

### **Icing and offside KEY**

**Icing** is an infraction in the sport of **ice hockey**. It occurs when a player shoots the **puck** across both the centre **red line** and the opposing team's goal line, and the puck remains untouched. However, it is *not* icing if the puck is shot from behind the halfway line *into the goal*, or when the shot must be played by the opposing team's goaltender to keep it out of the net. In the former case with a shot puck crossing the goal line completely, the goal is counted.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

A major exception is when a team is **shorthanded**. A team trying to kill a penalty may legally "ice the puck". A team on a **power play**, however, must still follow the icing rules.

When icing occurs, a **linesman** stops play. Play is resumed with a **faceoff** in the **defending zone** of the team that committed the infraction.

In **ice hockey**, a play is **offside** if a player on the attacking team enters the **offensive zone** before the **puck**, unless the puck is sent or carried there by a defending player. When an offside violation occurs, a **linesman** will stop play. A **faceoff** is then held at a neutral ice spot closest to the infraction to restart play.