

Goaltender Interference and Protection

Interference Penalty

- Contact preventing goalie from defending = penalty (in or out of crease).
- “No goal, no penalty” only if contact is minimal and clearly unavoidable.
- Referee judges *degree and intent* of contact, not position.
- **Intentional contact:** Double Minor (counts as **2 aggressive penalties**).
- **Severe or injurious contact:** Major or Match penalty.

Rebounds / Loose Pucks

- Incidental contact allowed if both players making a play on puck.
- Goal disallowed if goalie is pushed into net with puck.
- Ref must maintain puck sight; stop play if lost.

Driving the Net

- Attacker must avoid contact when driving net.
- Defender cannot push, trip, or force attacker into goalie.
- Both players may be penalized if contact occurs.
- Defensive infraction = **Roughing** (aggressive penalty).

Playing the Puck

- Goalie leaving crease is **not fair game**.
- Only **stick-on-stick** contact to gain puck is allowed.
- Any other contact = penalty.
- Goalie interference on skaters = **Interference penalty**.