

TYPES OF PENALTIES

When the penalties of two (2) Players of the same Team will expire at the same time, the Captain of that Team will designate to the Referee which Player will return to the ice first and the Referee will instruct the Penalty Timekeeper accordingly (this is done to expedite the release of a Player from the Penalty Box when the opposing Team scores on the “Power-Play”).

26.2. PENALTY EXPIRATION

When any Team has three (3) Players serving penalties at the same time and because of the Delayed Penalty rule, a substitute for the third (3rd) offender is on the ice, none of the three (3) penalized Players in the Penalty Box may return to the ice until play has stopped.

When play has been stopped, the Player whose penalty has fully expired may return to the ice. During the play, the Penalty Timekeeper shall permit the penalized Players to return to the ice, in the order of expiration of their penalties, but only when the penalized Team is entitled to have more than four (4) Players on the ice. Otherwise, these Players must wait until the first stoppage of play after the expiration of their penalties in order to be released from the Penalty Box.

26.3. MAJOR AND MINOR PENALTY

When a Major and a Minor Penalty are imposed at the same time on different Players of the same Team, the Penalty Timekeeper shall record the Minor Penalty as being the first penalty.

RULE 27 GOALKEEPER'S PENALTIES

27.1. MINOR PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

A Goalkeeper shall not be sent to the Penalty Box for an offense which incurs a Minor Penalty, but instead, the Minor Penalty shall be served by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed. This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the playing Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.

A penalized Player may not serve a Goalkeeper's penalty.

If the Goalkeeper is involved in Coincidental Penalties being assessed and as a result, their Team is required to play “short-handed” due to additional penalties assessed to the Goalkeeper, the Player designated to serve the additional time penalties assessed to the Goalkeeper may be any Player as designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain.

27.2. MAJOR PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

A Goalkeeper shall not be sent to the Penalty Box for an offense which incurs a Major Penalty, but instead, the Major Penalty shall be served immediately by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed. This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.

When a Goalkeeper is assessed a Major Penalty plus a Game Misconduct, which is coincidental with a Major or Match Penalty to the opposing Team, no Player is required to serve the Goalkeeper's penalties in the Penalty Box, since they have been ejected from the game.

Should a Goalkeeper incur two (2) Major Penalties in one game (results an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty), they shall be ruled off the ice for the balance of the game and their place shall be taken by a member of their own Team, or by a regular substitute Goalkeeper who is available. Such Player will be allowed the Goalkeeper's full equipment.

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27.3. MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

Should a Goalkeeper on the ice incur a Misconduct Penalty, this penalty shall be served by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed.

This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.

27.4. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

Should a Goalkeeper incur a Game Misconduct Penalty, their place will then be taken by a member of their own Team, or by a regular substitute Goalkeeper who is available, and such Player will be allowed the Goalkeeper's full equipment.

27.5. MATCH PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

Should a Goalkeeper incur a Match Penalty, their place will then be taken by a member of their own Team, or by a substitute Goalkeeper who is available, and such Player will be allowed the Goalkeeper's full equipment.

The Match Penalty, and any additional penalties assessed to the Goalkeeper, shall be served immediately by a member of the Team on the ice when the offenses were committed. This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.

However, when the Match Penalty is coincidental with a Match or Major Penalty to the opposing Team, no Player is required to proceed to the Penalty Box to serve the Goalkeeper's Match Penalty.

27.6. LEAVING GOAL CREASE

A Minor Penalty shall be imposed on a Goalkeeper who leaves the immediate vicinity of their Goal Crease during an altercation.

However, should the altercation occur in or near the Goalkeeper's crease, the Referee should direct the Goalkeeper to a neutral location and not assess a penalty for leaving the immediate vicinity of the Goal Crease. Equally, if the Goalkeeper is legitimately outside the immediate vicinity of the Goal Crease for the purpose of proceeding to the Players' Bench to be substituted for an extra attacker, and they subsequently become involved in an altercation, the Minor Penalty for leaving the crease would not be assessed.

In addition, during stoppages of play in the game, they must not proceed to their Players' Bench for the purpose of receiving a replacement stick or equipment or repairs thereto, or due to an injury, or to receive instructions, without first obtaining permission to do so from the Referee. Otherwise, they must be replaced by the substitute Goalkeeper immediately (without any delay) or be assessed a Bench Minor Penalty.

→ [Rule 63 – Delaying the Game.](#)

27.7. PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAY OVER THE CENTER RED LINE

If a Goalkeeper participates in the play in any manner (intentionally plays the puck or checks an opponent) when they are beyond the center red line, a Minor Penalty shall be imposed upon them. The position of the puck is the determining factor for the application of this rule.

27.8. GOALKEEPER RESTRICTED AREA

A Goalkeeper shall not play the puck outside of the goalkeeper restricted area behind the net.

Should the Goalkeeper play the puck outside of the goalkeeper restricted area behind the Goal Line, a Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game" shall be imposed. The determining factor shall be the position of the puck.

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The Minor Penalty will not be assessed when a Goalkeeper plays the puck while maintaining skate contact with their Goal Crease. The designated trapezoidal area is marked with lines behind each goal. The lines run diagonally from the Goal Line to the Boards behind the goal. The outer dimension at the Goal Line is 6.80 m and at the Boards 8.60 m.

→ For more information refer to [Appendix VI – Infographics](#).

27.9. INFRACTIONS – UNIQUE TO GOALKEEPERS

A list of the infractions that shall result in a penalty to the Goalkeeper can be found in Table 13.

→ For more information refer to [Appendix IV – Tables Overview – Table 13](#).

RULE 28 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

28.1. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

The Proper Authorities may, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game played under the jurisdiction of the IIHF, including any championship, pre-championship, practice or exhibition games and league games.

The Proper Authorities may assess additional Disciplinary Measures for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a Player, Coach, or team personnel or Team executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee(s).

28.2. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP – AND EXHIBITION GAMES

For more information for Supplementary Discipline in pre-championship games and exhibition games, refer to the IIHF Disciplinary Code.

← For more information refer to [IIHF Disciplinary Code](#).

RULE 29 GAME OFFICIAL SIGNALS

The compilation and the explanations of the signals of the Game Officials are located in the Appendix I.

→ For more information refer to [Appendix I – Signals Game Officials](#).