



EXAMPLES OF GOOD USE OF THE RULE BOOK TO DEAL WITH HARASSMENT

The following examples are from game reports submitted by officials as they assess penalties for dealing with referee harassment. Each has been edited to protect identities, reduce length, remove profanity, but capture the essence of the situation.

Rule Reference: 11.1(a) & (b) & 4.5(b) (Misconduct, Misconduct, Game Misconduct)

#10 from White with 10:58 left in the third period had checked a Black player from behind and was not deserving of a major. #19 from Black had hit a player from behind with 3:14 left in the third period and a large scrum ensued. The amount of power behind the hit warranted a major. With #22 from Black, he had received an interference penalty. From this, he then proceeded to come close to me saying "What are you f***ing calling?", I give him a 10-minute misconduct. He is then leaving the ice beside my linesperson, and he turns to him and say "F*** you" and I give him another 10-minute misconduct which results in a game misconduct penalty.

Rule Reference: 11.1(a) (Minor Penalty)

There was a play in the corner that I choose not to call. As I skated by the white bench I heard, under the breath comments but loud enough for me to hear at the moment I skated by "guess there are no more penalties in this game". I assessed a minor penalty for harassing the officials under 11.1 a. Nothing further happened.

Rule Reference: 11.2(b) (Game Misconduct)

An injured player is attended to by the coach. I am standing far away from the coach who is continuously yelling about "why no call" loudly and across the ice. Once the player is off the ice I assessed a game misconduct for harassing the official; I felt that I was standing far enough away that he had to try quite hard to give it to me for the entire arena to hear.

Rule Reference: 11.5 (Match Penalty)

Black player, after receiving a penalty starts yelling at me then pushes the linesperson who is skating with him to the box. I assess a Match Penalty for pushing the linesperson.

Rule Reference: 11.2(b or e*) (Minor Penalty, Game Misconduct, Game Misconduct)

Coach of white felt that I missed a slew foot at 7:48 of third period and started screaming at me from his bench at the far end of the ice. I raised my hand for a delayed penalty. I stop play and skate the long way to the penalty bench to avoid the white bench. As I report the penalty, their whole bench screams at me so I assess another minor penalty. I skate the long way to prepare for the next face-off and the same coach continues to scream at me. I assessed him a Game Misconduct for continuing. He leaves while still yelling at me. After the game, I am walking to the referee's room and he starts yelling at me again so I assess another Game Misconduct*. I did not engage him in the hallway, just walked into the referee room.

*if the referee had assessed a gross misconduct for yelling in the hallway, she would use 11.2e.

Rule Reference: 11.2(a) (Minor Penalty)

I was having a conversation with the coach, which was going ok. Then, after I explained what I saw he said "that is bullshit and you have no idea what you are calling." heard by me, him, and the players. I immediately said nothing else, went to the penalty bench, and assessed a 2 minute minor for harassment.

Rule Reference: 11.2e (Gross Misconduct)

The officials were leaving the ice after a close hockey game in which the white team was defeated by 2 goals (including an empty net tally). The entire white coaching staff was congregated near their dressing room door, which is located immediately off the ice surface. The officials must use the visiting team's gate in order to get to their respective dressing room. After stepping off the ice and turning towards their hallway, the officials were hit with a verbal assault from head coach. He was relentless in shouting profanity and engaged in personal taunts during the outburst. The coach chose to conduct himself in such a manner as to make a travesty of the game and was assessed a Gross Misconduct. This incident served to make a mockery of the officials, white team's head coach, and the game of hockey. It should be noted that after the players had left the arena, a handful of ice was thrown at the door of the official's room. The white coaching staff had yet to leave at this point, as they traveled in personal vehicles.

Rule Reference: 11.5 (Match Penalty for Threatening an Official)

As we were walking to the ref room between periods as we met players coming off as well #39 began swearing at me and trying to walk toward me. I told him to go to the room and advised him that he should not come back out on the ice for the third period. He turned around to come out of the dressing room again and one of his players stopped him. He then called me a fat f%^ and told me to come in the dressing room and he will f%^ing show me. We then proceeded to the ref room and after a couple minutes I came out to tell the coach that they will be short handed for five minutes when we go back out. The coaches apologized profusely for their players actions and as we were taking in the hallway #39 came back out of the dressing room and began swearing at me again. The coaches then told him to get back in the room.