

2025-26 Ice Hockey Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. A team skates 25 players during warm-ups. Is this permissible?
 - a. No, teams are limited to 23 players for warm up and the game
 - b. Yes, neither the NFHS Rules Book nor MHSAA Adaptations specify how many players may be on the ice for warm-ups.
2. The puck shall be faced off at the nearest faceoff spot in the zone where the puck was last fairly played in all the following cases EXCEPT:
 - a. The puck becomes lodged on the outside of the goal cage.
 - b. Any player causes the puck to leave the rink.
 - c. A goal is illegally scored after deflecting off of an official.
 - d. In a penalty situation.
3. Can penalized players return to their team's players' bench during a time-out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Only during Overtime
 - d. During a period break
4. A player has removed the protective ear flaps from their helmet. An official notices it late in the first period. What is the call?
 - a. Minor penalty
 - b. Player should be removed from the game until the ear flaps are properly put back into the helmet, a team warning is issued.
 - c. Misconduct penalty
5. A puck bounces off the end glass and lands on top of the net. What is the correct call?
 - a. Play continues, and the players should work to get the puck off the netting.
 - b. Play continues for three seconds, and if the puck has not moved, then play is stopped.
 - c. Play is stopped immediately as the puck is deemed to be unplayable.
 - d. Play is stopped only if the goaltender covers the puck on top of the net.
6. During a faceoff to start the first period, Player A is found not wearing a tooth and mouth protector. What is the ruling?
 - a. No warning, Minor penalty
 - b. No warning, Misconduct penalty
 - c. First offense – Team warning and Player A shall be immediately removed from the ice
 - d. Coach is given bench minor for improperly equipped team member.
7. The use of electronic devices such as a tablet to provide coaching instruction to players during a game is:
 - a. Permitted on the players' bench at any time
 - b. Permitted on the players' bench, but only during a time-out
 - c. Not permitted on the players' bench at any time.
 - d. Only allowed to show replays

8. During play, a goal cage becomes displaced from its proper position. Must play be immediately stopped?
 - a. If there is an imminent or reasonable scoring opportunity in that zone, play must be stopped because a goal scored would be disallowed. Otherwise play may continue, providing the goal cage can be repositioned without significantly disrupting the focus of the goalkeeper or official.
 - b. Play must be immediately stopped in all cases.
 - c. Play should be continued but must be stopped once the defensive teams gains possession of the puck.
 - d. Play should continue until the puck clears the zone.
9. Player A loses his stick but play continues. Player B from the same team "shoots" the stick to Player A from 10 feet away, allowing him to gain possession of his stick once again, is this legal.
 - a. YES
 - b. NO
10. During a delayed offside situation, a puck is shot directly on goal. What is the officiating procedure?
 - a. Play is whistled down and the ensuing face off is carried back into the offending team end zone
 - b. Play is whistled down and the ensuing face off is carried back to the closest dot from where the shot had originated.
 - c. Play is allowed to continue in the delayed offside situation until all offensive players clear the offensive zone.
 - d. Play is whistled down and the ensuing face off is carried into the neutral zone just outside of the attacking zone
11. A player has been diagnosed with a head injury. The player can return when:
 - a. The coach clears the player to return
 - b. A referee clears the player to return
 - c. An appropriate healthcare professional clears the player to return.
 - d. After the player sits out two games.
12. A puck is shot towards the net and is clearly deflected out of play by an offensive player. What is the correct procedure?
 - a. Face off at the nearest faceoff spot in the zone where it was deflected out of play.
 - b. Face off in the defensive zone of the attacking team.
 - c. Face off at the nearest neutral zone faceoff spot.
 - d. Face off at center ice.
13. A goalkeeper is accused of having illegal pads by an opposing team. The on-ice official shall:
 - a. Get out a tape measure to conclude if pads are illegal, penalize team, remove goalkeeper.
 - b. Inform Head Coaches the game is under protest for illegal goalie pads and play on.
 - c. Take note, inform Head Coaches of note, inform MHSAA of accusation of potential rules violation.
14. The MHSAA has been approved by the NFHS to conduct a Face Off choice experiment for the 2025-26 season? The face-off choice allows the non-offending team to select the face-off location it prefers when icing or a penalty is called.
 - a. True
 - b. False

15. The MHSAA eight goal differential rule (Mercy rule) occurs in the following situations:
 - a. Regular season games only.
 - b. Can be modified with mutual agreement from both teams
 - c. MHSAA tournament game only.
 - d. Both regular season and MHSAA Tournament games.
16. A water bottle is allowed on the goal net:
 - a. When it sits unattached on the top of the goal net.
 - b. When it is place inside the goal.
 - c. When it is tied to the top of the netting or secured to the back of the goal frame.
 - d. A goalie may never have a water bottle at the net.
17. GameSheet is the official scoring provider for MHSAA High School Hockey games in 2025-26, this program scores all HS games on an Ipad. Officials must still sign the GameSheet at the conclusion of the contest.
 - a. True
 - b. False
18. All players, under NFHS rule, including a goalkeeper must wear a neck laceration protector as required protective equipment.
 - a. True
 - b. False
19. Player A1 receives a major penalty and player B1 receives a minor penalty at 6:00. Player A2 receives a minor penalty at 7:00. Team B scores at 7:30. What is the on-ice strength situation after the goal is scored?
 - a. 4 on 3
 - b. 5 on 4
 - c. 4 on 4
 - d. 5 on 5
20. While approaching the goalkeeper during a penalty shot attempt, a player rotates their body in a full circle, retaining possession of the puck, and scores on the resulting shot. Is this a good goal?
 - a. Yes, the player maintained possession of the puck the entire time and thus the goal stands.
 - b. No, once the player fails to maintain forward progress towards the goal, the penalty shot is terminated.
21. What penalty shall initially be assessed to any player who uses obscene language directed at an opposing player?
 - a. Minor and misconduct.
 - b. Misconduct.
 - c. Game misconduct.
 - d. Game disqualification.
22. During regular and postseason MHSAA play, helmets must always be worn by players and officials while on the ice, except while standing for the National Anthem and during post-game award ceremonies.
 - a. True
 - b. False

