



# Greater Toronto Hockey League Policy

## Policy on Review of Video



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### **Background**

The use of video is becoming more prevalent in minor hockey. Parents may video games for enjoyment purposes while teams may video games for use as a development or strategic tool.

With that in mind, the issue of the League reviewing video for situations that may occur during a game continues to be an issue. By way of this policy, the League wishes to communicate its position on when it is appropriate and responsible for the League to **do so**.

Both Hockey Canada and the League have very specific rules regarding the On-Ice Official's judgement.

**Hockey Canada Playing Rule 5.1 (d) reads** - "A Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. His decision shall be final on all questions of judgement and not subject to appeal."

**GTHL Regulation 15.7 (g) reads:** " REFEREE'S DECISION: A protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it concerns a question respecting interpretation of the rules of the game."

### **POLICY**

The League will generally not review video for the purpose of reviewing on-ice officials' calls or non-calls, nor for the purpose of reviewing the on-ice officials' penalty selection unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

The League will generally not review video for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any individual player unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

The League will generally not review video for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any teams during any game unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

**Rationale:** The on-ice officials have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations.

The League may review video for the purpose of identifying the correct player in situations in which an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice officials and issued a penalty resulting in a suspension.

The League may review video for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of game officials during altercations, specifically when use of force is concerned.

The League may review video for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that results in a serious injury to any player whether or not a penalty was assessed. The President, a Special Committee or the Board may use this video when determining the appropriate length of a suspension to any player or players who may have been directly involved in a player being seriously injured whether or not a penalty was assessed at the time of the injury.

The League may review video for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators and parents.

**Rationale:** The on-ice officials may not have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations or may not be able to make the appropriate assessment of the cause or severity of an injury. Illegal plays resulting in severe injuries to players should not go unpenalized just because an on-ice official may not have been able to assess the appropriate penalty at that moment in time.

## **Submission of Video**

If a Team wishes to submit video for review, the following procedure must be followed:

- 1) The video, along with a letter signed by the General Manager or President of that Team's Club must be delivered to the League Office.
- 2) The letter must outline specifically what the Team wishes to have reviewed.
- 3) The video must be cued to the point at which the incident occurred or there must be an indication in writing of what time in the game the incident occurred and where on the submission it can be located.