



Hockey Canada Rule Changes, Additions, or Amendments for 2022-2024

This list is not meant to replace the rulebook, but to give you an easy reference of what has changed from the 2020-22 rule book to the new 2022-24 book. Remember, the most up to date rulebook is in the rule book section under the “HWRD Resources→Rule Books” on wpgrefs.com.

This list highlights the changes most likely to effect your games. For further details, please see the power point titled “HC PPT Changes and Additions” also on the Rule Books page of wpgrefs.com. Finally, please note, some of the changes in this document are not in the power point. Unfortunately, Hockey Canada has not highlighted the changes in the current rule book, so work together to review your rules and be up to date.

Formatting Changes

The Hockey Canada Rule Book 2022-2024 has been reformatted to make it easier to search. Changes are in bold.

| <u>2020-2022 Rule Book</u> | <u>2022-2024 Rule Book</u> |
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| Referee’s Signals Glossary 1. Playing Area 2. Teams 3. Equipment 4. Types of Penalties 5. Officials 6. Physical Fouls 7. Restraining Fouls 8. Stick Fouls 9. Other Fouls 10. Game Flow 11. Maltreatment | Referee’s Signals Glossary --- Part 1: Technical Rules --- 1. Playing Area 2. Teams 3. Equipment 4. Types of Penalties 5. Officials 6. Game Flow --- Part 2: Gameplay Fouls --- 7. Physical Fouls 8. Restraining Fouls 9. Stick Fouls 10. Other Fouls 11. Maltreatment |
| Minor & Female Supplement Rule Clarifications for Junior A and Senior | These were integrated into the above sections. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A: Goaltender’s Stick, Player’s Stick and Puck (Rule 3.3, 3.8) Appendix B Goaltender’s Gloves and Pads (Rule 3.5) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A: Goaltender’s Stick, Player’s Stick and Puck (Rule 3.3, 3.8) Appendix B Goaltender’s Gloves and Pads (Rule 3.5) |

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| <p>Other Formatting Notes:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note 2: “Situations” are now called “Interpretations”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 as confusion about shoulders or cross bar. 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.**

Hockey Winnipeg’s “Special Rule” (SR) Changes, Additions, or Amendments

SR-10: Refers to who assigns officials to certain levels of hockey and game sheet submissions. In 22-23 (changes in bold):

- Hockey Winnipeg will assign U17AAA Male and Female, U15AAA Male, U18AA Male, **U15AA Female** and Male, and AAA timekeepers.
- Area Associations will assign Timekeepers to all A and AA games. Area associations will also assign officials to games not listed above. **In 22-24, area associations will assign the referees for U18A but not U15AA Female.** Area associations will continue to assign the liners for U15AA Female.
- GAMESHEETS: The referee is required to submit game sheets to Hockey Winnipeg for U18AA, U15AA, **U18A**, U15AAA, U17AAA Prep, U17AAA Female, and **U15AA Female.**