



2025-29 PLAYING RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

Effective August 1, 2025

YOUTH, GIRLS, HIGH SCHOOL & ADULT PLAYING RULES

RULE#	TITLE	CHANGE SUMMARY
All		Updates "Linesman" position to "Linesperson"
201(b)	Composition of Teams	Adds note allowing expanded team game rosters for Youth Tier I 15-Only, 16U, 18U, and Girls Tier I 19U games. Teams may dress 22 players.
303(b)	Goalkeeper's Equipment	Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Youth, Girls and High School goalkeepers. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
304	Protective Equipment	Edits language to clarify penalties for equipment violations
304	Protective Equipment	Adds rule requiring HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Disabled players under the age of 18 years old. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
304(g)	Protective Equipment	Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Youth, Girls and High School players. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
307(c)	Equipment Measurement	Mandates bench minor penalty for team who challenge a mouthpiece and the challenge is not verified.
308(a)	Electronic Devices	Adds cameras and microphones to list of devices prohibited to be worn by a player during games. Any violation results in a misconduct penalty.
402(e)	Minor Penalties	Clarifies when a match penalty shall be served when assessed with a minor penalty to same player during same stoppage.
407(a)&(b)	Goalkeeper Penalties	Clarifies how penalties assessed to goalkeeper shall be served.
501(c)	Appointment of Officials	Adds new rule requiring all on-ice officials under 18 years of age to wear a neck laceration protector
601(c)&(d)	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Mandates game misconduct penalty to player or coach who uses obscene, profane or abusive language to any person after the game.
601.e	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Clarifies any game report following a physical assault of a game official must be submitted within 24 hours following the game.
610(c)&(d)	Delaying the Game	Removes mandatory minor penalty to a goalkeeper who accidentally shoots the puck out of the playing area.
612(c)	Face-off Locations	Clarifies that stoppages caused by the attacking team in the attacking zone shall result in a neutral zone face-off.
624(b)	Icing the Puck	Allows teams at the Youth 15-Only and above, and Girls 16U and above, to ice the puck while playing shorthanded.
624(c)	Icing the Puck	Requires center-ice face-off location if game officials err in calling icing.
627(c)	Kicking Opponent or Puck	Clarifies play must be immediately stopped and resulting face-off locations for attempted kick-shot.
628(a)	Kneeing	Adds mandatory misconduct to any minor penalty assessed for kneeing an opponent.
630(d)	Offside	Allows teams at the Youth 15-Only and above, and Girls 16U and above, to play with Delayed/Tag-up Offsides.
630(d)	Offside	Removes automatic whistle for shooting the puck into the attacking end zone "on net" with attacking players still in the end zone.
631(d)	Puck Out of Bounds or Unplayable	Requires a face-off located in the same zone the puck was located in if the puck leaves the playing surface or becomes unplayable.
633(a)	Refusal to Start Play	Adds second warning to team before suspending the game for refusal to start play.
New	Appendix VII	Adds Disabled Hockey Playing Rules to general rulebook