



2017-18 NFHS ICE HOCKEY RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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NOTE: Please use the Goalkeeper Mask Guide on page 78 as a point of reference to distinguish between a HECC-certified face mask and a non-certified HECC face mask for goalkeepers.

On page 83, the Summary of Penalties chart should indicate that Rules 2-5-10, 4-7-8 and 8-4-1 should be listed under "Penalty Shot (only)." Rules 7-16-3, 8-2-3 and 8-8-1 should be listed under "Penalty Shot or Awarded Goal Options."

SITUATION 1: How may a water bottle be attached to the goal frame?

RULING: Preferably, a manufactured water bottle sleeve should be used. Otherwise, the bottle itself shall be

secured to the netting on the top or back of the goal frame. (1-3-5)

SITUATION 2: A delayed penalty for too many players on the ice is being signaled. By the time play is stopped, other players from that team are on the ice. Who may the captain choose to serve the penalty? **RULING:** Even though the player(s) creating the delayed penalty may not be on the ice when play is stopped, only the players who are then on the ice are eligible to serve the penalty. (2-2-6)

SITUATION 3: A player spits in the direction of the opposing team's coach, but no direct contact occurs. **RULING:** Game disqualification. The

action must be penalized whether or not actual contact occurs. (6-1-9)

SITUATION 4: An attacking player in the neutral zone shoots the puck, which deflects off Team B's goal frame and goes directly out of the rink.

RULING: If shot from the attacking half of the neutral zone, faceoff at the nearest neutral zone faceoff spot consistent with Rule 9-1-8. If shot from the defending half of the neutral zone, this could be icing the puck if the puck crosses the goal line after the deflection. If the puck does not cross the goal line or if it is not an icing-the-puck situation, faceoff is at the nearest neutral zone faceoff spot consistent with Rule 9-1-8. (9-1-9)