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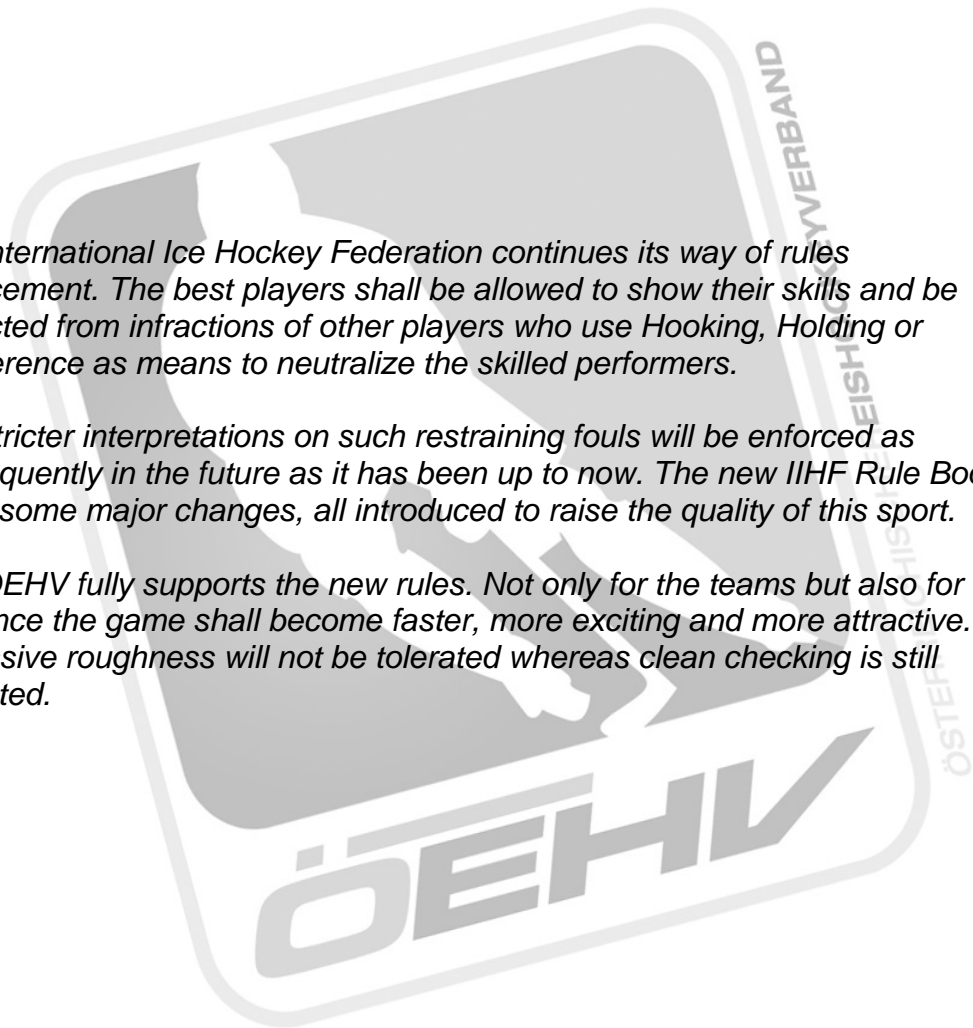


Preamble

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Introduction

The following pages contain all alterations of the IIHF Official Rule Book in German and in English (only the English Rule Book is approved by the IIHF). The implementation of the rules within the Austrian Leagues is to be treated separately and will be announced accordingly. Anyway, the major changes will be adopted.

To make things easier you will get a summary of the new rules. For further information please contact the ÖEHV office for your orders of the new IIHF Rule Book (German or English version).

Ice Hockey is about to change

With the introduction of the new IIHF rules Teams, Team Officials, Coaches, Players and Referees will notice multiple changes.

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The ÖEHV with its president Dr. Dieter Kalt fully supports the new rules: "Not only for the teams but also for the audience the game shall become faster, more exciting and more attractive. Excessive roughness will not be tolerated whereas clean checking is still accepted", says Kalt.

Dr. Gartner, head of the "MOBA" within the ÖEHV, strengthens the rule enforcement as well. Participating in the annual Referee Seminar he discussed the past season and appropriate instructions were set for the new season emphasizing the new rules interpretations.

Everybody is sitting in the same boat – clarifying Referees are the ones to enforce the new rules. Definitely not an easy task for the Game Officials and everyone else involved. Above all Referees will be under pressure even more this season facing the difficult task to set the level concerning the IIHF rule enforcement.

The ÖEHV and the Referee Committee have also implemented a new structure of Game Supervision to check the new rules enforcement and observance of the regulations.

"To be a referee is the most difficult job in ice hockey nowadays", notices Harald Springfield, Sports Manager of the ÖEHV. "If you take a look at the games of the last season – from Austria's top league down to the lowest division – a lot of calls were criticized and questioned wrongly", says Springfield.

The motto "Fair Play & Respect" should be known to everyone in ice hockey world. Unfortunately it is no longer followed with full encouragement. Originally initiated by the IIHF and adopted by all hockey nations worldwide describes the mutual acceptance of Referees, Team Officials, Players and Spectators especially on and also off the ice. Fair Play & Respect again will be enforced and emphasized by the ÖEHV, announces Springfield.

