



2009/10 IIHF RULES BULLETIN

Changes to IIHF Rules 412 & 440

During the 2009 IIHF Annual Congress the membership agreed to a proposal to apply three new rulings beginning on July 1, 2009. The three rulings include the following:

- A team committing an icing infraction will not be allowed to change their players before the ensuing face-off in their defensive zone (Rule 440)
- The elimination of the imaginary lines for taking face-offs, making all face-offs held using the 9 face-off dots on the ice surface
- When a team is assessed a penalty in the offensive zone, the ensuing face-off will be held in their defensive zone

These applications are written up in this Rules Bulletin. National Associations should be aware of these applications and must make their people aware of their application because the IIHF Rule Book will not be reprinted for these adjustments. These new rulings will be included in the 2010 IIHF Rule Book along with all of the other changes approved at the recent 2009 IIHF Annual Congress.

Please make sure that your players, coaches, game officials, clubs, leagues and media are aware of these rule changes because the Congress has decided to apply these new rulings to all IIHF competitions beginning on July 1, 2009 and throughout the 2009-10 season. This includes IIHF club competitions, the IIHF Championship Program and in both the men's and the women's tournaments at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The IIHF will include these in our Intranet site for use by IIHF Council, National Association, Committee members and IIHF Staff, the Internet for the public at large and on the agenda of the Team Rule Information Meetings (TRIM) held in advance of all IIHF Competitions. We have also directly distributed this Rules Bulletin to all National Associations offices and also to all national association Referees-in-Chief for their information and application as well.

Please be aware that the application of the rulings agreed by the IIHF Congress will be applied throughout the entire IIHF Rule Book. Therefore any wording within the current 2006 IIHF Rule Book contrary to the intentions of these new rulings and their application will be redundant.

Finally, we have identified the new wording to be applied in these two IIHF rules using **yellow highlight**. We have also identified the removed wording using **red highlight**, white font and stroked through the old wording.

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412 - CHANGE OF PLAYERS PROCEDURE DURING STOPPAGE OF PLAY

- a) Following a stoppage of play, the visiting team shall promptly place a line-up of players on the ice for play and no substitution shall be made until play has resumed. The home team may then make any desired substitution which does not result in the delay of the game.

If there is any undue delay by either team in changing lines, the Referee shall order the offending team or teams to take their positions immediately and not permit a line change.

- b) The procedure shall be carried out as follows:
1. The Referee shall take his position for the start of the next play, and the Linesman dropping the puck shall proceed promptly to the location of the face-off.
 2. The Referee shall allow the visiting team five seconds to make their player changes.
 3. After the five seconds, the Referee shall raise his arm to indicate that the visiting team shall no longer make a player change.
 4. With the arm still up, the Referee shall allow the home team five seconds to make their player changes.
 5. After the five seconds, the Referee shall drop his arm to indicate that the home team shall no longer make a player change.
 6. As soon as the Referee drops his arm, the Linesman conducting the face-off shall blow the whistle, which signals both teams that they shall have no more than five seconds to line-up for the face-off.
 7. At the end of the five seconds or sooner if the facing-off players are ready, the Linesman shall drop the puck. It shall not be the responsibility of the Linesman to wait for the players to come into position for the face-off.
- c) Teams are not permitted to make a player(s) substitution following a false face-off, except when a penalty is assessed that affects the on-ice strength of either team.

- d) A team which that is in violation of the icing rule shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing face-off.

Should the stoppage of play following the icing infraction coincide with a commercial time-out, or should the offending team elect to utilize their team time-out at this stoppage of play, they are still not permitted to make any player substitutions.

However, a team shall be permitted to make a player substitution to replace a goalkeeper who had been substituted for an extra attacker, or to replace an injured player or goalkeeper, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the on-ice strength of either team.

The determination of players on ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending player's stick.

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440 - FACE-OFFS

- a) A face-off shall be conducted at the beginning of each period and after any stoppage of play
- b) All face-offs shall be conducted exclusively:
1. At the nine designated face-offs spots
 - ~~2. On two imaginary lines parallel to the side boards and extending from one neutral zone face-off spot to the other neutral zone face-off spot.~~
- c) The face-offs shall be conducted at the center ice spot:
1. At the start of a period
 2. After a goal scored
 3. After an error of an official on icing
 4. Premature substitution of a goalkeeper unless otherwise expressly provided by these rules
 5. As special provided by the rules. (See item (g) of this rule)
- d) Face-offs shall be conducted at the end zone **face off** spots of the defending team:
1. After any infringement of the rules made by the defending team in their defending zone (the puck shall be faced-off at the end face-off spot on the side where the stoppage occurred, unless otherwise expressly provided by these rules)
 2. A goal illegally scored as a result of a puck deflected off an official
 3. After an attacking team does not score on a Penalty Shot
- e) Face-offs shall be conducted at the end zone **face off** spots of the attacking team:
1. When the puck is iced by the attacking team
 2. After an intentional off-side by the attacking team
- f) Face-offs shall be conducted at the neutral zone **face off** spots **nearest the attacking zone of the offending team:**
1. After an offside
 2. After any infringement of a rule made by the attacking team in their attacking zone
 3. Following a stoppage of play, should one or both defensemen who are playing near their attacking blue line or any player coming from the bench of the attacking team enter into the attacking zone beyond the outer edge of the end zone face-off circles
- ~~g) Face-offs shall be conducted at the **imaginary lines:**~~
- ~~1. After an offside pass, unless the puck was passed or shot by an attacking player from his defending zone~~
 - ~~2. After any infringement of the rules by either team at the nearest point of the line where the play was stopped, unless otherwise expressly provided here above.~~

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- g) Face-offs shall be conducted at one of the two end zone face off spots of the offending team:
1. When players are penalized at a stoppage of play so as to result in penalties being placed on the penalty time clock to one team except:
 - a. When a penalty is assessed after the scoring of a goal – face off at center ice
 - b. When a penalty is assessed at the end (or start) of a period – face off at center ice
 - c. When the defending team is about to be penalized and the attacking players enter the attacking zone beyond the outer edge of the end zone face-off circle – face-off in the neutral zone (See item (f) of this rule)
 - d. When the team not being penalized ices the puck – face-off in the neutral zone outside the blue line of the team icing the puck
 - e. When an infringement of a rule has been committed by the players of both sides in the play resulting in the stoppage, the ensuing face-off will be made at the nearest face-off spot in that zone.
- h) Face-offs shall be conducted at the nearest face off spot outside the blue line whenever possible in the neutral zone:
1. When the play is stopped for any reason not specifically attributable to either team while the puck is in the neutral zone
- Note: When it is unclear as to which of the four face-off spots is the nearest, the centre ice face-off spot will be selected for the ensuing face-off
- i) Face-off spot after an offside pass:
1. The face-off shall take place in the zone face-off spot closest to the point of origin of the shot or pass (even if deflected off an attacking or defending player or an official)
- k) When the game is stopped for any reason not specifically covered in the official rules, the puck shall be faced-off at a face-off spot in the zone nearest to where it was last played.