Department of Player Safety Rules and Procedures 2026-2027

Appendix K Addendum - National League ONLY

The following provisions apply solely to NIHL National. They supplement the core DOPS Rules & Procedures and take precedence where stated. This addendum updates Appendix K as published.

1. **Deviations from Appendix C for National League**

In light of the IIHF directive to "label the action" with penalty calls, the tariffs selected for disciplinary reviews may deviate from the penalty code presented on the official game record. Video footage and on-ice officials' reports will be used to ascertain whether the appropriate tariff for suspension remains that as called (e.g. Rule 41 Boarding) or rather that which applies to the principal point of contact of the infraction (e.g. Rule 48 Illegal Check Head/Neck).

2. **Deviations from Appendix D for National League**

NIHL National only attributes 1 penalty point for major penalties for Fighting (Rule 46).

3. **Deviations from Appendix F for National League**

Points for In-Game Sanctions

- Game Misconduct – 5 team penalty points.
- Game Misconduct for racial, discriminatory language, or abuse of an official – 7 team penalty points and an immediate provisional suspension pending a DOPS hearing (minimum one-game suspension).