



Hockey Canada Rule Changes, Additions, or Amendments for 2020-2022

This list is not meant to replace the rulebook, but to give you an easy reference of what has changed from the 2017-19 rule book to the new 2020-22 book. Remember, the most up to date rulebook is in the rule book section under the “skill & rules resources” tab on wpgrefs.com. Bracketed page numbers represent the page number of the rule.

This is a long list, but you should read all the changes. However, pay special attention to numbers 1, 9, 10, 13, 29, and 30 (bolded). These six are bolded below and most likely to effect the average game.

1. **“Elbowing” is no longer a signal because elbowing is, by definition, head contact (pages 1-3).**
2. **There is no signal for penalty shot any longer. The commonly used signal of pointing at center ice is acceptable.**
3. The Glossary includes new definitions for body contact, body checking, disrespectful behavior, and supplementary discipline (page 4-6).
4. Rule 3.1d was added to clarify the penalty for Junior/Senior players not using a tie-down during a fight (page 22).
5. Rule 3.1c Situation 5 was modified to include a 3rd example of a goaltender not going to the bench for any reason other than making a player change (page 24).
6. Rule 3.3i was added to clarify that a player who participates in the play carrying more than one stick shall receive a minor penalty for ineligible player (page 28).
7. Rule 3.6b has changed the word in the table explaining the type of face protectors required for different ages, skaters, and goaltenders (page 32).
8. Rule 4.2a was modified to explain what to do if you have a time penalty but have failed to place a player in the penalty bench (page 40).
9. Situation 21 Rule 4.2e was completely changed. Previously, this situation clarified the 3-stick penalty rule. It now clarifies a situation in which a coach incurs two bench minor penalties resulting in a 5:3 penalty kill (page 45).
10. **Rule 4.9h is about a time penalty being served after a penalty shot is awarded. The new wording clarify that if a penalty shot is awarded on an infraction that would normally result in a 4 minute penalty, then the penalty shot will be taken in lieu of the first two minutes. The second 2 minutes will be served regardless of whether a goal is scored on the penalty shot or not (page 53).**
11. **Rule 5.3d outlines the penalties that linesmen may alert the referee to. New: the linesmen may now report kneeling to the referee as 2+2 penalty (page 74).**
12. Rule 5.3d situation 4 was updated to include kneeling as one of the 2+2 calls a linesman may alert the referee of (page 76).
13. Rule 6.1 describes the instances in which a Match Penalty is assessed. Previously, this rule was a list of 20 instances in two parts of 10. The rule is now in one part and the list has been replaced by rules A to E (page 80).
14. **Changes to Kneeing**

