



6.51 Off-ice Risk Management Policy (HEO Officiating Program)

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General

As on-ice officials we are responsible for dispersing and separating players and team officials for events occurring on the Playing Area. In order to protect and maintain the security of our officials, we are not responsible for dispersing and separating players or team officials for events in the stands, hallways, lobby's, dressing rooms, parking lots, or anywhere outside the Playing Area. While Officials have the authority and expectation to assess penalties to game participants, as required, for incidents occurring off-ice prior to players entering their dressing room, on-ice officials are not expected to break up any fights or disperse crowds. We are not police constables or keepers of public order. We are on-ice officials. Do not get yourself injured dealing with a situation when you should be in your dressing room.

Specification

1. Officials shall not break up fights or disperse crowds off the Playing Area regardless of whether game participants are involved.
2. Officials should try to position themselves to be able to observe game participants until they are entering their respective dressing rooms.
3. Officials shall follow HEO 6.44 Spectator Zero Tolerance Policy for incidents involving spectators during or after the game, prior to game participants entering their respective dressing rooms.
4. As per Hockey Canada rules, officials are to assess penalties, as required, and appropriately report incidents occurring outside the Playing Area involving game participants.

This policy will remain in effect until cancelled in writing or superseded by a revised policy.