

USA HOCKEY RULE 627(B)



Step 1

What the Rule Prohibits

Rule 627(b) prohibits **kicking or attempting to kick** an opponent during game play. This includes:

- **Kicking is a deliberate** motion using the skate blade or foot
- **Attempted kicking**, is a kicking motion that does not make contact

Step 2

Penalty for Violation

If a player **kicks or attempts to kick** another player:

- The offender is assessed a **MATCH PENALTY**
- The offender will be removed from the remainder of the game and be subject to additional suspension by the TAHA discipline committee.
- The offender will be suspended from all USA Hockey events including practices, dryland training etc... (This includes all teams and camps that a player may be participating on/in.)

Step 3

Why It's Serious

Kicking is considered **extremely dangerous** with the potential to cause serious injury.

Intent to injure is not required - **the action alone is penalized.**

Step 4

Key Takeaway

Kicking is a **non-negotiable, zero-tolerance** act in USA Hockey. It results in immediate ejection and will lead to **further suspensions** or discipline.

Step 5

Additional Information

Under rule 627(a), a player may be assessed a major and a game misconduct for "push off".

This is not the same thing as a kicking motion.

