

# OFFICIALS

- (III) Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official, in any manner, where such actions were likely to cause injury to the latter to an Official, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an Official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an Official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a Game Misconduct Penalty and the guidelines set out in → [Rule 40 – Physical Abuse of Officials](#) are to be applied.
- (IV) Any Player who, having entered the Penalty Box, leaves the Penalty Box prior to the expiration of their penalty for the purpose of challenging an Official's ruling, shall be assessed. This rule does not replace any other more severe penalty that may be imposed for leaving the Penalty Box for the purpose of starting or participating in an altercation.  
→ [Rule 70 – Leaving the Players Bench or Penalty Box](#).
- (V) A Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” plus a Game Misconduct shall be imposed on a Player who throws their stick or any part thereof, or any other piece of equipment or object outside the playing area in protest of an Official's decision.
- (VI) Any Player, Coach or team personnel who throws or shoots any equipment or other object in the general direction of an Official but does not come close to making any contact. This action may occur on or off the ice.
- (VII) In general, participants displaying this type of behavior are assessed a Minor Penalty, then a Misconduct Penalty and then a Game Misconduct Penalty if they persist.
- (VIII) Any Player, Coach or team personnel spits, smears blood or directing obscene, profane, or abusive language, use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks at an Official, during or after a game, on or off the ice and any location while in the arena and its connected premises.

## 39.6. REPORTS

It is the responsibility of all Game Officials send a report to the Proper Authorities setting out the full details concerning the use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks or language by any Player, Coach or team personnel. If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Disciplinary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

→ [Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline](#).

## RULE 40 PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

### 40.1. GAME MISCONDUCT

Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an official, where such actions were likely to cause injury to the latter, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an Official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an Official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a Game Misconduct Penalty.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.

### 40.2. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY I

Any Player who deliberately strikes an Official and could cause an injury or who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official with intent to injure, or who in any manner attempts to injure an Official. For the purpose of the rule, “could cause an injury” shall mean any physical force which a player knew or should have known could reasonably be expected to cause injury.

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## 40.3. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY II

Any Player who deliberately applies physical force to an Official in any manner (excluding actions as set out in Category I), which physical force is applied without intent to injure, or who spits on an Official.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.

## 40.4. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY III

Any Player who, by their actions, physically demeans an official or physically threatens an official by (but not limited to) throwing a stick or any other piece of equipment or object at or in the general direction of an official, shooting the puck at or in the general direction of an official, spitting, smearing blood at or in the general direction of an official, or who deliberately applies physical force to an official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an official during or immediately following an altercation.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.

## 40.5. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION PROCESS

Immediately after the game in which such Game Misconduct Penalty is imposed, the Referees shall, in consultation with the Linespersons, decide the category of the offense. They must make a verbal and/or written report to the Proper Authorities immediately after the respective game. The Player and Team concerned will be notified by IIHF Disciplinary and the respective procedure will be started accordingly.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.

## 40.6. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

In the event that the player has committed more than one offense under this rule, in addition to the penalties imposed under this offense, they case shall be referred to the Proper Authorities for consideration of Supplementary Disciplinary actions.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.

## 40.7. COACH OR TEAM PERSONNEL

Any Coach or team personnel who holds or strikes an Official or commits any other infraction set out under 40.1 shall be assessed with a game Misconduct penalty, ordered to the Dressing Room and the matter will be reported to the Proper Authorities for further disciplinary action.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.

## 40.8. PROTECTION AND SECURITY

All Championship Organizers shall provide adequate police or other protection for all Players and Officials at all times.

The Referee(s) shall report to the Proper Authorities any failure of this protection observed by them or reported to them with particulars of such failure.

← For more information refer to IIHF Disciplinary Code.