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NFHS Ice Hockey Weekly Rule Interpretations

Rules References: 7-18-1, 3-3-5

SITUATION 1: Player A1 contacts Player B1 away from the boards. The contact throws Player B1 into the boards.

RULING: Penalty for boarding must be assessed. Official's discretion: (a) minor penalty; (b) major penalty if the player is violently thrown into the boards; (c) major penalty and misconduct; or (d) game disqualification.

Comment: There are now four different penalties that may be assessed for a boarding infractions. Officials, like in many other rules, have the discretion to call what they see on the ice and now this season may call a minor for boarding if that is what the infraction warrants.

SITUATION 2: After making a save, the goalkeeper's catching glove comes off.

RULING: Play shall be immediately stopped.

Comment: This is a risk minimization and safety issue for the goalkeeper. Once the glove is displaced, play must stop.