Coaches, Team Officials and Players in the first place are the ones to strictly follow this guideline. Of course there will be discussions in the beginning. Everybody in hockey world – internationally and nationally - is convinced to do the right thing with these new rulings.

At the annual Referee Meeting the new rules were the main topic on the agenda as well as further rule emphases. About 40 participants including referees, linesmen and supervisors of the Erste Bank League had to officiate all the games of the Face-Off Tournament 2006 in Salzburg.

Checking from behind into the boards and checking or slashing to the head and neck area was another main point in discussions referring to the Fair Play & Respect ...

The official Rule Book is in English and was issued some time ago, the German translation has just been finished and delivered from Switzerland to Austria just in time and shall be implemented immediately.

"There will be some difficulties with the new rules in the beginning but we have to accept them", says Renato Hagen, the new Austrian Referee In Chief. "The games refereed by our Game Officials were supervised and analyzed accordingly. Apart from that kind of practice the rule knowledge and fitness was tested strictly."

With the reduction concerning the size of the goalkeepers' equipment more goals should be scored. Teams were informed about this issue some time ago.

"The implementation of the new sizes were approved at the annual congress by the IIHF during the World Championship in Riga. Affected by these new rules are the catching & blocking glove and the leg guards", says Peter Schramm, Austrian's Game operations Manager.

The conditions were set for a faster and more attractive game. Schramm: "Now we have to inform everybody even more intensively and make contact with Teams, Referees and Players who had to deal with the rule enforcement in the past season."

Structure Of The Rule Changes

All Rules Changes can be divided in THREE main groups:

1. Corrections which do not affect the rules changes
2. Minor Rule Changes
3. Major Rule Changes

On the next pages you will get an overview of all new rules. For further description please use the Official Rule Book.

Please notice – it is possible that some of the rules are already known because they were introduced some time ago. The reason is that some of the ruling which were before in the Case Book or Bulletins have been incorporated in the IIHF Rule Book.

Section 1 – Ice Rink

103	Kick Plate ...15 to 25 cm above the surface level
104	Doors The gaps between the door and the board shall be minimized to 5 mm Doors shall swing away from the ice surface
105	Protective Glass Not less than 80 cm in height along the sides Shall be 160 cm to 200 cm in height on the ends Gaps between the glass panels shall be minimized to 5 mm
119	Goal Crease The inside of the goal area shall be white 127 cm to the top of the goal frame

Section 2 – Teams, Players and Equipment

<p>201 572</p>	<p>Captain of Team</p> <p>If a Captain or Alternate Captain is not on the ice, they cannot come off the bench to discuss any situation with the Referee, unless invited by the Referee. -> Misconduct penalty (see Rule 572)</p> <p>A complaint concerning a penalty is not a matter to the interpretation of the rules and shall be penalized. -> Misconduct penalty (Rule 572)</p>
<p>210</p>	<p>Equipment</p> <p>The official playing rules specify the use of protective equipment out of concern for the orderly playing of the game, and for the safety, health and welfare of participants. However, such rules do not imply a guarantee by the IIHF that the use of such equipment will provide protection from injury. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the equipment used conforms, where specified, with the official playing rules and is worn and maintained in good condition in accordance with the manufacturer's warranties.</p>
<p>222</p>	<p>Player's Stick</p> <p>Sticks shall be made of wood or other material approved by the IIHF</p>
<p>223</p>	<p>Player's Helmet</p> <p>Players have to wear a helmet during the pre-game warm-up</p>
<p>224</p>	<p>Player's Face Mask and Visor</p> <p>Players shall not be permitted to wear a colored or tinted visor</p>
<p>233</p>	<p>Goalkeeper's Glovers</p> <p>Go to page 20</p>
<p>234</p>	<p>Goalkeeper's Helmet and Face Mask</p> <p>a) Breakaway – goalkeeper removes his helmet, non-offending team -> Penalty Shot b) Penalty Shot – goalkeeper removes his helmet, non-offending team -> Goal</p>
<p>235</p>	<p>Goalkeepers' Leg Guards</p> <p>Go to page 21</p>
<p>240</p>	<p>Uniforms</p> <p>a) The player's number on the back of the sweater shall be 25 to 30 cm high and 10 cm high on both sleeves</p>
<p>250</p>	<p>Puck</p> <p>The printed logo shall not exceed in diameter 4.5 cm of the area of each side of a puck or 35% of the area of each side of the puck.</p>

260	Measurement of Equipment d) If a Captain of a team that is two men short in the last two minutes of the game or at any time in overtime, requests an equipment measurement that proves to be legal => Penalty Shot
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Section 3 – Officials and Their Duties

