article 30.12.a. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	Verbal warning	Yellow card
Article 30.14.2. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	....indicating the corresponding verbal warnings.	....showing the correspondent yellow cards.
Article 30.14.3. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	....ensuring the corresponding verbal warnings.	....and after showing the correspondent yellow cards.
Article 31.7. (Playing in inferiority)	The period of inferiority ends when: a.The sanctioned team is scored on.	The period of inferiority ends when the duration of the period of inferiority ends.
Article 31.8. (Playing in inferiority)	If another member of the same team.....	If another player of the same team.....
Article 31.8.d. (Playing in inferiority)	The end of the second period of inferiority occurs when the sanctioned team is scored on or the duration of the period ends.	The end of the second period of inferiority occurs at the end of the period.
Article 6.2.b./c. of Referee Rules (Equipment of referees)	The main arbitrators are obliged to carry the following instruments: a...	The main arbitrators are obliged to carry the following instruments: a... b. Three cards, one being yellow , one blue

	<p>b.Two cards, one being blue and one red.</p> <p>c.A pen and sheet for recording cards and verbal warnings, as well as goals.</p>	<p>and one red.</p> <p>c.A pen and sheet for recording cards, as well as goals.</p>
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Additions

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Article 17.4.f. (Team fouls)	Throwing the ball off the rink, intentionally, to delay the restarting of the game
Article 18.1.b. (Serious misconduct)	Payers in the rink that showing disagreement.....
Article 18.1.q. (Serious misconduct)	Goalkeeper that commits a second infraction for yellow card and their team will have to be sanctioned with a period of inferiority, except if the second infraction occurs in the execution of a penalty for the tiebreaker of the match.
Article 19.1.q. (Very serious offences)	Members of the bench who receive a second yellow card, to anyone.
Article 19.1.q. (Very serious offences)	In this case of a red card by accumulation of two yellow cards, the red card implies the exclusion of the match, without any further disciplinary consequences for future matches, not needing a referee's report.
Article 20.6.c. (Penalties)	In this case of a red card, it will imply the exclusion of the match only, without any further disciplinary consequences for future matches, not needing a referee's report
Article 20.7. (Penalties)	All the serious misconduct fouls committed by the players or technical representatives, while on the bench, are to be considered always as very serious fouls.
Article 20.8.b. (Penalties)	In this case of a red card, it will imply the exclusion of the match only, without any further disciplinary consequences for future matches, not needing a referee's report

Article 22.1.b. (Yellow cards)	In this case of a red card by accumulation of two yellow cards, the red card implies only the exclusion of the match, without any further disciplinary consequences for future matches, not needing a referee's report.
Article 24.1.d. (Serious misconduct)	.....and forcing them to leave the substitutes bench and must remain in the dressing room.
Article 24.1.d. (Serious misconduct)	In this case of a red card by accumulation of three blue cards, the red card implies only the exclusion of the match, without any further disciplinary consequences for future matches, not needing a referee's report.
Article 24.2.b. (Serious misconduct)	If the foul is committed when there is a situation of an eminent goal, with the offender player going isolated in the direction of the goal, the game restarts with a direct free hit.
Article 25.1.a. (Very serious offences)	.....and expel them from the match and must remain in the dressing room.
Article 25.2.b. (Very serious offences)	If the foul is committed when there is a situation of an eminent goal, with the offender player going isolated in the direction of the goal, the game restarts with a direct free hit.
Article 30.12.b. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	If a goalkeeper commits a second infraction, he will have to be sanctioned with a blue card and a period of inferiority.....
Article 30.14.1. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	.....of the penalty area of the offending player and after showing the correspondent yellow cards.
Article 30.15. (Common issues)	To execute a penalty or direct free hit, when there are only less than three

