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Any penalized Player leaving the Penalty Box during a stoppage of play and during an altercation shall incur a Minor Penalty plus a Game Misconduct Penalty. The Minor Penalty plus the unexpired time remaining in their original penalty must be served by a replacement Player placed in the Penalty Box by the Coach of the offending Team.

Any Player who has been ordered to the Dressing Room by the Officials and returns to their Players' Bench or to the ice surface for any reason before the appropriate time shall be assessed a Game Misconduct. If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

→ Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline

Once a Player enters the Penalty Box, they must not leave until their penalty expires and their Team is entitled to an additional Player on the ice, or, at the end of a period to proceed to their Dressing Room, or, when they have received permission from an On-ice Official. At any other time, they shall be assessed a Game Misconduct Penalty under this rule.

70.7. "PENALTY SHOT"

If a Player of the attacking side in possession of the puck shall be in such a position as to have no opposition between them and the opposing Goalkeeper, and while in such position their shall be interfered with by a Player of the opposing Team who shall have illegally entered the game, the Referee shall impose a "Penalty Shot" against the Team to which the offending Player belongs.

70.8. AWARDED GOAL

If, when the opposing Goalkeeper has been removed from the ice, a Player of the side attacking the unattended goal is interfered with in the Neutral or Attacking Zone by a Player who shall have entered the game illegally, the Referee shall immediately award a goal to the non-offending Team.

70.9. DISALLOWED GOAL

If a penalized Player returns to the ice from the Penalty Box before their penalty has expired by their own error or the error of the Penalty Timekeeper, any goal scored by their own Team while they are illegally on the ice shall be disallowed but all penalties imposed on either Team shall be served as regular penalties.

If a Player shall illegally enter the game from their own Players' Bench or from the Penalty Box, any goal scored by their own Team while they are illegally on the ice shall be disallowed but all penalties imposed on either Team shall be served as regular penalties.

70.10. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

→ Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline

RULE 71 PREMATURE SUBSTITUTION

71.1. PREMATURE SUBSTITUTION

When a Goalkeeper leaves their goal area and proceeds to their Players' Bench for the purpose of substituting another Player, the Skater cannot enter the playing surface before the Goalkeeper is within 1.50 m (5 ft) of their Players' Bench.

If the substitution is made prematurely, the Official shall stop play immediately unless the non-offending Team has "possession of the puck" - in which event the stoppage will be delayed until the puck "changes possession".

There shall be no time penalty to the Team making the premature substitution, but the resulting "face-off" will take place at the Center ice Face-off Spot when play is stopped beyond the Center red line. When play is stopped prior to the Center red line, the resulting

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"face-off" shall be conducted at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone where the play was stopped.

In all other situations not covered in the above, a Minor Penalty may result for "too many Players on the ice"

→ Rule 74 – Too Many Players on the Ice.

71.2. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Referee shall request that the Public Address Announcer make the following announcement: "Play has been stopped due to premature substitution for the Goalkeeper."

RULE 72 REFUSING TO PLAY THE PUCK

72.1. REFUSING OR ABSTAINING FROM PLAYING THE PUCK

The purpose of this section is to enforce continuous action and both Referees and Linespersons should interpret and apply the rule to produce this result.

72.2. HAND PASS

When a "hand pass" has been initiated by one Player to a Teammate and the Teammate elects not to play the puck to avoid the stoppage of play, and the opposing Team also abstains from playing the puck (perhaps to allow time to expire on a penalty), the Referee shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" at the nearest "face-off" location to where the play was stopped for this violation.

72.3. HIGH STICK

When a Player contacts the puck with their stick above the "normal height of the shoulders" and a Teammate elects not to play the puck to avoid the stoppage of play, and the opposing Team also abstains from playing the puck (perhaps to allow time to expire on a penalty), the Referee shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" at the Face-off Spot in the zone to nearest to where the play was stopped for this violation

→ Rule 76.2 – Face-off Locations.

72.4. ICING

If, in the opinion of the Referee, the defending side "intentionally" abstains from pursuing the puck beyond the Face-off Spots on an icing promptly when they are in a position to do so, they shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" on the adjacent corner Face-off Spot nearest the goal of the Team at fault.

72.5. PENALTY

When the Referee signals the delayed calling of a penalty to one Team and a Player of that Team intentionally abstains from playing the puck in order to allow additional time to expire on the game or penalty time clocks, the Referee shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" at one of the Face-off Spots in the offending Team's Defending Zone.

→ Rule 76.2 – Face-off Locations.

RULE 73 REFUSING TO START PLAY

73.1. REFUSING TO START PLAY

This rule applies to Teams who refuse to play while both Teams are on the ice or who withdraws from the ice and refuses to play or