No changes in Austrian´s championships

Section 4 – Playing Rules

411	<p>Change of Players and Goalkeepers From the Player's Bench During Play</p> <p>If a goalkeeper proceeds to his player's bench for the purpose of substituting another player and if the substitution is made prematurely, the play shall be stopped. The ensuing face-off shall take place at the center ice spot, except in cases where the offending team would gain as a result a territorial advantage.</p>
412	<p>Change of Players Procedure During Stoppage of Play</p> <p>Teams are not permitted to make a player(s) substitution following a false face-off, except when a penalty is assessed that affects the on-ice strength of either team.</p> <p>When a team attempts to make a player change after its allotted period of time the Referee shall send the player(s) back to the bench and issue a warning to the Coach.</p>
416	<p>Injured Players</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) If an injured player returns to play before his penalty has expired, the Referee shall assess additionally to this player a Minor penalty.</p>
419	<p>Ice Cleaning</p> <p>The Referee has the authority to remove a built up of snow around the goal post or on the goal line near the net.</p>
440	<p>Face-Offs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) All end zone face-offs shall be conducted at one of the two end zone face-off spots in each zone on the side where the stoppage occurred or a puck has been shot.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">g) All face-offs in the neutral zone shall be conducted at one of the five face-off spots or at two imaginary lines parallel to the side boards and extending from one neutral zone face-off spot to the other neutral zone face-off spot on the side where the stoppage occurred or a puck has been shot.</p>
450	<p>Offsides</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) In violation of this rule, play should be stopped and a face-off shall be conducted</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">2. At the place where the pass or shot originated when the puck was passed or shot over the blue line by an attacking player.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">3. At the end zone face-off spot in the defending zone of the offending team, if the puck was passed or shot by the attacking player from his defending zone.</p>
460	<p>Icing the Puck</p> <p>If the puck crosses through the goal crease icing shall be called.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) No icing shall be called:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">6. Once the goalkeeper leaves his goal crease or when the goalkeeper is outside his goal crease during icing situation and moves in the direction of the puck.</p>

470	Definition of a Goal A goal shall be allowed 7. If an attacking player being in the goal crease and in no way affects the goalkeeper's ability to make a save.
471	Disallowing a Goal a) No goal shall be allowed: 5. If the goal net has been displaced from its normal position 6. If an attacking player initiates contact with the goalkeeper in his goal crease, incidental or otherwise 7. If an attacking player initiates contact with the goalkeeper outside his goal crease, other than incidental contact 8. Where an attacking player enters or takes position in the goal crease, so as to obstruct the goalkeeper's vision and impair his ability to defend his goal net and a goal is scored 9. Where a goalkeeper has been pushed into the goal net together with the puck after making a stop. If applicable, appropriate penalties shall be assessed. Note: "Contact" whether or otherwise, between a goalkeeper and an attacking player may be with the stick or any part of the body. All such calls shall be based strictly on the judgment of the Referee.
472	Goal and Assist Awarded to the Player Two assists may be awarded when a player scores after a rebound off of the goalkeeper.

Section 5 – Penalties

<p>501 502</p>	<p>Minor Penalty / Bench Minor Penalty (short handed)</p> <p>1. If, while a team is Short Handed, the opposing team scores a goal, the first of such penalties shall automatically terminate unless such penalty was assessed at the same time as an opposing players penalty which originally caused both teams to play one player short (4:4), in which case the next Minor or Bench Minor penalty assessed to the scored upon team shall terminate.</p> <p><u>Example 1:</u></p> <table data-bbox="316 763 778 887"> <tr> <td>Time</td> <td>Team A</td> <td>Team B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03:00</td> <td># 6 2'</td> <td># 11 2'</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03:15</td> <td></td> <td># 15 2'</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03:30</td> <td>Goal</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Question: Who will return? Answer: Team B, # 15</p> <p><u>Example 2:</u></p> <table data-bbox="316 1099 778 1223"> <tr> <td>Time</td> <td>Team A</td> <td>Team B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03:00</td> <td># 6 2'</td> <td># 11 2'</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03:15</td> <td></td> <td># 15 5'</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03:30</td> <td>Goal</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Question: Who will return? Answer: nobody</p> <p>2. If a goal is scored on a Penalty Shot no penalty shall terminate.</p>	Time	Team A	Team B	03:00	# 6 2'	# 11 2'	03:15		# 15 2'	03:30	Goal		Time	Team A	Team B	03:00	# 6 2'	# 11 2'	03:15		# 15 5'	03:30	Goal	
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<p>508</p>	<p>Penalty Shot</p> <p>a) Five conditions are required to award a Penalty Shot to a player being fouled from behind:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The infraction shall take place when the puck is outside of the player's defending zone (completely across the blue line). 2. The attacking player shall be in possession and have control of the puck. 3. The infraction shall have been committed from behind. 4. The attacking player in possession and control of the puck shall have been denied a reasonable scoring opportunity. 5. The player in possession and control of the puck shall have had no opposing players to pass other than the goalkeeper. <p>Penalty Shot shall be taken every time when it is awarded.</p>																								
<p>509</p>	<p>Penalty Shot Procedure</p> <p>The Coach or the Captain of the non-offending team selects and reports to the Referee the number of any non-penalized player who shall take the shot.</p>																								

