



ACHA Rule Memo

All icing error face-offs go to center ice faceoff. There is no other option.

NCAA Rule: 85.2

Note: Our NCAA/ACHA rule is different from USA Hockey, please be aware.

Rule 85 – Icing

85.1 Icing - For the purpose of this rule, the center line will divide the ice into halves. Should any player of a team, equal or superior in numerical strength to the opposing team, shoot, bat with the hand or stick, kick or deflect the puck from his own half of the ice, beyond the goal line of the opposing team, play shall be stopped. For the purpose of this rule, the point of last contact with the puck by the team in possession shall be used to determine whether icing has occurred. For the purpose of interpretation of this rule, icing is completed the instant the puck crosses the goal line, unless an attacking player, who is onside at the blue line and with no opponent between that player and the goal line and is clearly in position to be the first player to touch the puck. Icing shall not be called in this situation. This decision by the official shall be made no later than the first player reaching the end zone face-off dots. If the puck enters the goal in this situation icing shall not be called and a goal shall be awarded. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section concerning batting the puck in respect to the icing rule, the provisions in Rule 71 apply and no goal may be scored by batting the puck with the hand into the opponent's goal. If, while the official has signaled a slow whistle for a clean interception under Rule 86 (offsides), the player intercepting shoots or bats the puck beyond the opponent's goal line in such a manner as to constitute icing, the official's delayed whistle shall end the instant the puck crosses the blue line and icing shall be called in the usual manner

85.2 Faceoff Location - The puck shall be faced off at the end-zone faceoff spot of the offending team. If the puck enters the goal of the opposing team, after being legally shot, batted with the stick or deflected, the goal shall be allowed.

If, during a delayed penalty, the non-offending team ices the puck, the ensuing faceoff shall take place in the penalized team's defensive zone.

If the officials err in calling an icing-the-puck infraction (regardless of whether either team is short-handed), the puck shall be faced off at the center ice faceoff spot.

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