

2009/10 IIHF Rules Bulletin

Changes to IIHF Rules 412 & 440
and recent changes to the Casebook

Overview

- Changes announced in “2009/10 IIHF Rules Bulletin” on 1 July 2009
- Changes in effect for northern hemisphere 2009/10 winter season, starting in Australia for 2010 winter season
- 2006–2010 IIHF Official Rule Book still in operation for everything else

Overview

- Three main changes in Rules Bulletin:
 1. No change of players by team icing the puck
 2. No imaginary lines for face-offs
 3. Face-off after penalty in defending zone
- Casebook change: “gaining the line” on icing

I. No change of players by team icing the puck

- Change to rule 412: Change of players procedure during stoppage of play
- “A team committing an icing infraction will not be allowed to change their players before the ensuing face-off in their defensive zone” (from Rules Bulletin)

412: addition of part (d)

(Text of rule change)

- A team that is in violation of the icing rule shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing face-off.
- Should the stoppage of play following the icing infraction coincide with a commercial time-out, or should the offending team elect to utilize their team time-out at this stoppage of play, they are still not permitted to make any player substitutions.

4 | 2: addition of part (d)

(Text of rule change cont.)

- However, a team shall be permitted to make a player substitution to replace a goalkeeper who had been substituted for an extra attacker, or to replace an injured player or goalkeeper, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the on-ice strength of either team.
- The determination of players on ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending player's stick.

Interpretation of the rule

- No penalties given for infringement
- Offending team must have original players back on ice in allocated time
- Warning for first slow change
- Delay of game bench minor for subsequent slow changes

Officials' procedures

- All three on-ice officials must watch for players changing
- Back linesperson to warn players not to change
- Referee to take numbers of players leaving the ice; linespeople to assist

2. No imaginary lines for face-offs

- Change to rule 440: Face-offs
- “The elimination of the imaginary lines for taking face-offs, making all face-offs held using the 9 face-off dots on the ice surface” (from Rules Bulletin)

440: all references to “imaginary lines” removed

- 440 (b) 2 (defining the imaginary lines) is deleted
- 440 (g) (when to use imaginary lines) is deleted (replaced)
- 440 (h), (i), (k) are added

440 (h)

- Face-offs shall be conducted at the nearest face off spot outside the blue line whenever possible in the neutral zone:
- When the play is stopped for any reason not specifically attributable to either team while the puck is in the neutral zone
- Note: When it is unclear as to which of the four face-off spots is the nearest, the centre ice face-off spot will be selected for the ensuing face-off

440 (i) and (k)

- i. Face-off spot after an offside pass:
 - The face-off shall take place in the zone face-off spot closest to the point of origin of the shot or pass (even if deflected off an attacking or defending player or an official)

- k. When the game is stopped for any reason not specifically covered in the official rules, the puck shall be faced-off at a face-off spot in the zone nearest to where it was last played.

Interpretation of the rule

- Casebook change: 440 (B) 8
- “If the puck strikes an official and goes out of the playing area in the neutral zone, the face-off shall take place at the nearest face-off spot in the neutral zone closest to the place where the puck hit the official or deflected off of him.”

Interpretation of the rule: offside pass

- Face off in the zone the pass originated
- Sometimes the nearest spot may be in front of where the pass originated, giving the offending team a slight advantage
- Avoid centre face-off spot unless shot from exactly on centre red line

3. Face-off after penalty in defending zone

- Change to rule 440: Face-offs
- “After a penalty is called, the ensuing face-off will be in the defending zone of the penalized team.” (from Rules Bulletin)

440: addition of part (g)

(Text of rule change)

Face-offs shall be conducted at one of the two end zone face off spots of the offending team:

- When players are penalized at a stoppage of play so as to result in penalties being placed on the penalty time clock to one team except:
 - a. When a penalty is assessed after the scoring of a goal – face off at center ice
 - b. When a penalty is assessed at the end (or start) of a period – face off at center ice

440: addition of part (g)

(Text of rule change cont.)

- c. When the defending team is about to be penalized and the attacking players enter the attacking zone beyond the outer edge of the end zone face-off circle – face-off in the neutral zone (See item (f) of this rule)
- d. When the team not being penalized ices the puck – face-off in the neutral zone outside the blue line of the team icing the puck
- e. When an infringement of a rule has been committed by the players of both sides in the play resulting in the stoppage, the ensuing face-off will be made at the nearest face-off spot in that zone.

Interpretation of the rule

- Casebook change: 440 (B) 7
- “If only an attacking player has been assessed a penalty in the attacking zone, the face-off shall take place at one of the two face-off spot in the offending team’s end zone regardless of which team was responsible for the stoppage of play.”

Interpretation of the rule

Casebook: 440 (C) Situations 3, 4 & 6

- Situation 3: A defending player caused a stoppage of play in the defending zone and the Referee assessed a penalty to the defending team. Before play resumes an attacking player was assessed a penalty.
- Ruling: The face-off shall take place at one of the two end zone face-off spots of the team assessed the original penalty.

Interpretation of the rule

Casebook: 440 (C) Situations 3, 4 & 6

- Situation 4: An attacking player is assessed a penalty in his attacking zone. The following face-off shall take place at one of the two end zone face off spots of the offending team. However, before play resumes a defending team player commits a foul and is assessed a penalty.
- Ruling: The face-off shall take place at one of the two end zone face-offs spots of the team committing the original penalty.

Interpretation of the rule

Casebook: 440 (C) Situations 3, 4 & 6

- Situation 6: An attacking team player is assessed a Misconduct penalty in his attacking zone.
- Ruling: The face-off shall take place at one of the face off spot in the zone nearest to location of the puck when the play was stopped. (No penalty on a clock – See 2009/10 IIHF Rules Bulletin)

Casebook change: icing the puck (rule 460)

- Text of the change:
 - The team in possession shall “gain the line” in order for the icing to be nullified.
 - “Gaining the line” shall mean that the puck, while on the player’s stick (not the player’s skate) shall make contact with the center red line in order to nullify a potential icing.