



Coach's Perspectives

*General Membership Training
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Calling Interference



A minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who interferes or impedes the progress of an opponent who is not in possession of the puck.

- Perceptions
 - Interference calls are on the rise
 - Interference is used as a crutch
- Not a penalty to call when you don't have anything else
- Sometimes a big hit is just a big hit

Penalizing Appropriately



- Don't be afraid to make the big calls that send a message
 - Not just your message for the game, but the USA Hockey message
- Don't be a weasel
 - 2 for elbowing instead of 2+10 for CFB
 - 2 for high sticking instead of 2+10 for head contact
- Coaches expect and want the more more appropriate penalty to help control the game

Effort

- No game is beneath you
- If you accept a game, you owe it to the players and coaches to give it your best effort - each game means a lot to them
- You never know who is in the building
- Your body language and your willingness to communicate send powerful messages
- Should not be out of position in lower level games

Miscellaneous



- Scrums around the net
 - Faceoff outside if *any* attacking D come in further than tops of face-off circles
 - Do not take outside if attacking D is already below face-off circles when whistle blows
- Anticipate what *might* happen but react to what *does* happen