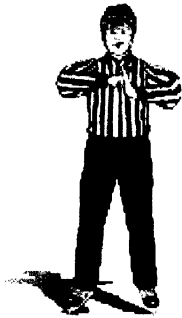


# Official Signals



## Boarding:

Pounding the closed fist of the non-whistle hand *once* into the open palm of the other hand.

## Butt-Ending:

Moving the forearm, fist closed, under the forearm of the other hand held palm down.



## Charging:

Rotating clenched fists around one *once* another in front of chest.

## Checking from Behind (USA Hockey and NCAA):

Non-whistle arm placed behind the back, elbow bent, forearm parallel to the ice surface.



## Cross-Checking:

A forward motion with both fists clenched extending from the chest.





**Delayed Calling of a Penalty:**

The non-whistle hand is extended straight above the head.

**Delaying the Game (USA Hockey and NCAA):**

The non-whistle hand, palm open, is placed across the chest and then fully extended directly in front of the body.



**Elbowing:**

Tapping the elbow of the whistle hand with the opposite hand.

**Fighting (Roughing):**

With the non-whistle hand, one punching motion to the side with the arm extending from the shoulder.



**Goal Scored:**

A single point, with the non-whistle hand, directly at the goal in which the puck legally entered (*USA Hockey and NCAA*: while simultaneously blowing the whistle).

**Hand Pass:**

The non-whistle hand (open hand) and arm are placed straight down alongside the body and swung forward and up once in an underhand motion.



**High-Sticking:**

Holding both fists, clenched, one immediately above the other, at the side of the head.



**Holding:**

Clasping the wrist of the whistle hand well in front of the chest.



**Holding/Grabbing the Face Mask:**

Closed fist held in front of face, palm in, and pulled down in one straight motion.



**Hooking:**

A tugging motion with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.



**Icing:**

Arms folded across the chest. When the puck is shot or deflected in such a manner as to produce a possible icing situation, the back linesman will signal to his partner by raising his non-whistle hand over his head (*NCAA: official's arm raised at a 66 degree angle*). The instant that the conditions required to establish "icing the puck" have occurred, the front linesman (*NCAA: or referee*) will blow his whistle to stop play, and raise his non-whistle hand over his head. The back official will move to the resulting face-off spot and give the icing signal.

**Interference:**

Crossed arms stationary in front of chest with fists closed.



**Kneeing:**

A single tap of the knee (non-whistle side) with the non-whistle hand, keeping both skates on the ice.

**Match Penalty (USA Hockey):**

Pat flat of hand on the top of the head.



**Misconduct:**

Placing of both hands on hips one time.

**Delayed Offsides:**

The non-whistle hand is extended straight above the head (*NCAA: and the whistle hand is extended out in front of the chest, forming an "L" with the non-whistle hand*). If play returns to the Neutral Zone without stoppage, the arm is drawn down the instant the puck crosses the line, or as soon as the offending team clears the zone.



**Penalty Shot:**

Arms crossed (fists clenched) above head.



**Slashing:**

One chop with the non-whistle hand across the straightened forearm of the other hand.



**Spearing:**

A single jabbing motion with both hands together, thrust forward from in front of the chest, then dropping hands to the side.



**Timeout and Unsportsmanlike Conduct (all except NCAA):**

Use both hands to form a "T" in front of the chest.

**Tripping:**

Strike the side of the knee (non-whistle side) and follow through once, keeping the head up and both skates on the ice.



**"Wash-out":**

Both arms swung laterally across the body at shoulder level with palms down.

1. When used by a referee, it means no goal or violation, so play shall continue.
2. When used by a linesman, it means there is no icing, offside, hand pass, or high sticking violation.