

DISTRICT 14 – VIDEO REVIEW POLICY (Effective date: October 18, 2024)

The use of video in hockey has become increasingly prevalent, along with the quality of available technology. To support District 14 in making the most informed decisions possible, we will evaluate all information that is available. District 14 acknowledges that video evidence may possibly support the decision-makers, and as such, we may consider it in the decision-making process, where approved and at its discretion.

VIDEOS THAT DISTRICT 14 MAY REVIEW

District 14 may accept video of incidents under one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- a) Videos for the purpose of identifying the correct player and assessing the proper call in situations where an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice official(s) and issued a penalty resulting in suspension. This excludes players who have been issued a penalty without a suspension.
- b) Videos for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that has, or may have, resulted in a serious injury to any player whether a penalty was assessed or not, where it's determined that a Match Penalty should have been assessed.
- c) Videos that show a Major, Match or Gross Misconduct infraction that has resulted in a suspension.
- d) Videos that show an incident of "Physical Harassment of Officials" where a Match penalty was not assessed.
- e) Videos that show incidents of pre-game or post-game altercations.
- f) Videos that show inappropriate conduct by an on-ice official or team official (specifically when there is a use of force and/ or during altercations).
- g) Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators or parents.

VIDEOS THAT DISTRICT 14 WILL NOT GENERALLY REVIEW

- a) Videos for the purpose of reviewing game play situations such as off-sides, icing, goals or disallowed goals, etc
- b) Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any team or individual player, unless otherwise outlined in this policy.
- c) Videos for the purpose of reviewing calls or non-calls of on-ice officials, including penalty selection, unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

NOTE: The Hockey Canada Rule Book states that a Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

A request for video review may be submitted by a Member Association President where no conflict exist (or their delegate which must be a member of the association board of directors), provided the request is submitted in writing within 24 hours of the completion of the game (or after a suspension has been issued).

- a) All submissions must include the following information:
 - i. An email outlining the rationale for the requested review;
 - ii. A legible copy of the completed game sheet;
 - iii. An unaltered copy of the video in an electronically downloadable or transferable format that captures the entire infraction being requested for review (the video clips must not have excessive footage before or after the incident that is not relevant to the review);
 - iv. Identified time cue on the video where the infraction or incident occurred;
 - v. Medical / Dental documents are required for all video review requests submitted when an injury has occurred.
 - vi. A review fee of \$250.00.

- b) Requests must be submitted to the District 14 Director of Discipline and Appeals.

VIDEO REVIEW PROCEDURE

When conducting a review, District 14 has the sole discretion to determine the validity of submitted videos and to determine any further action.

A video review may include, but is not limited to:

- a) A request for supplementary information from the submitting Member Association, the officials and/ or respective leagues;
- b) Consultation with or referral of the matter to a District 14 committee and/ or consultation with any other individuals as deemed appropriate;
- c) All submitted information (video and written documentation) will be thoroughly reviewed and findings and/ or an interpretation will be documented;
- d) A final review of the finding and/ or interpretation will be completed to determine any further action.

VIDEO REVIEW DECISIONS

The standard of review to be used in addressing a video review request is “conclusiveness”, therefore videos must conclusively show that the in-game determination was incorrect. After conducting a review, District 14 will make one of the following decisions:

- a) Determine that the review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/ or used incorrect judgement and therefore the corresponding suspension(s) is/ are revised or revoked;
- b) Determine that the review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/ or used correct judgement and therefore the suspension(s) or non-suspensions remain in effect;
- c) Determine that the review is inconclusive and therefore any decisions and/ or suspensions resulting from the assessed penalty(ies) will remain in effect.

Regardless of the final decision, the applicable Member Association or league will be notified of the outcome of the review within 24 hours of receipt and acknowledgement of the request.

Should the review be deemed conclusive, 50% of the review fee will be refunded.

Should an amendment to a suspension or the application of a new suspension be required, the participant's record in Total Team Management (TTM) and/or the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) record shall be updated accordingly.

No decision from a video review shall affect the outcome of the game as played or any game played after the game giving rise to the review and before the release of the decision of the review.

All decisions regarding video reviews are final and shall not be subject to appeal.