

IIHF Rule Number	OFFENCE	Number Of Games
Match Penalty 507	For a Match penalty, any player, goalkeeper or team official shall be ruled off the ice and ordered to the dressing room for the balance of the game and substitution shall be permitted after five minutes.	
Supplementary Discipline 510	In addition to the suspension imposed under these rules, the Proper Authorities may, at any time after the conclusion of the game, investigate any incident and may assess additional suspensions for any offence committed on or off the ice at any time before, during and after a game, whether or not such offences have been penalized by the Game Referee.	
Boarding 520	a) A player who body checks, elbows, charges or trips an opponent in such a manner that it causes the opponent to be thrown violently into the boards, shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	1
	b) A player who injures his opponent as a result of boarding shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
Butt-Ending 521	a) A player who attempts to butt-end an opponent shall be assessed a:	
	• Double Minor penalty + Misconduct penalty (2'+2+10')	
	b) A player who butt-ends an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	2
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
	c) A player who injures his opponent by a butt-ending shall be assessed a:	
	• Match Penalty (MP)	2
Charging 522	a) A player who runs, jumps or charges an opponent or who runs, jumps or charges the opposing goalkeeper in his crease shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	1
	b) A player who injures his opponent as a result of charging shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
Checking from Behind 523	a) A player who runs, jumps, charges or hits in any manner an opponent from behind shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Minor penalty + Automatic Misconduct penalty (2'+10')	
	or	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
	b) A player who injures an opponent as result of checking from behind shall be assessed a:	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2

Clipping 524	a) A player who lowers his own body position to deliver a check on or below an opponents' knees shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	1
	b) A player who injures his opponent by a clipping action shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
Cross Checking 525	a) A player who cross-checks an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match Penalty (MP)	1
	b) A player who injures an opponent by cross-checking shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
Elbowing 526	a) A player who uses his elbow to foul an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	1
	b) A player who injures an opponent by elbowing	
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	1
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
Excessive Roughness 527	a) Any player who commits an action not permitted by the rules that may cause or causes an injury to an opponent, or to a team or game official	2 or Tribunal
	• Match penalty (MP)	
	b) The circumstances shall be reported to the Proper Authorities	
Fisticuffs or Roughing 528 (Refer to Schedule 1 for Procedure)	a) A player who intentionally takes off his glove/s in a fight or altercation shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Misconduct Penalty (10')	
	b) A player who starts fisticuffs shall be assessed a:	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2
	c) A player, having been struck, retaliates with a blow or attempts a blow shall be assessed a:	
	• Minor penalty (2')	
	d) Any player or goalkeeper who is the first to intervene in an altercation already in progress, shall be assessed in addition to any other penalties incurred in the incident a:	1
	• Game Misconduct penalty (GM)	
	e) If a player, after he has been ordered by the Referee to stop, continues the altercation, attempts to continue, or resists a Linesman in the discharge of his duties, shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:	
	• Double Minor penalty	
	or	1
	• Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM)	
	or	
	• Match penalty (MP)	2

