



The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

Welcome to the Referee's Crease!

The Referee's Crease is a periodic newsletter designed to highlight various rules, procedures and/or issues affecting ALLIANCE Hockey's on-ice officials. It is hoped that these easy to read updates and refreshers will help your games go more smoothly.

Is That Deliberate Illegal Substitution?

With 0:50 remaining in the third period, the Green team is tied with the Red team. For Green, this is a must win game. Green's Coach wants his top line to stay on the ice for the face off, but they are tired and need a breather. In order to buy time for his players, the coach makes a very late change of players, sending out his second line well after the referee's arm has come down but before the puck has been dropped. Does Red get a penalty shot as a result of Green's deliberate late change?

The answer to the question comes with understanding what "Deliberate Illegal Substitution" is and what it isn't.

If it is deliberate illegal substitution, with the game being in the last 2:00 minutes, it is a penalty shot (it's a bench minor if it is earlier in the game). If it is not,

Deliberate illegal substitution occurs when a team intentionally sends extra players onto the ice while play is in progress for the purpose of gaining an advantage, causing a stoppage of play or preventing a goal. (Rule 19, Sit 11) - (eg. a shorthanded team deliberately sending an extra player into the ongoing play).

Premature substitution during on-the-fly line changes and unintentional "too many men on the ice" situations are NOT deliberate illegal substitutions – although both are bench minor penalties (R 19 (b), (e) and Sit. 11), even in the final 2:00 minutes of the game. Premature substitution for a goalie at any time in the game is a whistle, not a penalty (R 19 (f), Note 3).

The action of the Green coach – play was not in progress - is not Deliberate Illegal Substitution. If the Green bench had not been warned about late substitutions earlier in the game, the referee would simply direct the oncoming players back to the bench. If Green had previously been warned, assess a bench minor (R 19 (g)).

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