

Background:

The use of video is becoming more prevalent in minor hockey. Parents may record games on video for enjoyment purposes, while teams may record games on video for use as a development or strategic tool.

With that in mind, the issue of Hockey Northwestern Ontario viewing such videos for situations that may occur during a game continues to be an issue. By way of this policy, HNO wishes to communicate its position on when it is appropriate and responsible for the League and Association to do so.

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

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

Policy:**Video That Will NOT Be Reviewed**

1. HNO will not view videos for the purpose of 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. HNO will not view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any individual player unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
3. HNO will not view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any teams during any game unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
4. HNO will not review videos for the purpose of reviewing goals or disallowed goals.

Video That May Be Reviewed

1. HNO may view videos for the purpose of 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.
2. HNO may view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of game officials during altercations, specifically when use of force is concerned.
3. HNO may view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators and parents. HNO may view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of a coach's code of conduct towards their own team officials and/or players.

Decisions under this provision are subject to appeal as per HNO's Appeal Policy.

Submission of Video:

If a Team wishes to submit video for review, the following procedure must be followed:

1. \$500 cash or cheque is received at the time of submission. The money will be forfeited to HNO if the video is deemed inconclusive.

2. The video, along with a letter signed by appellant/complainant, or Executive Member of the Organization must be delivered to the HNO Office within ten (10) days of the alleged incident and must have exhausted all other avenues with their associated Minor Hockey Association and League.
3. The letter must outline specifically what the Team wishes to have reviewed.
4. The video must be cued to the point at which the incident occurred or there must be an indication in writing of what time in the game the incident occurred and where on the submission it can be located.
5. If the video applies to a complaint, the formal complaint intake form must be filled out in addition to the package and abide by the Discipline and Complaint Policy.

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New Policy

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