



RULE CHANGE SUMMARY
For Youth, Girls'/Women's and Adult Classifications

For the 2009-10 and 2010-11 Seasons

Rule #	Rule	Description of Change
	Standard of Play and Rules Enforcement	Adds language clarifying a legal body check and identifying avoidable contact after the whistle as being an illegal act that shall be penalized. Also adds language recognizing the ability for a player to legally use their body to compete for position or the puck.
301	Sticks	Cleans up language regarding the dimensions of a stick and identifies the penalties to be called for violations under this rule.
302(a)	Skates	Modernizes the description "fancy" skates by changing to "figure" skates as being prohibited in ice hockey.
303	Goalkeeper's Equipment	Moves Appendix V from the 2007-09 Official Playing Rules Book into the actual rule and reinforces that the new goalkeeper equipment standards are to be applied starting with the 2009-10 season.
304(e)	Protective Equipment	Adds recommended equipment to those items that must be worn in the manner in which it was intended and designed and calls for a team warning to be issued prior to the assessment of a misconduct penalty for a violation.
403(b)	Major Penalty	For a player that is assessed a non-coincident major penalty and game misconduct, the offending team is not required to immediately place a substitute on the penalty bench and may do so prior to the expiration of the penalty. No player may enter the game except from the penalty bench with a bench minor penalty being assessed for a violation.
405(a)	Match Penalty	For a player that is assessed a non-coincident match penalty, the offending team is not required to immediately place a substitute on the penalty bench and may do so prior to the expiration of the penalty. No player may enter the game except from the penalty bench with a bench minor penalty being assessed for a violation.
405(c)	Match Penalty	Adds language that more clearly defines the hearing process for a match penalty.
409(b)	Calling of Penalties	Requires a delayed penalty that is nullified as the result of a goal being scored to be recorded on the game sheet and count towards the 5/15 penalty rules.

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505(a)	Penalty Timekeeper	Clarifies the manner in which a penalty shot is recorded on the score sheet.
601(i.2)	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Allows for game misconduct to be assessed to a Team Official for persisting in any course of conduct for which the team has previously been assessed a bench minor penalty.
603(d and Note)	Attempt to Injure/Deliberate Injury of Opponent (Head Butting)	Removes language in Rule 603 pertaining to Head Butting and places it under Rule 616 Head Contact.
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613	Fisticuffs	Cleans up language and specifies under subsection (a) that a player receiving a major penalty for Fisticuffs is also assessed a game misconduct penalty
613	Fisticuffs	Adds new section that calls for a game misconduct penalty (excluding Adults) to be assessed for any player who removes his (or opponent's) helmet prior to or during an altercation.
622(b)	Interference by Spectators	Clarifies the game misconduct assessed for physically interfering with a spectator as being an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.