



OPERATIONAL POLICY: VIDEO REVIEW
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The use of video in hockey has become increasingly prevalent, along with the quality of available technology. To support Hockey Alberta in making the most informed decisions possible, we will evaluate all information that is available. Hockey Alberta acknowledges that video evidence may support our decision-makers, and as such, we may accept and consider videos to aid in any investigation undertaken within the organization.

VIDEOS THAT HOCKEY ALBERTA MAY REVIEW

- a) Videos for the purpose of reviewing an assessed infraction that carries an Indefinite Suspension, therefore warranting an investigation.
- b) Videos that show an incident that resulted in a serious injury (medical/ dental documentation must accompany the submission of the video, verifying an injury) where a penalty was not assessed for the infraction.
- c) Videos that show a Match or Gross Misconduct infraction that has resulted in a suspension.
- d) Videos that show an incident of “Physical Harassment of Officials” where a Match penalty was not assessed.
- e) Videos that show incidents of pre-game or post game altercations.
- f) Videos that show inappropriate conduct by an on-ice official or team official (specifically when there is a use of force and/ or during altercations).
- g) A situation where the incorrect player has been assessed an infraction that resulted in a suspension and the video clearly shows that a different player should have been assessed the penalty.

VIDEOS THAT HOCKEY ALBERTA WILL NOT GENERALLY REVIEW

- a) Videos for the purpose of reviewing game play situations such as off-sides, icing, goals or disallowed goals, etc.
 - the review of goals may be considered by an individual League, if their policies permit.
- b) Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any team or individual player, unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
- c) Videos for the purpose of reviewing calls or non-calls of on-ice officials, including penalty selection, unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

NOTE: The Hockey Canada Rule Book states that a Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

A request for video review may be submitted by a Member Organization President (or General Manager, Executive Director, etc.), provided the request is submitted in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the game (or after a suspension has been issued). All submissions must include the following information:

- i. A letter outlining the rationale for the requested review;



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- ii. A legible copy of the completed game sheet;
 - iii. An unaltered copy of the video in an electronically downloadable or transferable format that captures the entire infraction being requested for review (the video clips must not have excessive footage before or after the incident that is not relevant to the review);
 - iv. Medical / Dental documents are required for all video review requests submitted when an injury has occurred.

b) Requests must be submitted to videoreview@hockeyalberta.ca.

VIDEO REVIEW PROCEDURE

When conducting a review, Hockey Alberta has the sole discretion to determine the validity of submitted videos and to determine any further action.

A video review may include, but is not limited to:

- a) A request for supplementary information from the submitting Member organization, the officials and/ or respective leagues;
- b) Consultation with or referral of the matter to a Hockey Alberta committee and/ or consultation with any other individuals as deemed appropriate;
- c) All submitted information (video and written documentation) will be thoroughly reviewed and findings and/ or an interpretation will be documented;
- d) A final review of the finding and/ or interpretation will be completed to determine any further action.

VIDEO REVIEW DECISIONS

The standard of review to be used in addressing a video review request is “conclusiveness”, therefore videos must conclusively show that the in-game determination was incorrect. After conducting a review, Hockey Alberta will make one of the following decisions:

- a) Determine that the review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/ or used incorrect judgement and therefore the corresponding suspension(s) is/ are revised or revoked;
- b) Determine that the review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/ or used correct judgement and therefore the suspension(s) or non-suspensions remain in effect;
- c) Determine that the review is inconclusive and therefore any decisions and/ or suspensions resulting from the assessed penalty(ies) will remain in effect.

Regardless of the final decision, the applicable discipline group, member, and/ or league 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 decision of the review.

All decisions regarding video reviews are final and shall not be subject to appeal.