- a. **Rule 6.6 is now called “Kneeing” not “Elbowing and Kneeing” as Elbowing by definition is Head Contact; Elbowing no longer exists and should now be penalized with the appropriate Head Contact Penalty (page 85).**
 - b. **Rule 6.6a now calls for Kneeing to be penalized by a 2+2 or a 5 + Game Misconduct. Previously, kneeling was a minor or 5 + Game Misconduct. Do not call a minor penalty for kneeling, kneeling is now a 2+2 or greater (page 85).**
15. Rule 6.7h added “goaltender” to the rule for clarity (page 86).
 16. Rule 6.7i was moved to 6.7j. 6.7i now clarifies the penalty for participating in another fight at a stoppage of play (page 86).
 17. Rule 6.7n was added to state the penalty for a goaltender who leaves the crease during a fight (page 86).
 18. Rule 7.3a added “based on degree of violence of impact” when describing the different penalties to assess for interference/protecting a goaltender (page 92).
 19. Rule 7.3a note 3 was added to clarify the meaning of “immediate contact” when considering the legality of a body check related to a player releasing the puck and receiving a check (page 92).
 20. Rule 7.2f was added to clearly state that interference can result in a Match penalty where the player being interfered is injured (page 94).
 21. Rule 8.6 was added to create a specific rule, rather than a situation, for assessing a Game Ejection after a player incurs 3 stick penalties (page 102).
 22. Rule 9.2 has been moved to Rule 11: Maltreatment.
 23. Rule numbers after 9.2 have been adjusted as Rule 9.2 Unsportsmanlike Conduct was moved to Rule 11 Maltreatment. For example, Rule 9.5 is now 9.4.
 24. Situation 2 Rule 9.4a was added to clarify penalties to be assessed where a player leaves the player’s bench to start a fight (page 108).
 25. Situation 23 Rule 9.4 was added to clarify what penalties should be assessed if a player leaves the penalty bench early on their own accord and does not do so on the ice surface (page 113).
 26. **Situation 23 Rule 10.2 was added to clarify what to do if, during a delayed offside, the goalie is forced to freeze the puck because of an offensive player ignoring the off-side and not exiting the zone. Answer: face-off takes place at a neutral zone dot outside the defensive team’s zone (page 124).**
 27. **Section 11: Maltreatment includes 11.1 (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 11.2 (Disrespectful, Abusive, Harassing Behavior), 11.3. (Spitting), 11.4 (Discrimination), and 11.5 (Physical Harassment of Officials). This section was added to make clear the rules for dealing with maltreatment of anyone and clearly laying out the consequences of doing so in one section rather than spread through the rule book.**

Hockey Winnipeg's "Special Rule" (SR) Changes, Additions, or Amendments

This list is not meant to replace the Hockey Winnipeg (HW) SR section of the rulebook, but to give you an easy reference of what has changed in the current HW rulebook. Numbers 1-6 are changes that occurred for the cancelled 2020-2021 season. Number 7 is the only highlighted rule change for 2021-2022 Remember, the most up to date rulebook is in the rule book section under "skill resources" of wpgrefs.com. Each item's page number in brackets is the page number of the SR in the current HW rulebook.

Changes form 2020-2021 that still apply in 2021-2021

1. SR-5, HW's Overtime has been modified (page 82-84). The changes include:
 - a. SR5, 1d: All playoff overtime will be played until someone wins.
 - b. SR5, 4b: In AA/AAA regular season overtime there is no changing at whistles. However, if a team calls a timeout in overtime then both teams may change.
2. SR-8, 4 (page 87): This SR focuses on a key holder being present at the gate to escort an ejected player to the dressing room. The new part of this SR is that a delay of game minor penalty may be assessed to the team if someone is slow arriving at the gate by accident and a Game Misconduct to the Head Coach if the delay is flagrant.
3. SR-9, 3 & 4 (page 88): The home team will wear "colors" and the visiting team will wear light colored jerseys. If the home team fails to provide a different color from the visiting time, after 15 minutes the home team forfeits the game.
4. SR-14, 2 (page 90): There is a change to the Mercy Rule. The 5 goals with less than 5 minutes is still in effect. The new part of the rule: if a team is winning by 7 goals or more at any point in the game then the clock will run unless the difference becomes less than 7 goals again.
5. SR-22 (page 92): This SR explains no-change icing:
 - a. This only applies to AA and AAA.
 - b. After an icing, if one team calls a time out then both teams may change their players.
 - c. If a time penalty is called at the same stoppage as an icing then both teams may change their lines.
 - d. In AAA & AA regular season overtime, where line changes at the whistle are not permitted, if a team ices the puck then the non-offending team may change players.
6. SR-23 (page 92): This SR is brand new. In "A" hockey, if the puck strikes the goalie in the head, then play shall be blown down immediately. However, if the puck hits the goalie's head then goes into the net then the goal is good. If the puck strikes the goalie's head, then hits the goalie again and goes in the net, the goal is good. If the puck hits the goalie's head then another player then goes in the net, the goal is washed out.

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7. SR-19 (page 91): All levels of hockey will have one (1) 30 second timeout per game except U7 and U9 hockey.