



NOHA Video Review Policy During Tournament Play

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Policy

The NOHA has received interest from some tournaments in the possibility of video review.

This policy reflects the interest and provides NOHA Tournaments with a process for those who wish to offer their participants the opportunity to request video reviews.

The policy is consistent with the NOHA Video Review Policy, with changes to the following:

- VIDEO THAT WILL NOT BE REVIEWED
- SUBMITTING VIDEO FOR REVIEW
- VIDEO REVIEW PROCEDURE

With the current prevalence of video technology within the minor hockey landscape, including spectator and/or Association video, the NOHA faces multiple challenges when reviewing such footage.

Through this policy, the NOHA aims to communicate its position on when it is appropriate and responsible to review video submissions.

Reference in this Policy to the Executive Director includes the Executive Director and/or their designate.

Video reviews will not be accepted for any games played outside of the NOHA area or not officiated by NOHA Officials.

Video That Will Not Be Reviewed

The NOHA Executive Director will not review video for the following:

- Videos to review game-play situations such as off-sides, icing, or disallowed goals, etc.
- For individual player or Team Official conduct, unless stated otherwise in this policy.
- For evaluating team conduct during games, unless stated otherwise in this policy.
- Videos to review calls or non-calls of on-ice officials, including penalty selection, unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
- Infractions relating to Rule 11.

Rationale: Game Officials have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations.

Video That May Be Reviewed

The NOHA Executive Director may review the video for the following:

- A physical act (no infraction relating to Rule 11 will be reviewed) that results in a suspension when the Team contends that a rule has been misapplied or that the official erred in their judgment when assessing a penalty that results in a suspension.
- A situation where the incorrect player has been assessed an infraction that resulted in a suspension, and the video clearly shows the number of the different player who should have been assessed the penalty.
- The video clearly shows an incident that resulted in a serious injury, for which a penalty was not assessed for the infraction.

Submitting Video for Review

If an Association, League, or Member wishes to have the option for video review during the tournament, the Tournament Chair must apply to the NOHA via the applicable form, requesting that video reviews be provided during the tournament at least three weeks before the tournament start date.

- A deposit of \$2,000 must be received at least 5 days before the start date of the tournament.
- If there are no requests for video review during the tournament, \$1000 of the deposit will be returned.
- The Tournament is responsible for determining how to recoup its costs. For an explanation of the deposit, please contact the Officiating Program Coordinator.

The NOHA Executive Director will consider a video review as submitted by the Tournament Chair. The Tournament Chair who has received a request by a member of the Team's Staff using the applicable form, and when the following requirements are met:

- It is a requirement to provide a video clip no more than 15 seconds before and 15 seconds after the incident.
- Submission of a statement from the Team Staff outlining the incident.
- The Tournament Chair received the submission within three (3) hours following the conclusion of the associated game.

Video Review Procedure

When conducting a review, the NOHA has sole discretion to determine whether the video clip is legitimate and appropriate for the review; not all video clips need to be considered.

To be considered valid for review, the video must:

- Come from the head coach or team manager (clips from parents or others will not be accepted).
- Clearly show the players' numbers and the incident involved.
- Not be longer than 15 seconds before and after the incident.

Upon receiving the video review request, the NOHA Executive Director forwards the request to the Video Review Committee, which consists of three members, including the Director of Officials or their designate. Each review will be conducted as soon as possible; however, completion before the team's next game is not guaranteed.

The Video Review Committee will review the request and recommend any or all of the following:

1. Inconclusive Review

- a. The Executive Director may deem a review inconclusive if, among other reasons, the video recording does not clearly show the incident.
- b. In such a case, any suspension resulting from the assessed penalty or penalties by the Game Official will remain in effect.
- c. This decision is final and not eligible for further appeal.

2. Misapplication Determined

- a. The Executive Director may conclude that the Game Official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgment.
- b. In these instances, the corresponding suspension(s) will be revised or revoked.
- c. This decision is final and not subject to further appeal.

3. Correct Application Determined

- a. The Executive Director may determine that the Game Official correctly applied the rule and exercised sound judgment.
- b. Consequently, any suspension resulting from the penalty or penalties will remain in effect.
- c. This decision is final and not subject to further appeal.

4. Supplementary Sanctions

- a. The Executive Director may assess any appropriate penalty, suspension, and/or supplementary suspension (including substituted or additional penalties) for any infraction committed during the game or its aftermath by any player or team official, whether such infraction has been penalized by the Game Official.

Final Decision

- Regardless of the final decision, the Tournament Chair will be notified of the outcome of the review.
- Should an amendment to a suspension or the application of a new suspension be required, the participant's Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) record shall be updated accordingly.
- No decision from a video review shall affect the outcome of the game as played or any game played after the game giving rise to the review, and before the release of the review's decision.
- All decisions regarding video reviews are final and cannot be appealed.