511	<p>Goalkeeper Penalty Procedure</p> <p>All penalties for the goalkeeper shall be served by another player of his team who was on the ice at the time the play was stopped.</p>
514	<p>Calling Of Penalties</p> <p>c) If after the Referee has raised his arm signifying calling of a penalty, a goal is scored in any manner against the non-offending team as a result of an action of that team, the goal shall be allowed and a penalty shall be imposed in the normal manner.</p>
521	<p>Butt-Ending</p> <p>Also possible to assess a Match penalty if player is not injured</p>
522	<p>Charging</p> <p>Charging shall mean the action of a player who, as a result of distance traveled violently checks an opponent. (The words "taking more than two steps or strides to contact an opposing player" have been deleted)</p>
528	<p>Fisticuffs or Roughing</p> <p>Both parties can be assessed an appropriate penalty according to this rule. A player or team official who is on or off the ice and is involved in an altercation or fisticuffs with a player or team official off the playing surface shall be assessed a Misconduct, or a Game Misconduct or a Match penalty (team official only Game Misconduct or Match penalty).</p>
529	<p>Head-Butting</p> <p>A player who attempts deliberately head-butts an opponent shall be assessed a Match penalty</p>
530	<p>High Sticking</p> <p>A player who carries or holds his stick above the height of his shoulders that makes contact with an opponent.</p>
531	<p>Holding an Opponent</p> <p>Can include holding an opponent with hands or stick or in any other way.</p>
533	<p>Hooking</p> <p>Also possible to assess a Match penalty if player is not injured</p>
534	<p>Interference</p> <p>This rule applies to any interference action like knocking a stick out of an opponent's hands. d) interference with stick, body or any other object</p>
535	<p>Kicking</p> <p>Includes kicks as well as attempts to kick another player even without making contact.</p>

538	Spearing Also possible to assess a Match penalty if player is not injured
550	Abuse of Official and Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Players - Any player who makes an obscene gesture before, during or after the game shall be assessed a Match Penalty - Where a stick or any object is thrown on the ice from the player's bench: - Identified player = Minor penalty + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty - Unidentified player = Bench Minor penalty
551	Abuse of Officials and Unsportsmanlike Conduct By Team Officials - Any team official who makes an obscene gesture before, during or after the game shall be assessed a Match Penalty - Where a stick or any object is thrown on the ice from the player's bench: - Identified team official = Bench Minor penalty (team) + Automatic Game Misconduct penalty - Unidentified team official = Bench Minor penalty
554c	Shooting or Throwing the Puck Outside the Playing Area A player or goal keeper who directly shoots, throws, or bats the puck outside the playing area in the defending Zone (over the top of the boards or the top of the protective glass) = Minor penalty
554g	Violation of Face-Off Procedures For the 2nd violation during the same face-off = Bench Minor Penalty
554 h	Late Line-Up If a team after the end of an intermission does not line up on the ice surface the required number of players to start a period (overtime) = Bench Minor penalty.
555	Illegal or Dangerous Equipment The referee can request to remove any personal accessories. If they are difficult to remove then they must be taped or put safely under the jersey. The player or goal keeper shall be ruled off the ice and a warning shall be issued to the team. Any subsequent violation shall result in the assessment of the Misconduct penalty to any player for any equipment violation.
556	Broken Stick A player whose stick is broken does not immediately drop the broken portions AND continues to play = Minor Penalty
558	Falling on the Puck By a Goalkeeper If the goalkeeper falls on the puck in the area between the goal line and the hash marks unless he is being pressured shall be assessed a Minor penalty
559	Handling the Puck with the Hands by a Player If a player picks up the puck with his hands from the ice in his goal crease = Penalty Shot; if the goalkeeper is not on the ice = Goal

560	<p>Handling the Puck With the Hands By a Goalkeeper</p> <p>c) Goalkeeper deliberately drops the puck into his pads to cause a Stoppage of play = Minor Penalty</p>
563	<p>Players Leaving the Penalty Bench</p> <p>d) Any player who, having entered the penalty bench, leaves the penalty bench prior to the expiration of his penalty for the purpose of challenging an official's ruling = Minor penalty + Game Misconduct penalty</p>
564b 563b	<p>Players Leaving the Penalty Bench During an Altercation</p> <p>Where the first player to leave the penalty bench: 2'+2'+2'+Game Misconduct+Game Misconduct (automatically suspended for his team's next game)</p>
565	<p>Team Officials Leaving the Player's Bench</p> <p>Where an injury has occurred to a player and there is a stoppage of play, a team doctor (or designate) may go on the ice to attend to the injured player.</p>
568	<p>Throwing a Stick or any Object Out of the Playing Area</p> <p>Any player or goalkeeper who throws a stick, part of it, or any other object out of the playing area shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty.</p>
569	<p>Throwing a Stick or Any Object Within The Playing Area</p> <p>The position of the puck or puck carrier is the determining factor whether to assess a Minor penalty or award a Penalty Shot when an object is thrown or shot. Where a stick or any object is thrown in the Neutral or Attacking zone = Minor Penalty. Where a stick or any object is thrown in the Defending zone = Penalty Shot. Where a stick or any object is thrown in any zone when the goalkeeper has been removed from the ice = Goal. The rule applies to a player, goalkeeper or team official</p>
572 201	<p>Captain and Alternate Captain Complaint</p> <p>If the Captain or an Alternate Captain comes to complain about a penalty, whether he was on the ice or he comes from the player's bench, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty</p>
576	<p>Diving</p> <p>Any player who, at the discretion of the Referee, flagrantly imitates a fall, a reaction, or feigns an injury in an attempt to draw a penalty by his action, shall be assessed a Minor penalty.</p>
595	<p>Protection of Goalkeepers</p> <p>"Contact" whether incidental or otherwise between the goalkeeper and an attacking player may be with a stick or any part of the body. Attacking player initiates contact with the goalkeeper inside his goal crease - has to be penalized (exception: incidental contact). Unnecessary contact with the goalkeeper just because he is outside of the goal crease has to be penalized (exception: the attacking player made a reasonable effort to avoid unnecessary contact). If an attacking player has been pushed, shoved or fouled by a defending player so as to cause</p>

