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RULE 38 COACH'S CHALLENGE

38.1. GENERAL

The Video Review mechanism triggered by the Coach's Challenge can only be utilized in "good goal / no goal" situations and is intended to be extremely narrow in scope.

In all Coach's Challenge situations, the original call on the ice will be overturned if, and only if, a conclusive and irrefutable determination can be made on the basis of video evidence that the original call on the ice was clearly not correct.
If a review is not conclusive and/or there is any doubt whatsoever as to whether the call on the ice was correct, the original call on the ice will be confirmed.

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

38.2. SITUATIONS SUBJECT TO COACH'S CHALLENGE

A Team may only request a Coach's Challenge to review the following scenarios:

(I) "Off-side"- Play Leading to a Goal

A play that results in a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the play should have been stopped by reason of an "Off-side" infraction by the attacking Team.

➔ Rule 83 – Off-side.

(II) Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Attacking Zone Leading to a Goal

A play that results in a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the play should have been stopped by reason of any play occurring in the Attacking Zone that should have resulted in a play stoppage caused by the attacking Team but did not;

(III) Scoring Plays Involving Potential "Interference on the Goalkeeper"

Either:

(1) A play that results in a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the goal should have been disallowed due to "Interference on the Goalkeeper" **➔ Rule 69 – Interference on the Goalkeeper;** or

(2) A play that results in a "no goal" call on the ice despite the puck having entered the net, where the On-ice Officials have determined that the attacking Team was guilty of "Interference on the Goalkeeper" but where the attacking Team claims:

- There was no actual contact of any kind initiated by an attacking Player with the Goalkeeper;
- The attacking Player was pushed, shoved or fouled by a defending Player which caused the attacking Player to come into contact with the Goalkeeper; or
- The attacking Player's positioning within the Goal Crease did not impair the Goalkeeper's ability to defend their goal and, in fact, had no discernable impact on the play.

38.3. COACH'S CHALLENGE INITIATED BY THE IIHF VIDEO REVIEW OPERATIONS

In the final minute of play in the 3rd Period and at any point in Overtime, the IIHF Video Review Operations will initiate the review of any scenario that would otherwise be subject to a Coach's Challenge.

The IIHF Video Review Operations will continue to be responsible for the review of all goals subject to Video Review.

➔ Rule 37 – Video Review.

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Where a Coach's Challenge is available on a scoring play potentially involving "Off-side," a "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Offensive Zone" or "Interference on the Goalkeeper," the IIHF Video Review Operations will, as an initial and threshold matter, determine that the puck entered the net legally before the play will be subject to further review by means of a Coach's Challenge (or, in the final minute of play or in Overtime, a review initiated by the IIHF Video Review Operations)

38.4. PROCESS FOR INITIATING A COACH'S CHALLENGE

All Coach's Challenges must be initiated by notice verbally communicated to a Referee prior to the Center ice "face-off" following a "goal" or, in the case of a "no goal" call by reason of "Interference on the Goalkeeper," prior to the resumption of play.

Teams may not unduly delay the resumption of play while evaluating whether or not to initiate a Coach's Challenge. Any such delay or delay tactics may result in the denial of a right to Challenge and, at the discretion of the Referee, may also result in a Bench Minor Penalty for "Delaying the Game".

➔ **Rule 63 – Delaying the Game.**

In order to expedite the review process, Coaches initiating a Coach's Challenge are required to provide to the Referee, with reasonable specificity, both the reason for their Coach's Challenge (i.e., the actual infraction that is being claimed) and the approximate time on the clock when the purported infraction transpired. Failure to provide this information with reasonable specificity may result in the denial of a right to a Coach's Challenge.

Only one Coach's Challenge per Team per stoppage will be permitted.

38.5. PROCESS FOR REVIEWING A COACH'S CHALLENGE

The IIHF Technology Department in cooperation with the Organizer will make available in all arenas suitable technology (for example, a handheld tablet or a television or computer monitor) that will allow the On-ice Officials, in conjunction with the IIHF Video Review Operations, to review video replays of the play giving rise to the Coach's Challenge (or, in the final minute of play or in Overtime, the play that caused the IIHF Video Review Operations to initiate the review).

To the extent practical and possible, the replays made available to the On-ice Officials will be the same replays that are being utilized by the IIHF Video Review Operations.

Once a Coach's Challenge has been initiated (or, in the final minute of play or in Overtime, a review is initiated by the IIHF Video Review Operations), the IIHF Video Review Operations will immediately establish contact with the On-ice Official(s) responsible for the call (or non-call) on the ice via the headset and will inquire and discuss with the On-ice Official(s), prior to the On-ice Official reviewing any video, the following:

(I) the On-ice Official's "final call on the ice"; and

(II) what the On-ice Official(s) observed on the play.

The Video Review Consultant will be involved both in communicating with the On-ice Officials via the headset and with providing input to the On-ice Officials (Referees and Linespersons). The On-ice Officials are responsible for making the "final" decision.

The "on-ice call" will then be reviewed simultaneously by the appropriate On-ice Official(s) at ice level and by the Video Review Consultant, as a part of the IIHF Video Review Operations, using any and all replays at their disposal.

After their joint review and consultation, the On-ice Officials (Referees or Linespersons) will render the decision on whether to uphold or overturn the original "call on the ice".

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Once a decision is made, the Referee will inform the Penalty Timekeeper/Public Address Announcer and will make the announcement on the ice.

