



2005-06 Summary of Rule Differences Chart

The following chart is a comparison, for use by League Officials, referees, players and coaches, of the differences in rules between the **NCRHA 2005-2006 Official Rules of College Roller Hockey** and the **2005-07 Official Rules of USA Hockey InLine**. This summary was designated to give users of the USAHIL rule book, a basic understanding of the rules used by the NCRHA.

This document should not be used as a substitute for a working knowledge of the rules, but rather as a reference tool that highlights key differences between two rule books. It is designed to help avoid that split second moment of panic as a referee tries to remember which interpretation of a rule applies to the game at hand, and ensure that the right call is made.

While the major differences are cited here, this section is not all inclusive and changes may have been implemented by either organization since the printing of this chart. Therefore the ultimate authority can only be the complete official rulebooks of the NCRHA and USAHIL.

Rule (Situation)	USAHIL 	Rule Number(s)	NCRHA 	Rule Number(s)
SECTION 1 - RINK				
Use of Alcohol or Controlled Substances	Game Misconduct		Game Misconduct (Referees eject and report players who smell like alcohol)	
Use of Tobacco	First Offense -- Minor Penalty Subsequent Offenses -- Game Misc.		Game Misconduct	
SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION OF TEAMS				
Required number of players to begin game	5 (goalkeeper not required)		4 players and one goalkeeper	
Team unable to place required number of players to begin game	Bench Minor. If after 5 minutes game still cannot begin, game is suspended and reported to League Authorities.		Bench Minor. If after 15 minutes game still cannot begin, game is forfeited and reported to League Authorities.	
Maximum players in uniform	15 players plus no more than 2 goalkeepers		16 rostered players, including no more than 14 skaters.	201.b
Maximum number of Team Officials allowed on Player's Bench	Four (4)		Three (3)	
SECTION 3 - EQUIPMENT				
H.E.C.C. approved helmets and full face mask	Not required for players 18 and over.		Required as of July 1, 2004.	
Padded Pants and Shoulder Pads	No Rule		Prohibited. May be approved by League Authorities for medical need with a physician's release.	
All protective equipment, except gloves, headgear, and goalkeeper leg pads must be worn entirely under the uniform.	Recommended		Required.	
The use of solvents, waxes or oils on goalkeeper pads to enhance sliding capability	Not addressed.		Minor Penalty plus Game Misconduct	
Use in any manner of "US Postal Service Tape"	Not addressed.		Prohibited	
Teams must have 2 sets of uniforms	Not required.		Required.	

Home team must wear light colored jerseys, Visiting team must wear dark colored jerseys.	Not addressed.		Required.	
SECTION 4 - PENALTIES				
Minor Penatly	Goal scored durng a Penalty Shot during a shorthanded situation does NOT terminate a minor penalty.		Goal scored durng a Penalty Shot or an Awarded Goal during a shorthanded situation ALSO terminates one minor penalty.	
Major Penalty	Requires addition of Game Misconduct		May be assessed with or without Game Misconduct	
Player receives second Major during a game.	Cannot occur, Game Misconduct assessed with first Major		Game Misconduct	
SECTION 5 - OFFICIALS				
Officiating Sytems	2 referee system		2 referee system or 3 referee system (1 referee/2 assistant referees)	
Minor Officials	No references to Goal Judges		Has provisions for Goal Judges	
SECTION 6 - PLAYING RULES				
Team Official enters Referee's dressing room at any time without permission	No Rule		Match Penalty	
Team Official steps onto playing surface while game is in progress.	Does not specify penalty, restricts to the length of the player's benches.		Game Misconduct	
Goalkeeper may continue to play with a broken stick until the next stoppage of play.	Prohibited, minor penalty.		Allowed	
Kicking Player	Minor, Major plus Game Misconduct or Match Penalty. If unintentional, no penalty.		Match Penalty. However, if unintentional in an attempt to free the puck, no penalty.	
Pucks used during intermission between halves or periods	No Rule		Prohibited	
Attacking player in Goalkeeper's Crease	Goal should be disallowed if the puck enters the net while an attacking player is in the crease. Play should be stopped if attacking team is in possession of the puck with a scoring opportunity. Faceoff at high zone spot.		Goals should be disallowed if the attacking player initiates contact with the goalkeeper or impairs the goalkeeper's ability to move freely or defend the goal. After a warning, play should be stopped for an attacking player in the crease.	
Face-offs	Must occur on face-off spot		May occur anywhere along an imaginary line connecting the face-off spots, parallel to the side boards	
Removing Gloves (fighting situation)	No Rule		Minor Penalty	
High Sticking	Minor plus Misconduct, double minor pus misconduct		Minor, Major or Major plus Game Misconduct	
SIGNALS and PROCEDURES				
Body Checking	Hand across to opposite shoulder		Fist extended outward from shoulder	