

Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association (SMHA) Video Review Policy for Discipline

SMHA will utilize video only from video systems installed in arenas utilized by SMHA leagues. LiveBarn and Home Team Live are the two systems utilized in Saskatoon and area arenas.

Use of Video: (Criteria & Guidelines)

- Private video submissions from cell phones, tablets or personal video cameras will not be accepted;
- Team representatives (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager) may submit an applicable video clip(s) from LiveBarn or Home Team Live to the SMHA Executive Director for use in the discipline situation review;
- Video review will be conducted by the SMHA Discipline Committee, Chaired by the SMHA 2nd Vice President;
- Video review is only allowed to **assist** in player, team official and on/off- ice official discipline investigations that SMHA are responsible for;
- Video review is **not allowed for game play situations** (goal disputes/off-sides/icing etc.);
- Video review is **not intended to appeal a referee's discretion** (game play related);
- Video review will be considered to assist the investigations of any suspension related infractions covered by the rules and regulations of Hockey Canada, Hockey Saskatchewan and SMHA;
- Video review will be considered to assist investigations when **player safety or injury** is involved or potentially involved;
- SMHA will not undertake in the creation of any video or audio;
- The SMHA Discipline Committee has **sole discretion** as to whether the video clip is legitimate (not altered) and appropriate to the investigation - not all video has to be considered;
- A legitimate video/audio segment is considered to have the same relevancy to any discipline investigation as a written or verbal statement;
- The SMHA Discipline Committee **may** share any applicable video with the appropriate entities involved with the investigation:
 - SMHA Referee in Chief
 - Players/Coaches/Teams
 - Zone Commissioners / Minor Hockey Association Presidents
 - Hockey Saskatchewan
 - Parents
 - Police
 - SMHA Appeals Committee
 - SMHA Board of Directors

SMHA – Video Review FAQ

1) Can anyone submit a video clip for review?

No. The LiveBarn or Home Team Live video clip(s) should be submitted by a team official – Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Manager - for review.

2) Who from SMHA reviews the video?

Primarily the SMHA Discipline Chairperson, the SMHA Executive Director and the SMHA Referee-in-Chief will review the videos. Videos may be shared with other individuals if appropriate (Example: Zone Commissioner, Hockey Saskatchewan, On-Ice Officials)

3) Can a video prove a goal call (allowed or disallowed) affected the outcome of a game in effect be considered a valid protest of a game result?

No. Game play situations or referee's discretion is not being reviewed with the intent of changing or supporting the outcome of a given play or a game.

4) Does the video have to prove 100% certain to change a call originally assessed?

No. The purpose of the SMHA video review is to assist in the investigation and does not necessarily determine the outcome of a decision based solely on the review of a video. Video is typically just one piece of the puzzle that comprise an investigation.

5) If the video determines the referee made a mistake, will the referee see the video?

Yes – the video will likely be first shared with the SMHA Referees Division to support a possible educational opportunity or for potential discipline towards an official (administered by the SMHA Referees Division)

6) Not every rink has LiveBarn or Home Team Live – is that fair?

Yes. Video reviews are not intended to gain/lose a competitive advantage – they serve as part of the investigation and are also a benefit to player safety.

7) Can video review be used to change a game sheet after the game?

Yes. Not ideal but this situation can happen when player safety and/or injury is involved. All edits to the original game sheet must be reviewed and approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Discipline Officer before SMHA can make any changes to a game sheet.