



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: All Hockey Alberta Members
From: David Shaw, Provincial Chair, Referee Committee
SUBJECT: Slew-footing – New rules emphasis

Hockey Canada has updated Tripping Rule 7.4 in the rule book for the 2016-17 season.

Rule 7.4(b), which pertains to slew footing, contains new language and penalties for this infraction. Rule 7.4(b) now reads:

A player who slew foots an opponent shall be assessed a double minor penalty plus a game misconduct if he is standing still while committing the foul. Should the player be moving (skating) or if an injury results from the infraction, the player shall be assessed a match penalty. A match penalty shall be assessed to any player who attempts to injure or deliberately injures an opponent with a slew foot.

The rationale for the change is to strengthen player safety and to eliminate injuries, namely to the head, from the resulting fall. We need to eradicate dangerous and unprovoked gestures, such as slew footing, from the game.

All people in the game – including players, coaches, officials and spectators – need to understand the rule and to respect the intent as we move to eliminate slew footing from hockey and strengthen player safety.

There is a video available from Hockey Canada that illustrates what officials are looking for when assessing a penalty for slew footing. It is available to view online at hockeyalberta.ca/officials/resources or on the Hockey Alberta YouTube channel.

Hockey Alberta's Referee Committee thanks everyone for their support and urges patience with the implementation of this rule as we move into the 2016-17 season.

Should you have questions, contact the Officials Zone Chair in your region, or email me at chairman@hareferees.ca.