Ice Hockey Officials’ Signals

**Boarding**
Strike the clenched fist of one hand into the open palm of the other hand directly in front of the chest.

**Butt-Ending**
A crossing motion of the forearms, one moving under the other.

**Charging**
Rotating clenched fists around one another in front of chest.

**Checking**
(The nonwhistle hand is placed on the shoulder and then moved out and to the side.)

**Clipping**
Keep both skates on the ice when signaling, using right hand on the leg.

**Contact to the Head**
Extend arm above head and tap head with open palm.

**Cross-Checking**
A single forward and back motion with both fists clenched in front of the chest.

**Delayed Calling of Penalty**
Extend arm to upright position.

**Delayed Offsides**
Extend arm in the air and point to line with other arm.

**Delay of Game**
The nonwhistle hand, palm open, is placed across the chest and then fully extended directly in front of the body.

**Elbowing**
Tap either elbow with the opposite hand.

**Fighting/Punching**
A double “punching” motion with fist clenched, fully extended in front of the body.

**Roughing**
Fist clenched, fully extending arm from the side.

**Goal Scored**
Point at the net with the nonwhistle hand, palm open.

**Grasping the Face Mask**
A single or double motion as if grasping a face mask and pulling it down.

**Hand Pass**
The nonwhistle hand (open hand) and arm are placed straight down alongside the body and swung forward and up once in an underhand motion.

**High-Sticking**
Holding both fists, clenched, one a short space immediately above the other to the side of the head.

**Hitting From Behind**
Arm placed behind the back, elbow bent, forearm parallel to the ice surface.

**Holding**
Clasp wrist of whistle hand with the other hand well in front of chest.

**Holding the Stick**
Clasp wrist of whistle hand with the other hand well in front of the chest. Next, hold both fists, clenched, one a short space in front of the other at waist height.

**Intentional Offside**
After blowing whistle for offside, point toward offending team’s special spot with nonwhistle hand.

**Interference**
Crossed arms with fists clenched stationary in front of chest.

**Icing**
The back official signals the icing situation by fully extending his free arm (without whistle) at a 60˚ angle.

**Hooking**
A series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.

**Timeout/Unsportsmanlike Conduct**
Using both hands to form a “T” in front of the chest.

**Tripping**
Keep both skates on the ice when signaling, using right hand on the leg.

**“Wash-out”**
Both arms swung shoulder height, not waist height.

**Kneeling**
A single stepping of the right palm to the left knee, keeping both skate blades on the ice.

**Misconduct**
Hands should be moved once from sides down to hips. Thus, point to player first, hands to hips second.

**Obstruction**
Hands in the middle of the body in the shape of an “O”. Additional infraction following obstruction.

**Penalty Shot**
Arms crossed (fists clenched) above the head.

**Spear**
A single jabbing motion with both hands together, thrust forward in front of the chest, then dropping hands to the side.

**Slashing**
One shop with the nonwhistle hand across the straightened forearm of the other hand.