



**HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULES**  
**SITUATIONS THAT RESULT IN AN AWARDED GOAL**



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**1. During a Breakaway with Goaltender Legally Replaced by a Player**

Reference: Rule 4.10(a)

A goal is awarded when a goaltender is legally replaced by a player and any of the following occur while an opponent on breakaway (i.e., has control of the puck located in the neutral zone or attacking zone with no defending player to pass enroute to the open net):

- a. Attacking player is fouled from behind and thereby denied a reasonable scoring opportunity on the play,
- b. A stick or object is thrown or shot at the puck or puck carrier by a defending player,
- c. Attacking player is interfered with by an ineligible player (i.e., someone who has entered the game illegally), or
- d. Attacking player is interfered with from someone on the players or penalty bench

**2. Puck Shot at the Goal with Goaltender Legally Replaced by a Player**

References: Rules 4.10(b) & (c)

A goal is awarded when a goaltender is legally replaced by a player and any of the following occur:

- a. Puck is intentionally covered or picked up in the crease thereby preventing a goal
- b. Net is deliberately dislodged (by a defending player) thereby preventing a goal
- c. Snow or object which is deliberately placed on the ice prevents the puck from entering the goal.

**3. During a Penalty Shot**

References: Situation 7 to Rule 3.6 and Rule 4.9(b)

A goal is awarded when any of the following occur during a Penalty Shot:

- a. Stick or object thrown is thrown by the goaltender in attempt to stop the shot,
- b. Net is deliberately dislodged by the goaltender, or
- c. Goaltender deliberately removes a piece of mandatory protective equipment.

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