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TO: Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Coaches, Conference Commissioners and Supervisors of Officials.

FROM: Steve Piotrowski, secretary-rules editor
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SUBJECT: Revised – Additional Rules Guidance.

The Ice Hockey Rules Committee conducted a conference call recently and clarified several rules questions and situations that have been presented. The committee hopes these interpretations and clarifications will assist the officials, coaches, and administrators with an understanding of the corresponding rules. Please note that a previous version was posted (November 22) with a few editorial errors.

Question 1 – Icing Situation: In a potential icing situation, with a slow moving puck and players in a tight foot race, if puck does not cross the goal line before players get to the dot what is the call?

Answer: Icing must be waived since decision of the linesman has to be made no later than the end zone faceoff dots.

Question 2 – Icing Situation, Official's Error: Team A dumps the puck in and attempts to make a line change. The puck is shot from Team A's defensive half of the ice and is therefore an icing situation. Team A's players go to its bench for a change. Team B's goalkeeper comes out of the net to play the puck. No Team A players are in the attacking zone. The linesman incorrectly whistles the play dead for icing. Where is the faceoff?

Answer: This faceoff should take place at the neutral zone spot outside Team B's defensive zone. In this situation, taking the faceoff in the Team B defensive zone would unduly penalize Team B, as no attacking players were in the zone.

Question 3 – Penalty Shot/Optional Minor Enforcement: Team A has a delayed penalty calling for a penalty shot/minor penalty. Team B scores during the delay. Does Team B receive a power play or the penalty shot as well?

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Answer: The penalty shot has always been treated as a separate scoring opportunity. Based on this concept, the committee does not believe a penalty shot should be awarded if a goal is scored during a delayed penalty situation; however, a power play would still be awarded in this situation to the non-offending team. If no goal is scored on delay, non-offending team will receive penalty shot/minor penalty option.

Question 4 – Awarded Goal/Penalty Enforcement: If there is an awarded goal when goalkeeper is pulled, does the offending team still have to serve a penalty?

Answer: Yes. This applies in any situation where a penalty is being called and a goal is being awarded (regardless of goalkeeper pulled or not).

Question 5 – Broken Stick/Playing with Goalkeeper’s Stick: Defensive player B1 breaks or loses his/her stick. In the intervening play, goalkeeper B30 loses his/her stick behind the net. B1 picks up the goalkeeper’s stick and plays the puck.

Answer: A player who has lost or broken the stick may only receive a stick at his/her players’ bench or be handed one from a teammate on the ice. A player may not participate in the play using a goalkeeper’s stick. A minor penalty shall be imposed on B1 for an infraction of this rule. The opposing coach does not need to use a stick challenge for this penalty to be enforced. Remember, it is legal for a goalkeeper to use a player’s stick.

Question 6 – High Stick Directly to Goalkeeper: Attacking team player A1 high sticks the puck directly to the goalkeeper, who catches the puck. What is the proper referee mechanic?

Answer: By rule, this is an immediate whistle when an attacking team player directly high sticks the puck to the goalkeeper. The faceoff will be in the Team A’s defending zone.

Question 7 – High Stick, Puck In Corner: Attacking team player A1 high sticks the puck into Team B’s defensive zone and the puck goes into the corner. Goalkeeper B30 comes out of the net and plays the puck in the corner. What is the proper referee mechanic?

Answer: This is not an immediate whistle. B30 is, in effect, another defenseman. When B30 plays the puck, the high sticking infraction is nullified and play shall continue.

Thank you for your attention to this communication.

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