



6.49.2 HEO Discipline and Appeals Policy for Video Review for Minor Hockey

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1. Use of Video in the Discipline and Appeals Process

As part of any Disciplinary or Appeal Hearing the Minor Council Discipline and Appeals Committee (the Committee) may review a video record and may do any or all of the following.

- 1.1. Set aside any penalty assessed by the referee which resulted in an automatic suspension of three (3) games or more (not including an extra game suspension for infractions that occur in the last 10 minutes of a game, in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game.
- 1.2. Assess any appropriate penalty, suspension and/or supplementary suspension (including substituted or additional penalties) for any infraction committed during such game or during the aftermath of such game by any player or team official, regardless of the infraction has been penalized by the referee.
- 1.3. Refer any game official to the HEO Referee-in-Chief or their delegate for follow up.
- 1.4. Dismiss the video as being irrelevant or inconclusive.

2. Video That Will Not Be Used in the Discipline and Appeals Process

Since the on-ice officials have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations, the Committee will generally not view videos as part of Discipline or Appeal process for:

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. Reviewing the conduct or actions of any official unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
- 2.3. Reviewing the conduct or actions of any individual player or team official unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
- 2.4. Reviewing the conduct or actions of any team during any game unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
- 2.5. The assessment of any on-ice official.
- 2.6. Videos that are not submitted with the appeal application.



3. Video That May Be Reviewed in the Discipline and Appeals Process

The on-ice officials may not have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations or may not be able to make the appropriate assessment of the cause or severity of an injury. Illegal plays resulting in severe injuries to players should not go un-penalized just because an on-ice official may not have been able to assess the appropriate penalty at that moment in time.

The Committee may view videos:

- 3.1. For identifying the correct player in situations in which an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice officials and issued a penalty resulting in a suspension of three (3) games or more (not including an extra game suspension for infractions that occur in the last 10 minutes of a game).
- 3.2. For reviewing the conduct of game officials during altercations, specifically when use of force is concerned.
- 3.3. For reviewing a game situation that results in a serious injury to any player regardless of a penalty being assessed. The Committee may use this video when determining the appropriate length of a suspension to any player or players who may have been directly involved in a player being seriously injured, regardless of a penalty assessed at the time of the injury.
- 3.4. For the purpose of reviewing the conduct of team officials, spectators, and parents.
- 3.5. For the purpose of the appeal of a suspension when it is the contention of the appellant that a rule has been misapplied resulting in a suspension of three (3) games or more (not including an extra game suspension for infractions that occur in the last 10 minutes of a game).

4. Request for Video Review

Notwithstanding the Discipline and Appeals process, the Committee may, of its own accord or at the request of a District Chair, review a video record of any HEO-sanctioned game as part of its disciplinary process:

- 4.1. Any infraction not assessed by a referee that warrants a suspension of any player or team official for three (3) games or more (not including an extra game suspension for infractions that occur in the last 10 minutes of a game, in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game).
- 4.2. Referral of any game official to the HEO Referee-in-Chief or their delegate for follow-up.
- 4.3. A Video review fee of \$250.00 must be paid at the time of the Video Review Request. The Video Review request must be submitted within 72 hours from the game in which the alleged incident/infraction occurred. If the video review request results in a successful outcome for the applicant, then half of the appeal fee will be returned.



5. Video Review Process

- 5.1 Application, Video, and Payment submitted to Membership Support Services Staff from a District Chair (payment does not have to come from the district chair personally) within 72 hours from the game of which the alleged incident/infraction occurred.
- 5.2 Application will be reviewed by the Membership Support Services staff and the Discipline and Appeals Chair. This review may be performed via Email, Video Conference, or in person.
- 5.3 If Application is accepted the Membership Support Services Staff will put together a Panel which will include the Discipline and Appeals Chair, the HEO Referee in Chief or their delegate, and at least two other bipartisan individuals.
- 5.4 In a scenario where a team submits a video to review the action of a member of another team, the submitted video by the applicant will be sent to the respective district chair of the team who committed the alleged incident/infraction. The other team/association will be given a 24-hour period prior to the review occurring to send in their own video of the same incident in question if it is their belief that an alternate angle provides important context for the panel to review.
- 5.5 Any video review that results in a minimum suspension as per “6.49.1 HEO Code of Discipline Chart for Minor Hockey” is not subject to an appeal, and the committee’s decision is final.