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## 34.3. OVERTIME OPERATIONS

In the event of Overtime for a Round Robin or for a Preliminary Round game, the Game Timekeeper shall reset the clock to five (5) minutes in preparation for the Overtime period. The Overtime period will commence promptly following the shoveling of the entire ice surface.

→ [Rule 63 – Overtime Operations.](#)

← For more information refer to IIHF Sport Regulations.

## 34.4. SIGNAL DEVICES

If the arena is not equipped with an automatic signaling device or, if such device fails to function, the Game Timekeeper shall signal the end of each period by blowing a whistle.

## 34.5. START OF PERIODS

The Game Timekeeper shall signal the Referees and the competing Teams for the start of the game and each succeeding period and the Referees shall start the play promptly.

→ [Rule 77 – Game and Intermission Timing.](#)

← For more information refer to IIHF Sport Regulations.

## 34.6. TELEVISION AND HOST BROADCASTER

← For more information refer to IIHF Sport Regulations.

## 34.7. VERIFICATION OF TIME

Any loss of time on the game or penalty clocks due to a false “face-off” must be replaced as appropriate. The Video Review Operations may be consulted to ensure the time is accurately replaced.

In the event of any dispute regarding time, the matter shall be referred to the Referees for adjudication and their decision shall be final. They may use the Video Review Operations to assist in rendering their final decision.

→ [Rule 37.6 – Video Review.](#)

The Game Timekeeper shall assist to verify game time using an additional timing device (IIHF approved stopwatch). In the event the clock fails to operate when play resumes, the On-ice Officials may elect to stop play provided there is no imminent scoring opportunity or wait until the next legitimate stoppage of play. In cooperation with the Game Timekeeper and the Video Review Operations, the clock is to be re-set to the appropriate time.

In the event a Video Review shows a goal was scored prior to the play being stopped, the Video Review Operations will inform the Game Timekeeper and the Official Scorekeeper of the time of goal and the amount of playing time left to be reset on the Game Clock.

## RULE 35 PENALTY TIMEKEEPER

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### 35.1. GENERAL DUTIES

The Penalty Timekeeper shall keep a correct record of all penalties imposed by the On-ice Game Officials, including the names of the Players penalized, the penalties assessed, the duration of each penalty and the time at which each penalty was imposed. This information shall also be recorded by the scorekeeper on the Official Game Sheet.

The Penalty Timekeeper shall inform penalized Players and the Penalty Box Attendants as to the correct expiration time of all

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penalties. In the event of a malfunction of the Penalty Time Clock, the Game Clock shall be utilized to determine the expiration time of each penalty. Otherwise, the Penalty Time Clocks shall be the official timing device for all penalties that require a Team to play with less than five (5) Skaters.

Players shall only be released from the Penalty Box when indicated by the Penalty Time Clock or as otherwise covered in the playing rules. The infraction of the rules for which each penalty has been imposed will be announced over the Public Address System as reported by the Referee. Where Players of both Teams are penalized at the same time, the penalty to the visiting Player will be announced first.

In situations where multiple Game Misconduct Penalties have been assessed to any one (1) Player at the same stoppage of play, only one (1) Game Misconduct Penalty should be announced.

Misconduct Penalties and coincident Major Penalties should not be recorded on the timing device (Penalty Time Clock) but such penalized Players should be alerted and released at the first stoppage of play following the expiration of their penalties.

When a Player is assessed a Misconduct Penalty in addition to other penalties, the Misconduct Penalty shall only commence after all other penalties have been served (or washed out by the scoring of a goal).

If a Player leaves the Penalty Box before the time has expired, the Penalty Timekeeper must note the time and notify the Referees at their first opportunity.

It is the responsibility of the Penalty Timekeeper to ensure that penalized Players return to the Penalty Box before the puck is dropped for the start of a new period.

In the event a penalized Player is not in the Penalty Box, the Penalty Timekeeper should notify the Referees and prevent the game from resuming until the Player is there.

## 35.2. EQUIPMENT

Manual stopwatches should be available to determine the correct penalty times in the event the timing system fails.

## 35.3. GOALKEEPER'S PENALTIES

In the event a Goalkeeper is penalized, this penalty shall be served by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed. Communication with the Official Scorekeeper and/or Statistic staff is important at this time as they can inform the Penalty Timekeeper who was actually on the ice to ensure only the proper Players can serve the time.

## 35.4. PENALTY SHOT

The Penalty Timekeeper shall report on the Penalty Record form each "Penalty Shot" awarded, the name of the Player taking the shot and the result of the shot.

## 35.5. PENALTY TIME CLOCK

The Penalty Timekeeper shall be responsible for the correct posting of penalties on the scoreboard at all times and shall promptly call to the attention of the Referees any discrepancy between the time recorded on the clock and the official correct time and they shall be responsible for making any adjustments ordered by the Referees.

In the event two (2) Players from one (1) Team and one (1) Player from the opposing Team are penalized at the same time, the Penalty Timekeeper shall request through the Referee, which penalty they prefer to have on the timing device.

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## 35.6. REPORTS

Should a Player be assessed a penalty that results in an “automatic ejection from the game”, this must be communicated to the Referee at the time the penalty is assessed to ensure a Game Misconduct Penalty is assessed. When penalties are assessed in the final minute of a period where tenths of seconds are shown on the clock, the time of the penalty shall be rounded up to the nearest second for the Official Game Sheet.

## 35.7. STICK MEASUREMENTS

The Penalty Timekeeper shall have an official IIHF “stick-measuring gauge” and tape measure available for the Referees use during the game. They shall also record on the Official Game Sheet the details and the result of any stick measurement performed by the Referees during the game.

## 35.8. VERIFICATION OF TIME

In the event a goal is awarded by Video Review even though play continued, the Penalty Timekeeper must adjust any existing penalties, according to the situation. The clock must revert to the original time the goal was scored. If a penalty was in the process of being called, it will revert to that time also.

## RULE 36 STATISTIC STAFF

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← For more information refer to IIHF Technology Codes & Regulations.

## RULE 37 VIDEO REVIEW

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### 37.1. VIDEO REVIEW OPERATIONS

The IIHF will staff a Video Review Operations Room with experienced Off-ice Game Officials to watch all games and to work in conjunction with the On- and Off-ice Officials in every arena in reviewing all goals and disputed and controversial plays and rendering decisions in accordance with the specific parameters set forth herein.

The IIHF will designate an Off-ice Official to serve in the role of Video Review Consultant in every arena for every game. The Video Review Consultant will be located in a secluded area in the upper level of the building with an unobstructed view of both goals.

The location must be large enough to seat four (4) people (Video Review Consultant, Video Review Technician, Officiating Coach and IIHF Officiating Representative) and must have space for necessary monitors, replay and recording equipment.

The Video Review Consultant and Officiating Coach shall both have access to all replays that may be available from all available broadcasts of the game.

The Video Review Consultant and Officiating Coach shall also be equipped with state-of-the-art communications systems that will allow direct and immediate access to the Off-ice Official(s) at the Penalty Box and the On-ice Official(s).

← For more information refer to IIHF Technology Codes & Regulations.

### 37.2. GOAL REVIEW PROCEDURES

Every goal shall be reviewed by the IIHF Video Review Operations. If there is a need to delay the resumption of the play following an apparent goal, the Off-Ice Official at ice level will be alerted to signal one of the Referees to delay the Center-ice “face-off” for a moment. Once the IIHF Video Review Operations has reviewed the video and confirmed that the goal is valid, the Off-ice Official at ice level should signal to the Referee to resume play.