	<p>f) A player or goalkeeper who is on or off the ice and is involved in an altercation or fisticuffs with a player or goalkeeper off of the playing surface shall be assessed, at the discretion of the Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconduct penalty (10') or • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>g) A team official who is on or off the ice and is involved in an altercation with a player or team official on or off the playing surface shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>h) If a player is deemed guilty of unnecessary roughness, shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Double Minor penalty (2'+2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) <p>i) A player who grabs or holds the face mask or helmet or pulls the hair of an opponent, shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct Penalty (5'+GM) <p>j) A goalkeeper using his blocker glove to punch an opponent in the head, neck or face area shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalty (MP) 	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>
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Head Butting 529	<p>a) A player who attempts to or deliberately head-butts an opponent shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalty (MP) 	2
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High Sticking 530	<p>a) A player who carries or holds his stick or any part of it above the height of his shoulders that makes contact with an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>b) A player who carries or holds his stick or any part of it above the height his shoulders that makes contact with an opponent and causes an injury with his stick or any part of it to an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct, (5'+GM) or • Match Penalty (MP) <p>c) However, if the high sticking action that caused the injury was judged accidental, the offending player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Minor penalty (2'+2') 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>
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Holding an Opponent 531	<p>a) A player who holds an opponent with his hands or stick or in any other way shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Penalty (2') 	
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Holding the Stick 532	<p>a) A player who holds an opponent's stick with his hands or in any other way shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') 	
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<p>Hooking 533</p>	<p>a) A player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by hooking him with his stick shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct, (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>b) A player who injures an opponent by hooking shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct, (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (MP) 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>
<p>Interference 534</p>	<p>a) A player who interferes or impedes the progress of an opponent who is not in possession of the puck shall be assessed a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') <p>b) A player on either the player's bench or penalty bench who, by means of his stick or body, interferes with the movement of the puck or any opponent on the ice during the progress of play, shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') <p>c) A player who, by means of his stick or body, interferes with or impedes the progress of the goalkeeper while he is in the goal crease, shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Penalty (2') 	
<p>Kicking 535</p>	<p>a) A player who kicks or attempts to kick another player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalty (MP) 	<p>4</p>
<p>Kneeing 536</p>	<p>a) A player who uses his knee to foul an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>b) A player who injures an opponent by kneeling shall be assessed, at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (MP) 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>
<p>Slashing 537</p>	<p>a) A player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by slashing with his stick shall be assessed, at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+MP) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>b) A player who injures an opponent by slashing shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty, (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (GM) <p>c) A player who swings his stick at another player in the course of any altercation shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee a:</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match Penalty (GM) 	1 Tribunal
Spearing 538	<p>a) A player who attempts to spear an opponent shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Minor penalty + Misconduct Penalty (2'+2'+10) <p>b) A player who spears an opponent shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (GM) <p>c) A player who injures an opponent by spearing shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalty (GM) 	1 2 2
Tripping 539	<p>a) A player who shall place his stick, leg, foot, arm, hand or elbow in such a manner that it shall cause his opponent to trip or fall shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (GM) <p>b) A Player who injures an opponent by tripping shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (GM) 	1 1 1 2
Checking to The Head and Neck Area 540 <i>(see definitions in IIHF Rule Book -Page 82)</i>	<p>a) A player who directs a check or blow, with any part of his body or equipment to the head and neck area of an opposing player or "dives" or "forces" the head of an opposing player into the protective glass on boards, shall be assessed at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty + Automatic Misconduct penalty (2'+10') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) or • Match penalty (MP) <p>b) A player who injures an opponent as result of checking to the head and neck area shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalty (MP) <p>c) This rule supersedes Rules 520, 522, 525, 526, and 537 with regards to all actions described under articles a) and b).</p> <p>d) Blows to the head area during a fight or altercation are covered and are to be penalised under Rule 528 Fisticuffs or Roughing.</p>	1 2 2
Women's Body-Checking 541	<p>a) In women's ice hockey, if a player makes a direct body-check, she shall be assessed, at the discretion of the Game Referee, a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty (2') or • Major penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (5'+GM) 	1
	<p>a) If any player,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When penalized, does not go directly to the penalty bench or the dressing room; or 2. While off the ice, uses obscene, profane or abusive language; or 3. Makes any obscene gesture to any official, or any person; or 4. While off the ice, interferes in any manner with any official, his team shall be assessed a: 	

