



Note: Do not submit any video review request if a policing agency is investigating the incident or if the incident is under the jurisdiction of the Independent Third Party (ITP).

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The use of video in hockey has become increasingly prevalent, along with the quality of available technology. Many teams involve the use of video technology as a teaching or player/team development tool, in addition to parents or family members recording games for personal use. With that in mind, the utilization of video by Hockey Nova Scotia for the review of situations that may occur during a game continues to be an ongoing issue.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 To arrive at the appropriate decision with respect to protests, appeals, and other matters, Hockey Nova Scotia may employ an information gathering process from any number of sources, including, but not restricted to, personal interviews, parties directly involved in or witness to the event/incident, as well as technical subject matter experts from Hockey Nova Scotia.

2.2 Video evidence may form part of the available information for review. Hockey Nova Scotia acknowledges that video evidence may possibly support the decision makers, and as such, may consider it in the decision-making process, where approved and at its discretion.

3.0 On-Ice Official Judgment

3.1 Hockey Nova Scotia holds the position when it is appropriate to use video review in conjunction with the Hockey Canada Rule Book 5.1 (c):

“A Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. Their decision shall be final on all questions of judgment and not subject to appeal.”

3.2 Protest on a referee’s decision will not be considered unless it is outlined in this policy.

4.0 Video That May Be Reviewed

4.1 Hockey Nova Scotia may review the following:

- i. Videos for the purpose of identifying the correct player in situations where an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice official(s) and issued a penalty resulting in suspension. This excludes players who have been issued a penalty without a suspension;
- ii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of game officials and coaches during

- altercations, specifically when the use of force is concerned;
- iii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that has, or may have, resulted in a serious injury (ex.: head injury, more serious sprains or lacerations, a break, fracture, or dislocation) to any player, whether a penalty was assessed or not;
- iv. Videos for the purpose of reviewing a penalty that carries an indefinite suspension;
- v. Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators or parents.

4.2 Only videos submitted or endorsed by a Team and their Association will be reviewed.

4.3 Video may be requested by Hockey Nova Scotia at any time to aid in its decision-making related to on or off-ice conduct.

4.4 Failure to supply a video upon request from Hockey Nova Scotia shall result in a sanction and/or fine as determined by the Council Chair.

5.0 Submission Process

5.1 A review shall occur when the following has been submitted by the respective Association or Team to the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia:

- i. A copy of the video in its entirety;
- ii. A deposit of \$350.00;
- iii. A copy of the game sheet;
- iv. The submission takes place within 48 hours of the game in question or 48 hours after a suspension has been issued, whichever occurs later.
- v. A detailed statement regarding what is being appealed with a signature of the team coach or manager and the HA/League President

5.3 The maximum allowable requests from any single team within a member association shall be three (3) per season.

6.0 Review Procedure

6.1 The video review shall be completed by a HNS Resolution Committee appointed by the appropriate Division Chair and may include but is not limited to:

- i. Consultation with or referral of the matter to another Hockey Nova Scotia Committee if necessary;

- ii. Referral of the matter to the Council Chair, or Referee-In-Chief as **deemed** appropriate for the assessment of supplementary discipline for any infraction committed during such activity by any player(s) or team official(s), whether or not such infraction has been previously penalized by the referee;
- iii. Consultation with any other individuals as deemed appropriate.

6.2 One of the following determinations shall be made:

- i. The review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgment, resulting in the revision or revocation of the corresponding suspension(s);
- ii. The review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/or used correct judgment, resulting in the penalty/penalties or non-suspensions remaining in effect.
- iv. The review is inconclusive where the video recording does not provide a sufficiently clear view of the incident, resulting in any decisions and/or suspension(s) from a penalty or penalties assessed remaining in effect.
 - iv. The video is of a quality deemed **unacceptable** for review.

6.3 The review is final and shall not be subject to any further appeal.