during a direct free hit or penalty)	seconds on the clock, for a game.....
Article 32.23.a./b./c. (Tiebreaker of a match)	<p>For a tiebreaker of a match:</p> <p>a.All yellow cards shown to the players and goalkeepers, during the match, will not be considered;</p> <p>b.If a player or a goalkeeper commits a second infraction for yellow card, he must be shown a red card, being expelled from the match but being able to join the substitutes bench. In this case of a red card by accumulation of two yellow cards, the red card implies only the exclusion of the match, without any further disciplinary consequences for future matches, not needing a referee's report;</p> <p>c.To execute a penalty, during the shootout, the players have five seconds to execute the penalty, being allowed the simulation.</p>
Article 8.1.a. of Technical Regulations (Basic equipment of players)	Shirt, shorts and socks that must be.....
Article 8 of Referee Rules (Complimentary Systems of Refereeing)	<p>1)The system of VAR, as a complimentary system to help the act of refereeing will be allowed at all the competitions, subject to a specific protocol and rules, to be established on a case-by-case basis;</p> <p>2)The nomination of a third referee at a match, as a complimentary way to help the act of refereeing will be allowed at all the competitions, subject to a specific appointment and nomination process, to be established on a case-by-case basis.</p>

Removal

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Article 15.l. (Technical fouls)	Throwing the ball off the rink
Article 16.3.m. (Warnings)or is blowing their whistle

Article 16.3.o. (Warnings)	Goalkeeper who leaves their protection area before the direct free hit or penalty taker touches the ball
Article 17.4.e. (Team fouls)	Verbal warnings
Article 18.1.a. (Serious misconduct)	.....and other representatives.....
Article 18.1.c. (Serious misconduct)	Aggressively targeting an opponent.....
Article 18.1.n. (Serious misconduct)	Player or goalkeeper or coach
Article 19.1.l. (Very serious offences)	When this infraction occurs, a red card must also be shown to the coach and in their absence to the assistant coach and in their absence to the delegate and in their absence to the captain.
Article 19.1.m. (Very serious offences)	.....in the expelled chair.....
Article 20.5. (Penalties)	In fractions at the same time of different severity.
Article 20.8.b. (Penalties)	If the offender is any other representative of the team.....
Article 24.1.d. (Serious misconduct)	Whenever a card is shown to the coach or any other representative of the team, they must remove a player from the rink without that player being temporarily suspended.
Article 24.1.d. (Serious misconduct)	When a player, goalkeeper or head coach accumulates three (3) blue cards.....
Article 24.1.e. (Serious misconduct)	.....including timeouts and/or other stoppages of the match.

Article 24.1.e. (Serious misconduct)	.....and allowed to return to their team's substitute bench.
Article 25.1.c. (Very serious misconduct)	Whenever a card is shown to the coach or any other representative of the team, they must remove a player from the rink without that player being temporarily suspended.
Article 30.12.b. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	If the goalkeeper moves just at the moment when the referee blows their whistle, they will be sanctioned.....
Article 30.12.c. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	If the goalkeeper leaves their protection area before the player touches the ball, they will be sanctioned.....
Article 30.12.d. (Common issues during a direct free hit or penalty)	If one of the main referees whistles to interrupt the execution and it ends in a goal, it cannot be validated.
Article 31.5. (Playing in inferiority)	When a card is shown to a player on the bench or any other member on it, the coach has to withdraw one of the players from the rink. This player will be placed on the substitutes bench and it's able to participate in the match.
Article 31.9. (Playing in inferiority)	When the team suffers a third or subsequent sanction.....
Article 31.10. (Playing in inferiority)	When the two teams have the same number of players.....
Article 31.11. (Playing in inferiority)	The immediate substitution of players will not be allowed.....

Article 6.3.b. of Technical Regulations (Official Game Table)	Two chairs on each side for use by players of each team who are temporarily suspended from the game.
Article 6.4. of Technical Regulations (Official Game Table)	<p>Legend</p> <p>1.....</p> <p>2.....</p> <p>3 – Suspended players – Team A – Suspended players – Team B</p> <p>4...</p> <p>5...</p> <p>6...</p> <p>7...</p>