

# OTHER FOULS

## RULE 74 TOO MANY PLAYERS ON THE ICE

### 74.1. TOO MANY PLAYERS ON THE ICE

Players may be changed at any time during the play from the Players' Bench provided that the Player or Players leaving the ice shall be within 1.50 m (5 ft) of their Players' Bench and out of the play before the change is made - refer also to Rule 71 – Premature Substitution.

At the discretion of the On-ice Officials, should a substituting Player come onto the ice before their Teammate is within the 1.50 m (5 ft) limit of the Players' Bench (and therefore clearly causing their Team to have “too many Players” on the ice), then a Bench Minor Penalty may be assessed.

When a Player is retiring from the ice surface and is within the 1.50 m (5 ft) limit of their Players' Bench, and their substitute is on the ice, then the retiring Player shall be considered off the ice for the purpose of Rule 70 – Leaving Players Bench or Penalty Box.

If in the course of making a substitution, either the Player entering the game or the Player retiring from the ice surface plays the puck with their stick, skates or hands or who checks or makes any physical contact with an opposing Player while either the Player entering the game or the retiring Player is actually on the ice, then the infraction of “too many Players on the ice” will be called.

If in the course of a substitution either the Player(s) entering the play or the Player(s) retiring is struck by the puck accidentally, the play will not be stopped, and no penalty will be called.

During the play, the Player retiring from the ice must do so at the Players' Bench and not through any other exit leading from the Rink. This is not a legal Player change and therefore when a violation occurs, a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed.

A Player coming onto the ice as a substitute Player is considered on the ice once both of their skates are on the ice. If they play the puck or interfere with an opponent while still on the Players' Bench, they shall be penalized under → [Rule 56 – Interference](#).

A retiring Player (coming off the ice) who has one skate on the ice and one skate off the ice in the Players' Bench is considered as “off the ice”.

### 74.2. BENCH MINOR PENALTY

A Bench Minor Penalty for “too many Players on the ice” shall be assessed for a violation of this rule. This penalty can be assessed by the Referees or the Linespersons.

Should a goal be scored by the offending Team prior to the Referee or Linesperson blowing their whistle to assess the Bench Minor Penalty, the goal shall be disallowed, and the penalty assessed for “too many Players on the ice”.

### 74.3. PENALTY BOX

A Player serving a penalty in the Penalty Box, who is to be changed after the penalty has been served, must proceed at once by way of the ice and be within 1.50 m (5 ft) of their own Players' Bench before any change can be made. For any violation of this rule, a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed for “too many Players on the ice”.

### 74.4. DELIBERATE ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTION

If by reason of insufficient playing time remaining, or by reason of penalties already imposed, a Bench Minor Penalty is imposed for “deliberate illegal substitution” (“too many Players on the ice”) which cannot be served in its entirety within the legal playing time, or at any time in Overtime, a “Penalty Shot” shall be awarded against the offending Team.

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## 74.5. GOALKEEPER IN OVERTIME

Once the Goalkeeper has been removed for an extra Attacker in Overtime during the game, they must wait for the next stoppage of play before returning to their position.

Any attempt by the Goalkeeper to return to his position prior to the next stoppage of play (“on the fly”) shall be deemed to be an “illegal substitution” and a Bench Minor penalty shall be assessed for having an ineligible Player would apply.

## RULE 75 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

### 75.1. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Players, Coaches and team personnel are responsible for their conduct at all times and must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any place in the Rink. The Referees may assess penalties to any of the above Team Personnel for failure to do so.

When such conduct is directed at an official → **Rule 39 – Abuse of Officials** shall be applied.

### 75.2. MINOR PENALTY

A Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) Any identifiable Player who uses obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures directed at any person. An additional Game Misconduct Penalty for use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks – refer to Rule 75.5 – Game Misconduct Penalty.
- (II) Any Player who is guilty of “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” including, but not limited to hair-pulling, grabbing hold of a face mask, banging with a stick or another object at the Boards or glass, etc. during the progress of the game or during a stoppage of play. Note: “If the Referee classifies physical offences committed to be serious and severe, based on the degree of force, the Referee may apply:  
→ **Rule 21 – Match Penalties.**”
- (III) Any Player who throws any object onto the ice from the Players’ or Penalty Box (or from any other off-ice location);
- (IV) A Player who deliberately removes their jersey or their helmet prior to participating in an altercation or who is clearly wearing a jersey that has been modified and does not conform to → **Rule 9 – Uniforms**, shall be assessed a Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” and a Game Misconduct. If the altercation never materializes, the Player shall receive a Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” and a ten-minute (10) Misconduct Penalty for deliberately removing their jersey.

If a penalized Player is assessed an additional “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” penalty either before or after they begin serving their original penalties, the additional Minor Penalty is added to their unexpired time and served consecutively.

### 75.3. BENCH MINOR PENALTY

A Bench Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) When any unidentifiable player, Coach or team personnel throws any object onto the ice from the Players’ or Penalty Box (or from any other off-ice location) or is banging with a stick or another object at the Boards or glass, etc. during the progress of the game or during a stoppage of play.
- (II) Any unidentifiable Player or any Coach or team personnel uses obscene, profane, or abusive language or gesture directed