Comments on the 2021-22 Rules Changes

**Goalkeeper skate blades (3-3-5)** — This change promotes the safety of the goalkeeper as well as other players by stopping play when the goalkeeper loses or breaks a skate blade.

**Player leaving feet (7-16-3)** — This change was made to improve the implementation and application of the rule.

**Players touching puck with hands or body (8-2-7)** — This change was made to improve the implementation of the rule and now can be found within delay of game, which matches the language of the rule.

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