



## **NYHL VIDEO REVIEW POLICY**

### **Background**

By way of this policy, the League wishes to communicate its position on when it is appropriate and responsible for the League to review video submissions.

It should be noted that, in addition to video submitted by a Team or a Club, the League may also utilize any other available video source(s) for making any determination(s) under this Policy.

Both Hockey Canada and the League have very specific rules regarding an On-Ice Official's judgment.

Hockey Canada Playing Rule 5.1 (c) reads: "A Referee will have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. Their decision will be final on all questions of judgment and not subject to appeal."

NYHL Rule 11.2 (a) and (b) reads: "In a game situation, the Referee will have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute except game times, start of games and periods. (b) The Referee's decision will be final on all questions of fact and not subject to appeal."

### **Policy**

#### **Section 1 - Video That May Be Reviewed**

The League may review video submissions for the following purposes:

- A. 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.
- B. Reducing or rescinding a suspension of 3 or more games issued to a player.
- C. Analyzing a game situation that results in a serious injury to any player, whether or not a penalty was assessed.
- D. Reviewing the conduct of game officials during altercations, specifically when the use of force is concerned.
- E. Reviewing the conduct of spectators and parents.
- F. Determining the use of language by any player or team official identified in Hockey Canada Playing Rule 11.4 (d) – Discrimination.
- G. Determining the use of language by any team official that could be considered threatening or abusive.
- H. Investigating off-ice altercations involving players, team officials or spectators.

An NYHL-appointed committee may review video when investigating a matter that has been assigned to them.

**Review of Items Identified in Section 1 - (A) and (B)**

Reviews under these provisions are considered on submission by a Club President or General Manager when the Club/Team contends that a rule has been misapplied or that the official erred in their judgment when assessing a penalty that results in a suspension of 3 or more games.

The review will be considered by the League when the following has been submitted to the League Office:

- A copy of the video that supports the application.
- Confirmation from the Club that the deposit of \$250 can be charged to the Club if the review is denied.
- A copy of the Game Sheet.
- A statement signed by the President or the General Manager of the Team's Club outlining the penalty that is being appealed.
- The submission takes place within 5 business days of the game being played.

**Procedure:**

Upon receipt, the NYHL's Chief Operating Officer or their designee will review the appeal and make one of the following determinations:

1. The review is inconclusive. A review may be deemed to be inconclusive if (among other things), in the opinion of the Chief Operating Officer or their designee, the video recording does not provide a sufficiently clear view of the incident. In this case, the suspension(s) as a result of the penalty or penalties assessed by the official will remain in effect and the deposit is forfeited.
2. The review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgment. The corresponding suspension(s) is/are revoked in this case.
3. The review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/or used correct judgment. In this case, the suspension(s) as a result of the penalty or penalties remain in effect and the deposit is forfeited.

The outcome of this review is not subject to any further appeal.

**Review of Items Identified in Section 1 - (C)****Procedure:**

A Club wishing to have a review conducted by the League so that it may consider issuing supplemental discipline in instances in which a serious injury has been sustained by a player may do so by submitting the following information:

- A copy of the video that supports the application.
- A diagnosis from a medical doctor outlining the nature and seriousness of the injury.
- A copy of the Game Sheet.
- A statement outlining the outcome being sought by the Club.

This outcome of this review is subject to appeal only if supplemental discipline is issued.

**Review of Items Identified in Section 1 - (D) through (H)****Procedure:**

A Club wishing to have a review conducted by the League so that it may consider further action may do so by submitting the following:

- A copy of the video that supports the application.
- A copy of the Game Sheet.
- A statement outlining the outcome being sought by the Club.

The League may take unilateral action in any instances covered by these sections.

**Section 2 - Video That Will NOT Be Reviewed**

Unless otherwise identified in this policy, video submissions will not be reviewed by the NYHL.