

2009-10 Ice Hockey Rules Changes

- 2-1-2b** **Reword:** It is required that the visiting team shall wear dark-colored jerseys; the home team shall wear white-/light-colored jerseys.
- 3-3-2** **Reword:** “The goalkeeper’s leg pads shall not be wider than 11 inches (27.94 cm) each, nor longer than 38 inches (96.52 cm).”
- 3-3-3** **Reword:** “Protective padding attached to the back or forming a part of goalkeeper’s gloves shall not exceed 8 inches (20.32 cm) in width at any point, nor shall it exceed 15 inches (38.1) in width. Protective padding attached to the back or forming part of the goalkeeper’s catching glove shall not exceed 8 inches (20.32 cm) in width at any point, nor shall it exceed 15 inches (38.1 cm). In addition, the catching glove shall have a maximum circumference of 45 inches (114.3 cm).”
- 3-4-8** **New:** All players are required to wear helmets with face masks while in the players’ or penalty bench.
- 4-2-8** **Add:** When rules indicate “Captain’s choice of players” for serving the penalty, the captain must select a player who was on the ice when the infraction occurred.
- 4-3-2** **Replace:** “A player (captain’s choice of players)” with “An additional player.”
- 6-12-1** **New:** All faceoffs will take place at one of the nine designated locations.
- 6-12** **New:** After a penalty is assessed, the ensuing faceoff will take place at the defensive zone faceoff spot of the offending team, except at the start of a period or after a goal is scored.
- 6-17-1** **Reword:** Change penalty “Faceoff” to “Faceoff at the defensive zone faceoff spot of the offending team.”
- 6-17-3** **Reword:** Change penalty “Faceoff” to “Faceoff at the defensive zone faceoff spot of the offending team.”

Online Rules Instruction on NFHS Web Site: Ice hockey joins several other NFHS sports programs in the implementation of online rules instruction for the 2009-10 season and beyond. Access to this training will be through the <nfhs.org> Web site on the Dartfish.tv platform. Selected video clips from state association games will analyze specific items relative to playing rules, officiating mechanics and game management. This can be a great supplement to individual and group education. More clips will be added to the ice hockey collection as we move forward. The NFHS hopes you will use this resource and provide feedback on it.