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## Video Review Request Policy

With the increasing availability of video provided by rink-based programs and partners, we are proactively establishing a formal video review request policy. This policy does not limit the scope of video review abilities of the VSAHA Rules Committee, for any investigations and/or hearings that are under their jurisdiction.

No decision from a video review shall affect the outcome of the game as played or any game played after the game.

The USA Hockey Rulebook Rule 502(a) begins by stating: *“The “REFEREE” shall have general supervision of the game and his decision shall be final in all matters occurring before, during or after the game. The role of the official is to “enforce” the rules of the game and in doing so shall have full authority over all participants.”*

Therefore, the scope of what is allowable for a request of a video review shall be limited by the following.

### VIDEOS THAT MAY BE REVIEWED

- A. Videos that show an incident that resulted in a serious injury where a penalty was or was not assessed for the infraction.
- B. Videos that show incidents of pre-game, post game or any off-ice altercations.
- C. A situation where the incorrect player has been assessed an infraction that resulted in a suspension and the video clearly shows that a different player should have been assessed the penalty.

### VIDEOS THAT WILL NOT GENERALLY BE REVIEWED

- 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 calls or non-calls of on-ice officials, including penalty selection, unless otherwise outlined in this policy.



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### SUBMISSION PROCESS

A request for video review must be submitted by a Member Association President, provided the request is submitted in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Submissions by anyone else will not be accepted.

All submissions must include the following information:

- A. A \$100 deposit per request. The deposit will be returned if the Rules Committee determines a penalty is warranted or the wrong player was assessed the penalty. Otherwise, the deposit will be allocated to the VSAHA Referee Growth Fund.
- B. A rationale for the requested review
- C. A legible copy of the completed game sheet if done by paper or link to an electronic game sheet.
- D. An unaltered copy of the video that captures the entire infraction being requested for review. (Video clips must not have excessive footage before or after the incident that is not relevant to the review)
- E. A signed VSAHA Injury Report form by a licensed medical personnel.

### VIDEO REVIEW PROCEDURE

Within 24hrs, the chair of the Rules Committee will review the submitted video(s) to determine the validity of the video(s) and confirm or deny acceptance of the request.

Within 72hrs, the Rules Committee will conduct its review. At least one (1) of the on-ice officials from the game will be consulted as part of the Rules Committee review.

### 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, the Rules Committee will make one of the following decisions and has the sole discretion to determine any further action.

- A. Determine that the review is conclusive and that a penalty should have been assessed.
- B. Determine that the review is conclusive and that the official penalized the wrong player.
- C. Determined that the review is conclusive and a hearing will be scheduled to address the pre or post game issue.
- D. Determine that the review is inconclusive and therefore any decisions and/ or suspensions resulting from the assessed penalty(ies) will remain in effect.

All decisions regarding video reviews are final and only those resulting in supplemental discipline being assessed are subject to the provisions of USA Hockey Bylaw 10.