



# Ice Hockey Officials' Signals



**Boarding**  
Strike the clenched fist of one hand into the open palm of the other hand directly in front of the chest.



**Butt-Ending**  
A crossing motion of the forearms, one moving under the other.



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



**Checking (Women's Only)**  
The nonwhistle hand is placed on the shoulder and then moved out and to the side.



**Clipping**  
Keep both skates on the ice when signaling, using right hand on the leg.



**Contact to the Head**  
Extend arm above head and tap head with open palm.



**Cross-Checking**  
A single forward and back motion with both fists clenched in front of the chest.



**Delayed Calling of Penalty**  
Extend arm to upright position.



**Delayed Offsides**  
Extend arm in the air and point to the left with other arm.



**Delay of Game**  
The nonwhistle hand, palm open, is placed across the chest and then fully extended directly in front of the body.



**Elbowing**  
Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



**Fighting/Punching**  
A double 'punching' motion with fist clenched, fully extended in front of the body.



**Roughing**  
Fist clenched, fully extending arm from the side.



**Goal Scored**  
Point at the net with the nonwhistle hand, palm open.



**Grasping the Face Mask**  
A single or double motion as if grasping a face mask and pulling it down.



**Hand Pass**  
The nonwhistle 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 a short space immediately above the other to the side of the head.



**Hitting From Behind**  
Arm placed behind the back, elbow bent, forearm parallel to the ice surface.



**Holding**  
Clench wrist of whistle hand with the other hand in front of the chest.



**Holding the Stick**  
Clench wrist of whistle hand with the other hand in front of the chest. Next, hold both fists clenched, one a short space in front of the other at waist height.



**Intentional Offside**  
After lowering whistle for offside, point toward offending team's special spot with nonwhistle hand.



**Interference**  
Crossed arms with fists clenched stationary in front of chest.



**Hooking**  
A series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.



**Icing**  
The back official signals icing skater by fully extending to beam (off to the side) at 45° angle.  
The front official signals icing is completed by extending his/her arm over his head, up straight, and blowing to whistle.  
The back official then will move to the bench and cross arms in substituting.



**Timeout/Unsportsmanlike Conduct**  
Using both hands to form a "T" in front of the chest.



**Tripping**  
Keep both skates on the ice when signaling, using right hand on the leg.



**'Wash-out'**  
Both arms swung shoulder height, not waist height.



**Kneeling**  
A single stopping of the right palm to the left knee, keeping both skate blades on the ice.



**Misconduct**  
Hands should be moved once from sides down to legs. Thus, point to player first, hands to legs second.



**Obstruction**  
Hands in the middle of the body in the shape of an 'O'. Additional infraction following obstruction.



**Penalty Shot**  
Arms crossed (fists clenched) above the head.



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



**Slashing**  
One sharp with the nonwhistle hand across the straightened forearm of the other hand.