



## Rule Changes for the 2023-2024 Season

### Summary

Hockey Winnipeg has 3 special rule changes. Hockey Canada did not change any rules for the 2023-2024 season.

### Hockey Winnipeg “Special Rule” Changes for 2023-2024

There were three highlighted rules that may effect game play for Hockey Winnipeg. The special rules are on pages 85 to 96 of the Hockey Winnipeg Rule Book and each change is highlighted. Please see the rule book for full details of each rule.

1. SR-7: Starting and Terminating the Game (page 89)
  - This change clarifies when warm-up starts (when the ice is ready unless otherwise directed by on-ice officials) and its length (2 minutes).
2. SR-10 #2: Game Officials (page 93)
  - This change states that either the Two- or Three-Official may be used for U18A2B, FU18A1 and U15A3
3. SR-20: On-Ice and Off-Ice Officials (page 95):
  - The following was added: “Off-Ice officials have the authority to report infractions to the referee under Section 11 of the Hockey Canada rulebook and are treated as registered officials for the purposes of that rule.”

### Hockey Canada Rule Changes, Additions, or Amendments for Fall 2023

This is not a rule change year. Therefore, Hockey Canada has not made any changes to its rules. However, there were significant changes made in 2022-2023. Feel free to review those changes below.

### Hockey Canada Formatting Changes from fall 2022

The Hockey Canada Rule Book was reformatted to make it easier to search. Changes in bold.

<u>2020-2022 Rule Book</u>	<u>2022-2024 Rule Book</u>
Referee’s Signals	Referee’s Signals
Glossary	Glossary
1. Playing Area	--- <b>Part 1: Technical Rules</b> ---
2. Teams	1. Playing Area
3. Equipment	2. Teams
4. Types of Penalties	3. Equipment
5. Officials	4. Types of Penalties
<b>6. Physical Fouls</b>	5. Officials
<b>7. Restraining Fouls</b>	<b>6. Game Flow</b>
<b>8. Stick Fouls</b>	--- <b>Part 2: Gameplay Fouls</b> ---
<b>9. Other Fouls</b>	<b>7. Physical Fouls</b>

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<p><b>Minor &amp; Female Supplement Rule Clarifications for Junior A and Senior</b></p>	<p><b>These were integrated into the above sections.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix A: Goaltender’s Stick, Player’s Stick and Puck (Rule 3.3, 3.8)</li> <li>• Appendix B Goaltender’s Gloves and Pads (Rule 3.5)</li> <li>• Appendix C: The Rink and Ice Markings</li> <li>• Appendix D: Time Penalty Options Chart</li> <li>• Appendix E: Instructions to Off-Ice Officials</li> <li>• Appendix F: Duties of Teams or Rink Managers Relating to Rink Conditions</li> <li>• Appendix G Goal Crease (Rule 1.5) and Goal Netting</li> <li>• Appendix H: Face-Off Restraining Lines; Neutral and End Zone Face-Off Spots (Rule 1.7 and 1.8)</li> <li>• Cross Reference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix A: Goaltender’s Stick, Player’s Stick and Puck (Rule 3.3, 3.8)</li> <li>• Appendix B Goaltender’s Gloves and Pads (Rule 3.5)</li> <li>• Appendix C: The Rink and Ice Markings</li> <li>• Appendix D: Time Penalty Options Chart</li> <li>• Appendix E: Instructions to Off-Ice Officials</li> <li>• Appendix F: Duties of Teams or Rink Managers Relating to Rink Conditions</li> <li>• Appendix G Goal Crease (Rule 1.5) and Goal Netting</li> <li>• Appendix H: Face-Off Restraining Lines; Neutral and End Zone Face-Off Spots (Rule 1.7 and 1.8)</li> <li>• <b>Cross Reference Removed</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Formatting Notes:</b>  Note 1: Rule numbers have changed to adapt to the new formatting. For example, game flow rules that were 10.x are now 6.x.  Note 2: “Situations” are now called “Interpretations”  Note 3: All game play fouls follow the same format as described on page 85 of the HC rule book. This means that where a penalty does not call for a Misconduct, the penalty in question will read “(d) No misconduct penalty may be assessed for...” in addition to describing what can be called.  Note 4: The 22-24 rule book is 163 pages compared to 177 for 20-22.</p>	

**Clarifications**

Here are the primary clarifications to the rules that effect your games. All rules listed are for the 22-24 rule book not the 20-22 rule book. Changes are in bold.

- Rule 6.2a: **The rule book now clearly says that all players must stand for the faceoff.** Players may not lay down or be in motion prior to the puck being dropped.

Previously, the word “be” was used which could be interpreted as laying down or moving prior to puck drop.

- Rule 6.9: In minor and female hockey, **high sticking is defined by the height of the shoulders not the crossbar**. In the past, there was confusion about shoulders or crossbar. In minor or female, it is always shoulders.
- Rule 8.5: This refers to goaltender interference. The following sentence was added: “...it would be reasonable for a Referee to judge that a situation may warrant disallowing a goal under this rule without assessing an attacking player a penalty.” Therefore, **the referee can now disallow a goal without assessing a penalty**. Although not explicitly said, this could occur for accidental goalie interference that prevented the goalie from attempting to stop the puck.
- Rule 8.3 to 8.5: Previously, interference, interference from the bench, and goalie interference was under one rule. **The current rule book has separated interference into 3 different rules to clarify the differences between each.**
- Rule 4.13, note 1: clarifies that **when a goaltender is assessed a coincidental penalty, a player from the ice is required to serve.**

#### Rule Changes

- Rule 2.2m: An injured player who wants to be on the bench must wear appropriate equipment. **They must also be listed on the game sheet as a player**. This means that the injured player takes one of the 19 rostered spots under Rule 2.2. Previously, a player could be on the bench without being on the roster. Note: suspended players may not be on the bench.
- Rule 4.1: This refers to who may take a penalty shot. Previously, the player fouled or a player from the ice was required to take shot. As of 22-24, **any player of the team awarded a penalty shot, other than the goaltender, may be designated to shoot.**
- Rule 4.12a Interpretation 1: This refers to awarding a goal when the goalie has been pulled and an infraction that would have resulted in a penalty shot is committed. Previously, the attacking player needed to have possession of the puck in the neutral or attacking zone. **Now, the only factor in awarding a goal when the goalie is pulled is the puck being in the neutral or attacking zone.**
- Rule 4.15e: This rule says “...the **referee has the authority to alter or correct their decisions**, regardless of whether or not the penalty has been reported, announced, or displayed on the clock.” The intent is to get the call right, not create endless deliberation.
- Rule 6.3c: This rule pertains to face-off location following a penalty. Previously there were 4 exceptions. **Now there are five. The fifth exception added was “premature substitution of the goalie”.**
- Rule 7.4: this pertains to charging. The word “**blindsided**” was added to the criteria for charging.
- Rule 8.7: This is a new type of penalty. **Clipping occurs when one player makes a check below the knees of another player. This can happen in two ways. First, a player makes a check below the knees of an opponent. Second, a player receiving**

**a check crouches down to avoid a check resulting in the checking player being contacted below the knees.**