



Video review policy of Hockey Québec's player safety department in effect for the season 2024-2025

Guidelines

1. Composition of the video review panel:

- The video review panel will include the following members:
 - Director of Refereeing and Player Safety
 - Director of operations for the league or tournament concerned
 - Provincial chief referee or delegate
 - Arbitration coordinator
- In the event of disagreement, the Director of Refereeing and Player Safety will make the final decision.

2. Review process :

- Video reviews may result in an increase, decrease or cancellation of sanctions for players or coaching staff involved.
- For incidents resulting in injury, medical or dental documentation and any other evidence (photos) must be submitted with the request for review.
- The panel will examine the video and may also consult referee reports or speak with officials if necessary.
- If the video does not conclusively show the infraction, the on-ice referee's decision will stand.
- Any other infractions noted during the review of an incident may also be subject to suspension.
- The review fee must be transferred to Hockey Québec at the time of the video review request. The request will be processed upon receipt of the fee.
- Expenses paid will be reimbursed if the requesting team is successful.
- Video reviews will not be carried out for controversial goals.

Types of offence

• Safety of players, coaches and spectators:

- Teams may appeal to the League for any action affecting the safety of players, coaches or spectators.

• Unsanctioned offences :

- Teams may request a review for infractions not reported by officials, but which they feel merit a sanction (suspension).

• Unjustified sanctions :

- Teams may request a review if they feel players did not deserve the sanctions they received.

• Mistaken identity :

- Teams can request a review if a bad player has been penalized and the video provides evidence of the identity of another offending player.

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- **Abusive behavior :**

- Any abusive behaviour by players, teams or bench staff during a match.
- Any abusive behavior on the part of spectators or parents during a match.

Procedures for a request for review

1. Application submission :

- Requests for video review must be submitted within 72 hours of the end of the match to the Operations Manager of the league concerned. The Operations Manager will forward the request to the Director of Refereeing and Player Safety at mmaisonneuve@hockey.qc.ca.
- The following items must be included:
 - A legible copy of the completed match sheet.
 - Reasons for requesting a review, in relation to Hockey Canada or Hockey Québec regulations.
 - The League must notify the opposing team that a request for review has been received.
 - A copy of the video in an electronically downloadable or transferable format capturing the entire infraction requested for review.
 - Unacceptable forms of video include links to social media.
 - Medical/dental documentation is required for all video review requests submitted for an injury that has occurred.
 - A \$200 fee must be paid for regular-season games if the team's request is unsuccessful.
 - An amount of \$250 must be paid for tournament, playoff, regional, inter-regional and provincial championship games if the team's request is unsuccessful.
 - Complete the credit card pre-authorization form (see end of document) and attach it to the request for review.

2. Submission deadline for Elimination Series :

- For the playoffs, the video must be submitted within 48 hours of the player's next scheduled game.

The decision

- **Final decision :**

- If the decision of the video review panel does not exceed the automatic sanctions provided for in the rules, the decision will be final and without appeal.

- **Appeal to the Disciplinary Committee :**

- If the decision of the video review panel exceeds the automatic sanctions provided for in the regulations, the member may appeal to the League Discipline Committee.

- **Modification of penalties :**

- If the video review panel overturns or modifies a penalty deemed to be unfair, the team involved in the decision will recover its free-throw point, if any.
- If a penalty is added, the Franc Jeu rule will apply accordingly.

- **Communication of the decision :**

- The decision of the video review panel will be forwarded to the league of the two (2) teams involved within 72 hours of receipt of the request for review by the Director of Refereeing and Player Safety.
- In the case of a tournament, the panel's decision will be sent within three (3) hours of receipt of the request.



VIDEO REVIEW REQUEST FORM

Team name :

League :

Division and class :

First name :

Name :

Postal code :

Cell :

Email address :

Amount for revision request :

First and last name on credit card :

Credit card number :

Expiry date :

Verification code (CVC) :