<p>him to come into contact with the goalkeeper, such contact shall not be deemed to be initiated by the attacking player, provided he has made a reasonable effort to avoid such contact. Where a goalkeeper has played the puck outside his goal crease and is then prevented from returning to his crease due to the action of an attacking player other than incidental, such player shall be assessed the appropriate penalty. But a goalkeeper shall be penalized if, by his actions outside the crease, he interferes with an attacking player who is attempting to play the puck or an opponent.</p>
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Goalkeeper Equipment Size Specifications

GOALKEEPER CHEST AND ARM PADS

1. No raised ridges are allowed on the front edges or sides of the chest pad, the inside or outside of the arms, or across the shoulders.
2. Layering at the elbow is permitted to add protection but not to add stopping area. This layering, both across the front and down the sides to protect the point of the elbow shall not exceed **17.78 cm**.
3. Shoulder Cap Protectors must follow the contour of the shoulder cap without becoming a projection/extension beyond or above the shoulder or shoulder cap. This contoured padding must not be more than **2.54 cm** in thickness beyond the top ridge of the shoulder and shoulder cap.
4. On each side, the Shoulder Clavicle Protectors are not to exceed **17.78 cm** in width. Their maximum thickness is to be **2.54 cm**. This protection is not to extend or project above or beyond the shoulder or shoulder cap nor extend beyond the armpit. No insert is allowed between the Shoulder Clavicle Protector and the chest pad that would elevate the Shoulder Clavicle Protector.
5. If when the goalkeeper assumes the normal crouch position, the shoulder and/or shoulder cap protection is pushed above the contour of the shoulder, the chest pad will be considered illegal.

GOALKEEPER PANTS

1. Due to the fact that the pants are made by and supplied by an IIHF supplier under agreement with the IIHF, under no circumstances are pants allowed to be altered or adjusted by any one other than by a designated IIHF representative. Should the request be made, only a designated IIHF representative can authorize such an adjustment.
2. No internal or external padding is allowed on the pant leg or waist beyond that to provide protection (no outside or inside ridges).
3. The maximum width (straight line) of the thigh pad across the front of the leg of the pant is **25.40 cm**. If the groin and/or hip pads extend beyond the edge of the front thigh pad they are to be included in this **25.40 cm** measurement. This measurement is to be taken while the goalkeeper is in an upright standing position. This measurement is to be made **12.70 cm** up from the bottom of the pant leg.
4. The same alteration policy, dimensions and measurement procedures will be performed on IIHF supplied goalkeeper pant shells elected to be worn over their own goalkeeper pants by goalkeepers participating in the IIHF Championship program.

5. If the goalkeeper is wearing his goalkeeper pant shell really loose, which allows him to close the five-hole (the open space between his legs above his pads) when he is in the crouch or ready position, the wearing of the pant shells in this fashion will be considered illegal and the above-mentioned documents will apply.

6. All thigh pads must follow the contour of the leg. Square thigh pads are considered illegal.

7. All knee protection must be strapped and fit under the thigh pad of the pant leg and not exceed **25.40 cm** allowed for the width of the thigh pad.

GOALKEEPER JERSEYS

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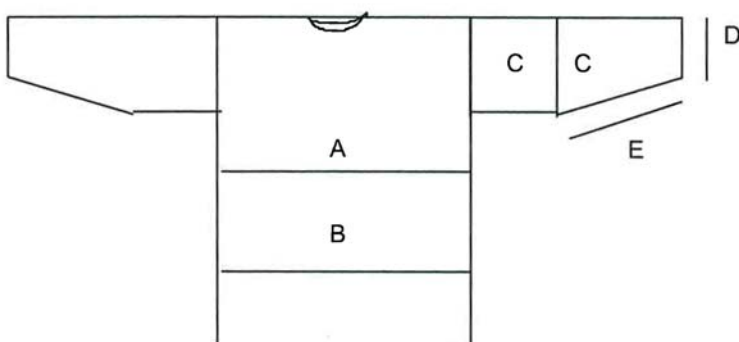
2. The maximum goalkeeper jersey size is specified below.

3. No inserts or additions are to be added to the standard goalie cut jersey as produced by the manufacturer. Modifications by the manufacturer beyond these measurements are not allowed.