23. An off-ice official allows a player on the penalty bench to return early to the ice. Where should the ensuing faceoff take place??
- Center ice faceoff dot
 - Closest dot to where the puck was played when noticed.
 - In the attacking zone.
 - In the defensive zone of the team whose player was let out of the penalty box.
24. During an MHSAA tournament game, the score is tied 3-3 at the end of regulation. What is the procedure for overtime?
- The teams will stay on the ice for a sudden-victory shootout.
 - The teams will go to their locker rooms and the ice will be resurfaced prior to an 8 minute sudden victory overtime.
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 - The teams will go to their locker rooms and the ice will be resurfaced prior to an 8 minute sudden victory overtime that is played 4-on-4.
25. The puck is shot onto the outside of the goal cage netting below the crossbar. Opposing players have converged on the puck but have been unable to get it off the netting after several attempts. What is the best course of action for the official.
- The referee should let play continue, and the players should work to get the puck off the netting.
 - The referee should allow play to continue but may stop play to prevent potentially dangerous interactions between the players.
 - The referee should immediately stop play.
 - The referee should never stop play when the puck lands on the outside netting of the goal cage below the crossbar.
26. Penalty options for indirect contact to the head include:
- Minor Penalty Only
 - Minor, Major or DQ
 - Major, Major plus Misconduct, DQ
 - Minor, Major, Major plus Misconduct, Game DQ
27. The purpose of a body check is to:
- Intimidate the opponent
 - Set the tone of physical play for the team
 - Punish an opponent because of pregame "chirping" between players
 - Gain possession of the puck
28. Referees shall meet with the team captains and head coaches prior to the start of the game. One of the duties of the referee in this pregame conference includes:
- Emphasizing to the coach and captains that all participants are to exhibit good sportsmanship.
 - Asking if all players are properly equipped to play the game.
 - All of the above
29. In addition to an HECC approved face mask, the goalkeeper is required to wear which of the following under MHSAA Adaptations of the NFHS Rules Book
- Flapper-style throat protector and neck laceration protector.
 - No other requirement.
 - Any style of throat protector
 - Neck laceration protector only

30. The goaltender must wear socks, sweatpants, tights or pants underneath their goal pads.
- True
 - False
31. Only coaches, captains and alternate captains may request a team time-out.
- True
 - False
32. What penalty shall be initially be assessed to any player, coach or bench personnel who uses racial, ethnic or gender bias slur?
- Minor penalty and Misconduct
 - Game Misconduct
 - Minor penalty
 - Game Disqualification
33. During a game, the referee calls a checking from behind penalty to one of Team A's players that results in a game disqualification penalty being assessed. The required reporting procedure is:
- Tell the offending player's coach to make sure that the player does not play in the next two games.
 - Call the Athletic Director of the offending player the next school day.
 - Fill out an MHSAA Officials Report form within 24 hours of the game through the MHSAA site.
 - Complete a USA Hockey officials report and send it to the MHSAA.
34. Goalkeeper's privileged area is bounded in rear by the goalkeeper's end of the rink, in front by imaginary lines connecting the end zone faceoff dots and sides by imaginary lines from end faceoff dots to the end boards.
- True
 - False
35. A team has been warned about neck laceration protector compliance and sent off to retrieve them. In the second period of the same game, at a faceoff, a player from that team is not wearing a neck guard; what is the correct call?
- Game Disqualification
 - Minor penalty
 - Game Misconduct
 - All of the above.
36. If a referee calls a boarding penalty, what are the options for that infraction?
- Major Penalty
 - Major Penalty and a Misconduct Penalty
 - Game Misconduct Penalty
 - All of the above are options.
37. A student manager taking stats occupies the bench area at the start of the game; they are not wearing a helmet with a facemask meeting HECC standards, what is the ruling for this first offense?
- Minor penalty with captain's choice of players
 - Team Warning with the student needing to leave the bench area before play can continue.

38. During the warm-up an official sees that Team A does not have a coach on the players' bench. What is the ruling?
- Minor penalty
 - Team loses a time-out during the game
 - Coach can't coach during the game
 - Official would remove the team from the ice until a coach is behind the bench
39. During a game, a player's neck laceration protector comes off while play is in progress. The official instructs the player to go to his bench. The player keeps playing. The official stops play. What is the correct call?
- Player and team is issued a warning.
 - Player is issued a warning.
 - Player is given a minor penalty.
 - Team is issued a warning.
40. A team starts the game with 6 team personnel in the team bench area (4 coaches, 1 athletic trainer, 1 injured player in helmet with face mask). After the first face off, an official notices it. What is the proper call?
- Team warning, one person needs to be removed and with a subsequent offense being a minor penalty.
 - All 6 people may remain because one is a student-athlete.
 - All 6 people may remain because no official noticed it prior to the game starting.