

RESUMPTION OF PLAY AFTER STOPPAGES

Premature or unfair resumption of play undermines the Dukes' mandate of good sportsmanship. The following is a guide for courteous resumption of play:

Goals:

'Scoring team' is given sufficient time to return back to their half, where they must remain until the other team crosses centre ice with the puck or any player.

(Blue Line) Icing:

When a player shoots the puck down the ice and across the far goal line before crossing his own blueline, his team must back out to the top of the circle until the other team brings the puck out across that line.

Offsides:

The offside team gives the puck to the defensive team and exits into neutral zone until the defensive team brings the puck or a player across the blue line.

Goalie Freezes Puck:

Defensive team gets puck possession with sufficient time and space to initiate a play.

Infractions such as High Stick, Tripping, Hooking, etc.:

Regardless of who had possession when infraction occurred, the victim's team gets the puck and is given sufficient time and space to initiate a play.

NOTE: When a **player is down** for any reason, **ALL PLAY STOPS** and neither team possesses the puck. When the player rises and is ready to play, puck possession is given to his team if his fall was due to an infraction or to whichever team had last possession if the fall was the player's own fault. The puck must be played from a neutral or defensive zone, to ensure a gradual resumption of play.