4. No “tying down” of the sweater is allowed at the wrists if it creates a tension across the jersey such that a “webbing effect” is created in the armpit area.

5. No other tie downs or additions are allowed anywhere on the jersey that create a “webbing effect” by the jersey.

6. The length of a jersey is illegal if it covers any area between the goalkeeper's legs.



A = 73.66 cm
B = 76.20 cm
C = 39.37 cm
D = 22.86 cm
E = consistent slant 81.28 cm

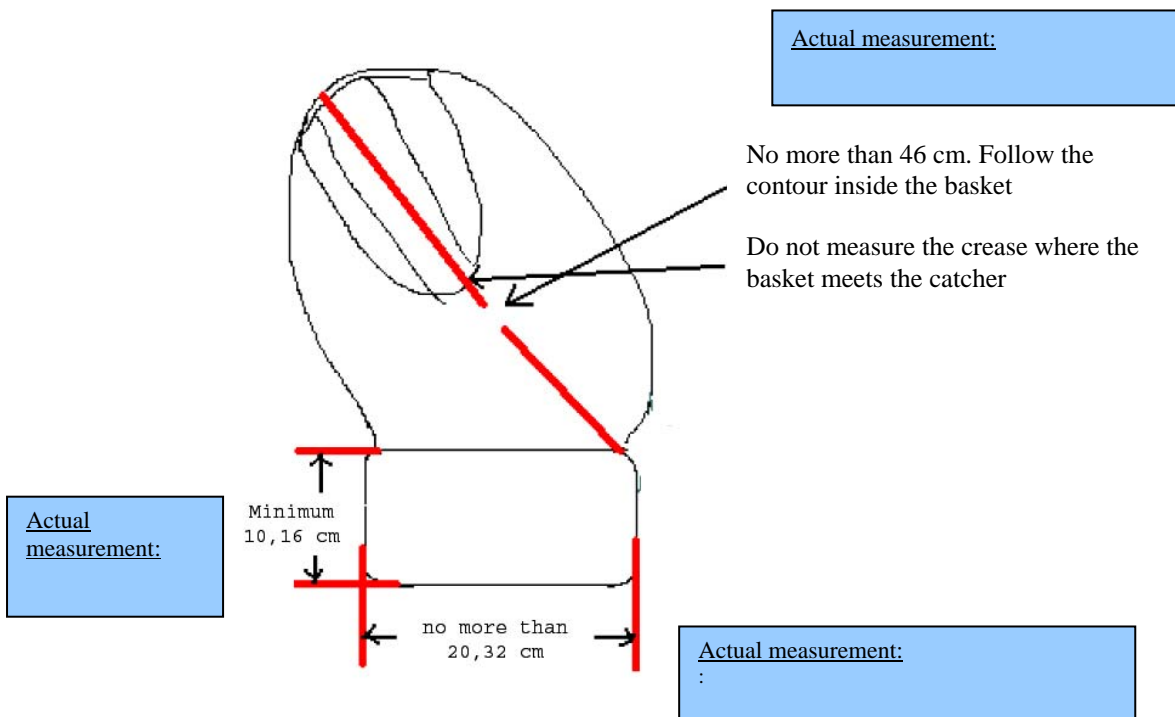
GOALKEEPER CATCHING GLOVE

1. A maximum perimeter of **114.3 cm** is permitted. The perimeter of the glove is the distance around the circumference of the glove. Please refer to the catching glove measurement procedures outlined below.

Actual perimeter:

2. The wrist cuff is must be **10.16 cm** in width (height) and a maximum of **20.32 cm** in length in any part of the wrist cuff (this includes the bindings). The cuff of the glove is considered to be the portion of the glove protecting the wrist from the point where the thumb joint meets the wrist. Any protection joining/enhancing the cuff to the glove will be considered part of the glove rather than the cuff.

3. The distance from the heel of the glove along the pocket and following the contour of the glove to the top of the 'T' trap must not exceed **46 cm**. The heel is considered to be the point at which the straight vertical line of the cuff meets the glove.



GOALKEEPER BLOCKER GLOVE

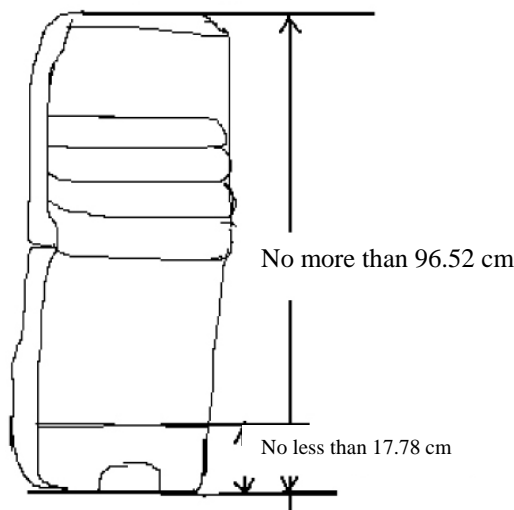
1. The maximum outside dimensions of the protective padding attached to the back and forming part of the goalkeeper's blocker glove shall not exceed **20.32 cm** in width and **38.10 cm** in length at any point including the bindings.