<p>Abuse of Official and Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Players 550</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench Minor penalty (2') <p>b) A player who,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenges or disputes the ruling of any official during the game; or 2. Shoots intentionally the puck out of reach of an official who is retrieving it; or 3. Enters or remains in the Referee's crease while the Game Referee is reporting to any official, shall be assessed a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconduct penalty (10') <p>For any further dispute, the player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) <p>c) If a player on the ice who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uses obscene, profane or abusive language on the ice or anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game except in the vicinity of the bench; or 2. Bangs the boards with a stick or other object at any time; or 3. Fails to go directly and immediately to the penalty bench following a fight or any altercation which he has been involved or causes any delay retrieving his equipment; or 4. Persists to incite an opponent into incurring a penalty. <p>the player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconduct penalty (10') <p>d) If a player on the ice, persists in any course of conduct for which he has been previously assessed a Misconduct Penalty, the player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) <p>e) A player who uses or makes any racial remarks or ethnic slur shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) <p>f) Any player who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intentionally touches with hands or stick, holds or pushes or checks with hands, stick or body, trips, slashes, hits in any manner or spits at a game official; or 2. Makes a travesty of, or interferes with, or is detrimental to the conducting of the game; or 3. While on or off the ice or anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game makes any obscene gesture to any game official or any person; or 4. Spits on or towards any person on the ice or anywhere in the rink; or 5. Whilst bleeding at the nose or mouth takes his hand, wiping the fluid onto his hand and then throws this fluid at his opponent. <p>the player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalty (MP) <p>g) If an "identified" (recognised) player, who is off the ice, throws a stick or any other object onto the playing surface from the player's bench or from the penalty bench, or any part of the ice venue, the player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (2'+GM) <p>h) If an "unidentified" (unknown) player, who is off the ice, throws a stick or any other object onto the playing surface from the player's bench, or any part of the ice venue, the player shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench Minor penalty (2') 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>Tribunal</p> <p>Tribunal</p> <p>Tribunal</p>
	<p>a) If any team official:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uses obscene, profane or abusive language to any official or any person; or 2. Interferes in any manner with any of the officials of the game; or 3. Bangs the boards with a stick or other object at any time. <p>the team official's team shall be assessed a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench Minor penalty (2') <p>b) If he persists, or if he is guilty of any type of misconduct they shall be</p>	

	shall be assessed a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Minor penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty (2'+2'+GM) 	Tribunal
	e) Any other player(s) who leaves the players bench during an altercation shall be assessed a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconduct penalty (10') 	Tribunal
	f) Any other player(s) who leaves the penalty bench during an altercation shall be assessed a: (This will be served at the expiration of his previous penalty.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor penalty + Game Misconduct penalty (2' + GM) 	Tribunal

Team Officials Leaving The Players Bench 565	a) Any team official who goes on the ice during any period without the permission of the Game Referee shall be assessed a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) 	Tribunal
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Throwing A Stick or Any Object Out Of The Playing Area 568	Any player or goalkeeper who throws a stick, part of it or any other object out of the playing area shall be assessed a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Misconduct penalty (GM) 	1
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	Ineligible players – as per IHA, State or AIHL Regulations	Tribunal
	Eye Gouging	Tribunal
	Fighting – During / After handshakes	Tribunal
	Misconduct at a Tribunal	Tribunal
	Abuse of an official – Molesting	Tribunal
	Abuse of a spectator – Molesting	Tribunal
	Team official – Pulling the team from the ice and not returning	Tribunal
	Team official – Allowing his team to go on the ice for a bench clearing altercation	Tribunal
	Deliberate attempt to injure resulting in injury to an opponent	Tribunal
	Taking of banned substances	As per ASDA & IHA Policy
	Stick swinging	Tribunal
	Third-Man-In rule only to the first player of each team to intervene in an altercation.	Tribunal

	Pre/Post Game Altercation - any player involved where majors plus game misconduct or match penalties are assessed	Tribunal
	Pre/Post Game Altercation - coach or official of a team that is so penalized	Tribunal
	Coach of a team whose player is penalized as first player / players to leave bench or penalty bench during a fistcuff, fight or roughing altercation	Tribunal
	Any player who shoots or attempts to shoot a puck at a on-ice official in any manner after the stoppage of play shall be assessed a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match Penalty. 	Tribunal