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TO: Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Game Officials, Sports Information Directors,
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FROM: Steve Piotrowski, secretary-rules editor
NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Use of Video Replay to Correct an Error on Calling an Offside or Too
Many Players on the Ice that Directly Leads to a Goal.

The rules committee has received several requests for clarification regarding use of video replay to correct an error on calling an offside or too many players on the ice that directly leads to a goal. It has been requested that the rules committee provide some guidance in this area. Current NCAA rules (Rule 93.4 -page 83) permits the use of video replay during televised conference championship tournaments as well as NCAA Championship competition.

The rule reads: "During NCAA competition that is televised and where a video replay official is in use, game officials may use replay to correct an error on calling an offside or too many players on the ice that **directly leads to a goal.**"

The Rules Committee discussed this rule at length during the June 2013 meetings and has approved the extension of use of this rule to televised games during the regular season.

To be clear, penalties may not be assessed through the use of video review. However, the officials may correct an error on calling an offside or too many players on the ice that directly leads to a goal. This rule is not intended to review close line plays where the officials have made a definitive call. As with any review, there must be conclusive video evidence to overturn an on-ice decision.

This rule is intended to allow egregious offsides or too many men on the ice errors to be corrected when it is clear the on-ice officials have missed an infraction that leads directly to a goal. As the philosophy statement notes, it is not intended to allow routine reviews of other points in the game.

Thank you for your time and attention to this communication. If you have any questions about this, please contact me (spiotrowski@ccha.com) or NCAA staff liaison Ty Halpin (thalpin@ncaa.org).

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