2. The flap protecting the thumb and wrist must be fastened to the blocker and this protection must follow the contour of the thumb and wrist. This thumb protective must not exceed **17.78 cm** in extreme length when measured from the top of the blocking surface.
3. Raised ridges are not to be added to any portion of the blocking glove.
4. The blocking glove shall be rectangular in shape.



GOALKEEPER LEG PADS

1. The goalkeeper's leg pads shall not exceed **28 cm** wide when measured on the leg of the goalkeeper.
2. The length of the goalkeeper's leg pads should be limited to a maximum of **96.52 cm** from bottom mid-point to top mid-point of the pad.
3. The minimum length of the boot of the pad is to be no less than **17.78 cm**. The boot is the bottom of the pad that sits over the top of the skate. The boot channel of the goalkeeper pad must be flat or concave in appearance.
4. No attachments such as plastic puck foils are permitted.



Actual measurement:

GOALKEEPER KNEE PROTECTION

1. All knee protection must be worn under the thigh guard of the pant. All flaps that are attached to the inside of the goal pad above the knee that are not worn under the pant thigh pad will not be permitted.
2. The knee strap pad is the pad that separates the inside of the knee and the ice.
3. The knee protection must be worn with the strap tight and do not cover any portion of the 'Five-hole'. The padding between the knee strap pad and the inner knee channel is not affected by this measurement standard. (Rule 230)
4. The knee strap pad is not to exceed **15.24 cm** in length x **13.97 cm** in width x **3.81 cm** in thickness. The knee strap pad must be fastened to the inner raiser.
5. The total width measurement of the entire inner knee padding (pad risers), including the outer knee strap pad, must not exceed **6.35 cm** in thickness. The inner kneepads are not to exceed **17.78 cm** in length, **13.97 cm** in width. The length of 17.78 cm is measured from where the inner padding attaches to the leg pad and back to the end of the inner padding.
6. Medial rolls (raised seam ridges) will not be permitted.
7. Calf protection must follow the contour of the calf and ankle and can have a thickness of no greater than **3.81 cm**.
8. No raised ridges will be permitted on the calf protector that would be deemed to act as deflectors of pucks.

GOALKEEPER SKATES

Any blades, projections or 'cheaters' added to the skate boot in order to give the goalkeeper additional contact to the ice surface are deemed as performance enhancing, and are prohibited.

GAME WINNING PENALTY SHOTS REGULATION

- a) If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the Game Winning Penalty Shots Procedure will apply immediately.
- b) Each team shall nominate in written form (uniform number) 2 goalkeepers and 3 players (plus one stand-by player) in the order they will take the shots.
- c) Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended is not eligible to be nominated as one of the players selected to take the shots and must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room. Also players serving penalties imposed during the game winning shots must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room until the end of the procedure.
- d) Once named, these players may only be replaced in the event of injury or penalty. The substitute stand-by player will be placed last in the shooting order.
- e) The referee will call the two captains to the Referee Crease and flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his team will shoot first or second.
- f) The goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as in the overtime period. The goalkeepers may be changed after each shot.
- g) The shots will be taken in accordance with rule 509 of the Official Rule Book.
- h) The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- i) If the result is still tied after three shots by each team the procedure shall continue with a tie-break by one player of each team, with the same or new or partially changed nomination of three players (plus one stand-by player) - again in written form - in the order they will take the shots and with the other team starting to take the tie-break shots. If necessary the tie-break procedure will be repeated once again with the other team starting the tie-break shots. The game shall be finished as soon as a duel of two players brings the decisive result.
- j) The official scorekeeper will record all shots taken, indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.
- k) Only the decisive goal will count in the result of the game. It shall be credited to the player who scored and to the goalkeeper concerned.
- l) Goalkeeper's penalties to be served by another player of his own team (see rule 511 of the IIHF Rule Book) do concern the players nominated and still to take the shots. The player to serve the penalty for the goalkeeper must be one of the three players nominated who has not yet taken his shot and this player is ineligible for any further shots in the procedure and must remain in the penalty box. The substitute stand-by player will be placed last in the shooting order.

m) A bench minor penalty imposed on the team, e.g. measurement of equipment (see rule 260 and 555 of the IIHF Rule Book), does concern the players nominated and still to take the shots. The player to serve such a penalty must be the one of the three players nominated who has not yet taken his shot and this player is ineligible for any further shots in the procedure and must remain in the penalty box. The substitute stand-by player will be placed last in the shooting order.

n) If a team declines to participate in the game winning shots procedure the game will be declared as a loss for that team.

o) If a player declines to take a shot it will be declared "no score" for his team.



