



Video Review Policy

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1. Introduction

- a. 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, Hockey PEI viewing such videos for situations that may occur during a game continues to be a recurring issue.

2. Purpose

- a. In the interest of supporting Hockey PEI in arriving at the most informed decision with respect to protests, appeals, and other matters, the information gathering process may include 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 PEI. In consideration of this, there may be instances where video evidence may form part of the available information. Hockey PEI acknowledges that video evidence may possibly support the decision makers, and as such, may consider it in the decision-making process, where appropriate.

3. On-Ice Official Judgment

- a. By way of this policy, Hockey PEI wishes to communicate its position on when it is appropriate and responsible to use video review:
Hockey Canada Rule Book 5.1 (d) states: "A Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. His decision shall be final on all questions of judgment and not subject to appeal."
- b. It is important to understand that a protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it is **outlined in this policy**.

4. Video That May Not Be Reviewed

- a. Hockey PEI will generally not accept the following:
 - i. Videos for the purpose of reviewing goals or disallowed goals.
 - ii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any team or individual player **unless otherwise outlined in this policy**.
 - iii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing on-ice officials' calls or non-calls, nor for the purpose of reviewing the on-ice officials' penalty selection **unless otherwise outlined in this policy**.
 1. The rationale behind these guidelines is that all on-ice officials have the appropriate rules at their disposal to penalize in these situations.

5. Video That May Be Reviewed

- a. Hockey PEI 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 does not apply to incorrectly identified players who have been issued a penalty without a suspension).

- ii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of game officials (coaches, staff, referees) during altercations, specifically when the use of force is concerned.
 - iii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that has resulted in a serious injury to any player whether a penalty was assessed or not. Hockey PEI may use this video when determining the appropriate length of suspension to any player or players who may have been directly involved in a player being seriously injured whether or not a penalty was assessed at the time of the injury.
 - 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.
- b. Only videos submitted or endorsed by an Association or Team will be reviewed.
 - c. Video, if available, may be requested by Hockey PEI at any time to aid in its decision making around on- or off-ice conduct.

6. Submission Process

- a. A review will be considered jointly by the Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee Chair (or Hockey PEI Appeals Committee Chair, in the event the Discipline and Ethics Committee issued the original suspension as the case may be), Referee-In-Chief and Executive Director, when the following has been submitted by the respective Association or Team to the Executive Director of Hockey PEI:
 - i. A copy of the video in its entirety.
 - ii. A deposit of \$200.00 (this deposit is refundable only in instances in which the video review appeal is successful in whole or in part). Should the appeal be denied, the deposit is forfeited to Hockey PEI to be donated to KidSport.
 - iii. A copy of the game sheet.
 - iv. The submission takes place within 24 hours of the game in question or 24 hours after a suspension has been issued, whichever occurs later.
 - v. Submission form is properly filled out with a detailed statement regarding what is being appealed.
- b. The maximum allowable requests from any single team within a member association shall be three (3) per season.

7. Review Procedure

- a. During intake, the video review may include but is not limited to:
 - i. Consultation with or referral of the matter to another Hockey PEI Board or Council Member if necessary.
 - ii. Referral of the matter to the Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee for resolution. This may result in 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 (i.e. players involved, team officials, on-ice officials, etc.).
- b. After review, Hockey PEI will make one of the following determinations in regard to the original matter:
 - i. The review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgment. Therefore, the corresponding suspension(s) is/are revised or revoked.
 - ii. The review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/or used correct judgment. Therefore, the suspension(s) as a result of the penalty/penalties or non-suspensions remain in effect.

iii. The review is inconclusive. A review may be deemed inconclusive if the video recording does not provide a sufficiently clear view of the incident. Therefore, any decisions and/or suspension(s) resulting from a penalty or penalties assessed will remain in effect.

c. **The review is final and shall not subject to any further appeal.**