



2019-20 Major Rules Changes for Men's and Women's Ice Hockey

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. These rules changes are effective beginning with the 2019-20 season.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Rules Change and Rationale</u>
91.5 Tied Games - Regular-Season Tournaments	<p>To remove “advancement” from the tied-game procedure for regular-season tournaments.</p> <p>Rationale: This proposal removes the ambiguity from this rule for regular-season tournament play (e.g., third place or championship games) about which formats are permissible during regular-season tournaments when advancement is not necessarily required.</p>
91.5 Tied Games - Regular-Season Tournaments	<p>After the mandatory five-minute 5-on-5 sudden-death overtime period (Rule 91.1), tournaments may use overtime procedures outlined in Rule 91.2 (Tied Games – Regular Season – Conference Policy) or Rule 91.4 (Tied Games – Postseason Tournament Procedure).</p> <p>Rationale: To require that regular-season tournament games be played in the same manner as regular-season games. If the game is tied after regulation play, a five-minute 5-on-5 sudden-death overtime period must be played. If the game remains tied following this period, regular-season tournaments have the option of using one of the allowable overtime formats (e.g., shootout, 20-minute sudden-death overtime or five-minute 3-on-3 sudden-death overtime period followed by a sudden-death shootout). This corrects a potential unfair advantage teams had playing in regular-season tournaments that allowed for 20-minute sudden-death overtime periods immediately following regulation play.</p>
93.4 Video Replay Criteria	<p>A coach's challenge is no longer required to review a puck directed into the net by a high stick or to determine if a goal was scored by a puck deflecting off the protective netting above the glass.</p> <p>Rationale: The review process is simplified with this rules change by permitting officials to review these types of plays rather than requiring a coach's challenge. There was some confusion about the review process in these situations in the current video replay criteria which potentially lengthened some reviews.</p>
93.4 Video Replay Criteria	<p>Both Offsides and Too Many Players infractions leading to a goal will require a coach's challenge. These plays may only be reviewed by a coach's challenge at any point in regulation or overtime play during the regular season. During the postseason (conference tournaments or NCAA tournaments), these plays are permitted to be reviewed without a coach's challenge.</p> <p>Rationale: Requiring these two parts of the current video replay criteria be reviewable only by a coach's challenge will likely limit the number of stoppages for video reviews. This change also simplifies the video replay criteria as these are the only two plays that require a coach's challenge during the regular season.</p>