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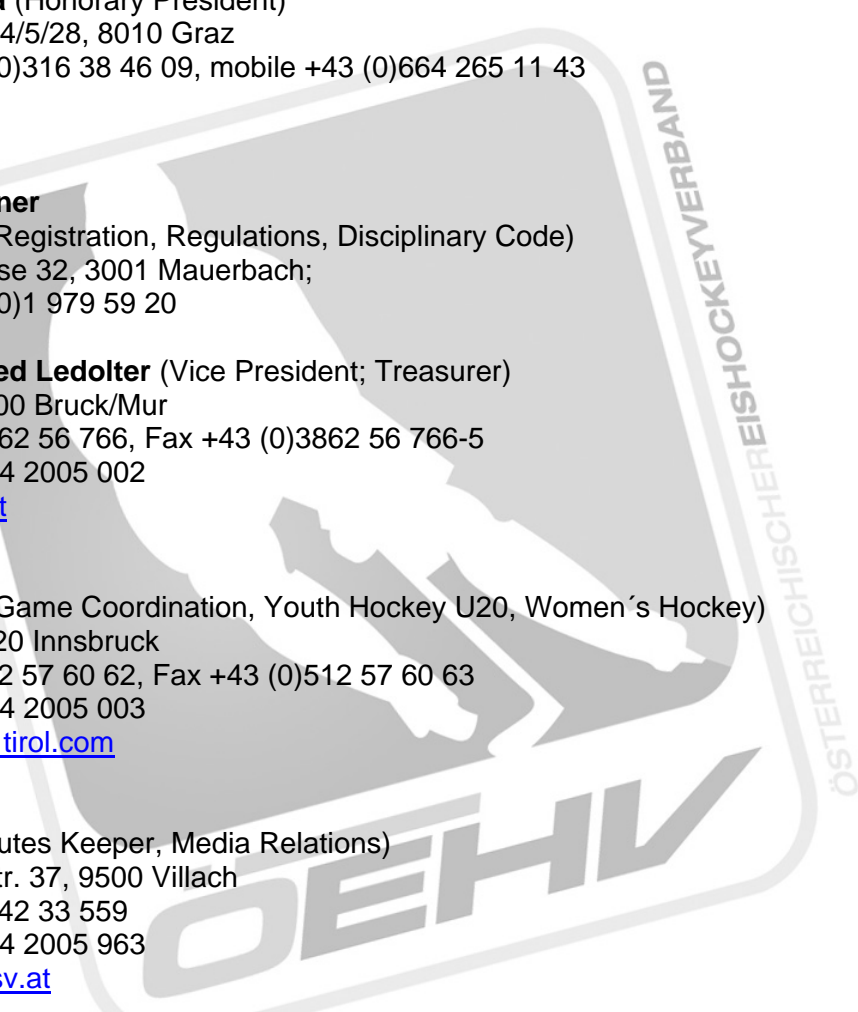
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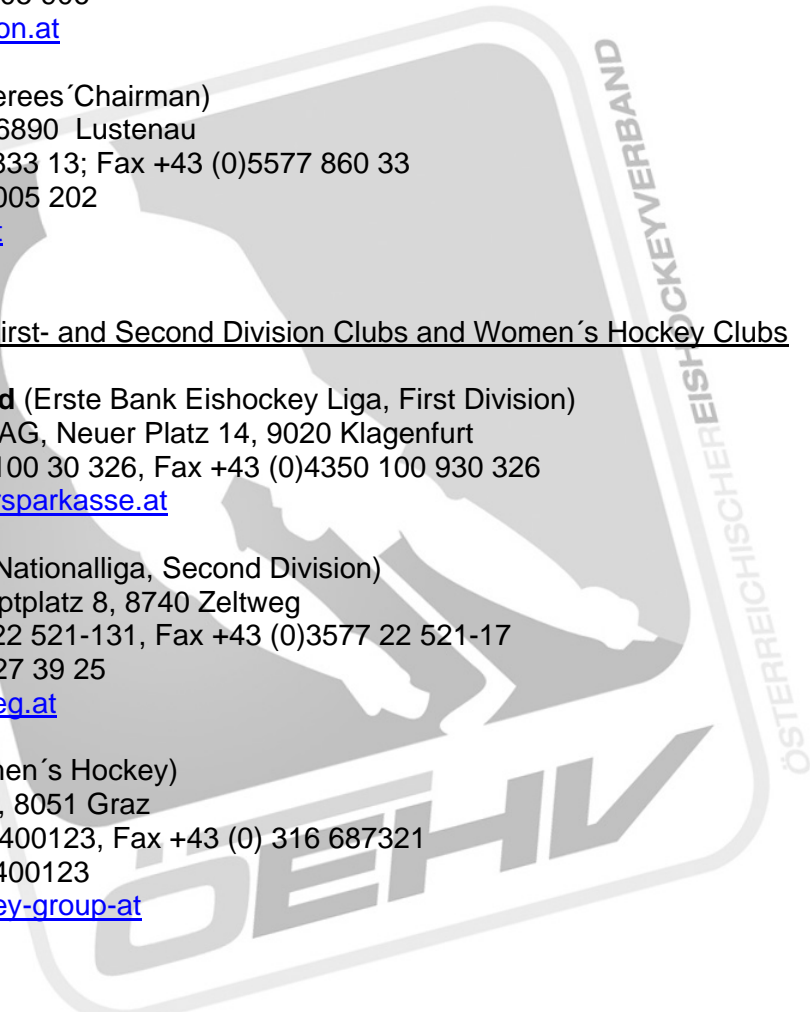
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