

2006 - 2010 IIHF RULE INTERPRETATION (Addition to IIHF Case Book)

In advance of the upcoming IIHF Championships, the IIHF would like to clarify the implementation of the IIHF Rule 554(c) – Shooting or Throwing the Puck Outside the Playing Area.

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1. When any player or goalkeeper, while in his defending zone, shoots, throws or bats the puck with his hand or stick directly, (non-deflected) out of the playing area, except where there is no glass, a penalty shall be assessed for delaying the game according to this rule.
2. When the puck is shot, thrown or batted with the hands or stick by a player or goalkeeper into the player's bench (or penalty bench if there is no protective glass), the penalty shall not be assessed.
3. When the puck is shot, thrown or batted with the hands or stick by a player or goalkeeper over the glass, behind the player's bench (or penalty bench if there is no protective glass) the penalty shall be assessed according to this rule.
4. The determining factor for assessing the penalty shall be the positioning of the puck at the moment the puck is shot, thrown or batted with the hands or stick by a player or goalkeeper.