

Major Rules Changes for 2016-17 and 2018-19

The figures below refer to rule, section and article, respectively. Each changed or altered

*segment is indented and identified in the rules by a **BLUE** shaded background.*

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Points of Emphasis

In this rules cycle, the “Point of Emphasis” section calls attention to several areas of the game that the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules Committee believe must be improved through a stronger emphasis on existing rules and adding some clarifications.

The rules committee requests that players, officials and coaches concentrate on the following areas:

Student-Athlete Protection

Continued diligence is needed with regard to player safety rules, particularly contact to the head, contact against defenseless or unsuspecting players and hitting from behind. The rules are very clear in each of these areas and officials must continue to err on the side of safety.

Standard of Play

Coaches and Officials are encouraged to review the standard of enforcement document distributed before the 2016-17 season. Establishing and maintaining a reasonable standard continues to be important to ensure players that have legally gained an advantage are not impeded. Particular attention must be paid to protecting the puck carrier and holding/pinning along the boards to illegally prevent movement.

Rules Video

Please be sure to view the NCAA’s annual rules video, available online at www.NCAA.org/playingrules in the ice hockey section. The video includes several specific examples, with proper rules administration, of new rules and points of emphasis.