38.6. RIGHT TO INITIATE A COACH'S CHALLENGE

Teams may initiate a Coach's Challenge on appropriate plays at any time during the game except during the final minute of play in Regulation time or at any time during Overtime, at which point the exclusive right to initiate a review of any scenario that would otherwise be subject to a Coach's Challenge shifts to the IIHF Video Review Operations.

38.7. RESULTS OF A SUCCESSFUL COACH'S CHALLENGE

In cases where a Challenge has been initiated for an "Off-side-Play Leading to a Goal" or a "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Offensive Zone Leading to a Goal" (either by a Team or by the IIHF Video Review Operations), and a determination is made that the GOAL call on the ice should be overturned, the goal will be disallowed and the clock will be re-set to the time at which the play should have been stopped for the missed infraction.

In such cases, a "face-off" will ensue in the ice location where it would have otherwise occurred had the on-ice infraction been called properly. If one or more penalties (Minor or Major) are assessed between the time of the missed infraction and the Video Review that disallows the apparent goal, the offending Team(s) (and responsible Player(s)) will still be required to serve the penalty(ies) identified and assessed, and the time of the penalty(ies) will be recorded as the time at which the play should have been stopped for the missed infraction.

In cases where a Challenge has been initiated for a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the goal should have been disallowed due to the "Interference on the Goalkeeper," as described in ➔ **Rules 69 – Interference on the Goalkeeper,** and a determination is made that the "call on the ice" should be overturned, the goal will be disallowed, and a "face-off" will ensue in the nearest Neutral Zone Face-off Spot outside the Attacking Zone.

The Video Review process on these plays (whether initiated by way of a Coach's Challenge or by the IIHF Video Review Operations in the final minute of play or in Overtime) will be utilized exclusively for purposes of overturning a "goal" call on the ice - it will not be utilized for any other purpose, including, specifically, for assessing Minor or Major Penalties for Goalkeeper Interference.

In cases where a Challenge has been initiated for a "no goal" call on the ice despite the puck having entered the net, where the On-ice Officials have determined that the attacking Team was guilty of "Interference on the Goalkeeper," and a determination is made that the "call on the ice" should be overturned, the goal will be allowed an a "face-off" will ensue at Center ice.
➔ **Rule 69 – "Interference on a goalkeeper"**

If a penalty for "Interference on a Goalkeeper" was indicated and based on the Video Review, no such action was committed by the attacking Player, no penalty shall be assessed for such an infraction.
All other penalties not related to "Interference on a Goalkeeper" should be assessed and served in a normal manner. On the other hand, penalties not indicated cannot be assessed due to the Video Review.

38.8. RESULTS OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL COACH'S CHALLENGE

If a Team initiates a Coach's Challenge for any of the enumerated scenarios in Rule 38.2 above and such Challenge does not result in the "final call on the ice" being overturned, the Team exercising such Challenge shall be assessed a Bench Minor Penalty

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(2 minutes) for Delaying the Game. If a Team that has already initiated one or more Coach's Challenges that were unsuccessful, initiates a Coach's Challenge for any of the enumerated scenarios in Rule 38.2 above and such Challenge does not result in the original call on the ice being overturned, the Team exercising such a Coach's Challenge shall be assessed a Double-Bench minor Penalty (4 minutes) for Delaying the Game.

38.9. APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR "OFF-SIDE" CHALLENGE

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Linespersons), after reviewing any and all available replays and consulting with the IIHF Video Review Operations, determine that one or more Players on the attacking Team preceded the puck into the Attacking Zone prior to the goal being scored and that, as a result, the play should have been stopped for an "Off-side" infraction; where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed.

Goals will only be subject to review for a potential "Off-side" infraction if the puck does not come out of the Attacking Zone again between the time of the "Off-side" infraction and the time the goal is scored.

38.10. APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR "MISSED GAME STOPPAGE EVENT IN THE ATTACKING ZONE" CHALLENGE

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Referees), after reviewing any and all available replays and consulting with the IIHF Video Review Operations determine that the play should have been stopped for a event caused by the attacking team, but was not at some point after the puck entered the Attacking Zone but prior to the goal being scored; where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed.

Potential infractions that would require a play stoppage in the Attacking Zone by the attacking team, includes but may not be limited to: **➔ Rule 79 - Hand Pass; ➔ Rule 80 - High-sticking the Puck; and ➔ Rule 85 - Puck Out of Bounds.** Such infractions will only serve as a basis for overturning a "goal" call on the ice if Video Review can conclusively establish that a game stoppage event had occurred in the Attacking Zone and was missed by the On-ice Official(s).

Where the infraction at issue was a missed penalty call subject to the judgment or discretion of the On-ice Official(s), such infraction cannot result in the "goal" call on the ice being overturned, even if upon review, the On-ice Official(s) would have made a different call. Goals will only be reviewed for a potential "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Attacking Zone" if the puck does not come out of the Attacking Zone again between the time of the "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Attacking Zone" and the time the goal is scored.

38.11. APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR POTENTIAL "INTERFERENCE ON THE GOALKEEPER" CHALLENGE

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Referees), after reviewing any and all replays and consulting with the IIHF Video Review Operations, determine that the goal should have been disallowed due to "Interference on the Goalkeeper," as described in **➔ Rule 69 – Interference on the Goalkeeper;** where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed.

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "no goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Referees), after reviewing any and all replays and consulting with the IIHF Video Review Operations, determine that the goal on the ice should have been allowed because either:

(I) There was no actual contact of any kind initiated by the attacking Player with the Goalkeeper; or

(II) The attacking Player was pushed, shoved or fouled by the defending Player causing the attacking Player to come into contact with the Goalkeeper; or