



2013-14 APPROVED ICE HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

<p>2-7</p>	<p>ART.7...Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, allow an otherwise illegal piece of equipment, create <u>heighten</u> risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.</p> <p>Rationale: Recommended change from NFHS Rules Review Committee to standardize the rules language in all NFHS rules books.</p>
<p>3-3-5</p>	<p>ART.5... If a goalkeeper's mask,or <u>helmet or glove</u> is displaced, play shall be immediately stopped.</p> <p>Rationale: Risk minimization issue. This adds to the language that play shall be stopped when the goalkeeper's mask or helmet is displaced.</p>
<p>5-2-3</p> <p>*2012-13 Approved rule change</p>	<p>Effective for the 2013-14 season – The on-ice officials shall be dressed in black trousers, an official's sweater and a black HECC-certified ice hockey helmet, <u>with a half face shield which meets the HECC certification at the time of manufacture and chin strap fastened.</u> They shall be equipped with whistles. The referees in the three-official or four-official system shall wear arm bands.</p>
<p>6-7-2</p>	<p>ART.2...<u>No player shall push, charge, cross-check or body check an opponent from behind</u> Hitting from behind into the boards or goal frame. is a flagrant violation</p> <p><u>PENALTY: MAJOR and MISCONDUCT or if flagrant, GAME DISQUALIFICATION</u> PENALTY: GAME DISQUALIFICATION</p> <p>Rationale: The infraction is no less serious, with an immediate tough penalty, but reinstates officials' discretion for issuing a game disqualification.</p>

<p>6-41-3 (NEW)</p>	<p><u>ART. 3... No player shall deliver a check to an unsuspecting and vulnerable player.</u> <u>PENALTY: MINOR. If flagrant, MAJOR or GAME DISQUALIFICATION must be assessed.</u></p> <p>Rationale: This is a risk minimization issue addressing late and unnecessary body contact. The goal is to eliminate "blind side" hits from the game and stress legal body checking.</p>
<p>6-42-1,2 (NEW)</p>	<p><u>Rule 42 - Embellishment</u> <u>ART.1... A player shall not attempt to draw a penalty through any exaggerated or deceitful action.</u> <u>PENALTY—MINOR.</u> <u>ART.2...A player who has been fouled shall not exaggerate the impact of the foul. An embellishment penalty may be called in conjunction with an opponent's penalty.</u> <u>PENALTY—MINOR.</u></p> <p>Rationale: In the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play, embellishment and "dives" are to be penalized. In order for the change of culture to occur in hockey, these acts need to be eliminated, as they are gimmicks to create a penalty situation.</p>

*** Major rules changes are listed above. All changes, including those of editorial nature, will be highlighted within the 2013-14 NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book.**