

**MINOR HOCKEY MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS*****HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULE # THE SUSPENSION REFERS TO:*****2.2 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

Team official who is party to or had knowledge of; playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team and/or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench. Indefinite Suspension

Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player, or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench, who is under suspension. Indefinite Suspension

**3.6 REMOVING HELMET INFRACTIONS**

Any player who removes their chinstraps before or during fights.  
Game Misconduct 1 Game

If a player removes his helmet and releases his chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former gets an additional two-minute minor penalty.  
Game Misconduct 1 Game

If the player removes his opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight.  
Game Misconduct 1 Game

**4.1 PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS**

Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.  
2 Games

Coach of the Team whose Players are so penalized. Indefinite Suspension

Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl. Indefinite Suspension

**4.7 GROSS MISCONDUCT** 2 Games**6.1 ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY (MATCH)**

Deliberate Injury Indefinite Suspension

Use of Blocker 3 Games

Hairpulling 2 Games

Kicking 3 Games

Headbutting 2 Games

Grabbing the Facemask 2 Games

Buttending 3 Games

Facial Protector as a Weapon 3 Games

Spearing 3 Games

Slash, high sticking, cross checking 3 Games

#### **6.4 CHECKING FROM BEHIND**

Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  
1 Game

Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed. 4 Games

#### **6.5 CHECKING TO THE HEAD**

Checking to the head where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  
1 Game

Checking to the head when match penalty is assessed. 4 Games

#### **6.7 FIGHTING**

Any player who engages in their 1<sup>st</sup> fight in a season.  
Game Misconduct 1 Game

Any player who engages in their 2<sup>nd</sup> fight in a season.  
Game Misconduct 2 Games

Any player who engages in their 3<sup>rd</sup> fight in a season. Indefinite Suspension

Instigator or Aggressor of a fight.  
First Offence 1 Game  
Second Offence 2 Games  
Third Offence 3 Games

Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands, who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury shall be assessed a Match Penalty in addition to any other penalties he/she may incur.  
2 Games

Third man in a fight. 2 Games

Any Player receiving a fighting major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play. 2 Games

#### **9.2 HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/MISCONDUCT**

Verbal Abuse of Officials (zero tolerance)  
Game Misconduct 2 Games

**Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language)**  
**Game Misconduct Indefinite Suspension**

#### **9.5 LEAVING A BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING**

Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight.  
2 Games

Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight.  
3 Games

The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.  
3 Games

The Coach whose player left the bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation. 1 Game

Any player identified as being the first to leave the players' bench to start a fight. 3 Games

The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Game Misconduct
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	2 Games
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	3 Games

#### **9.6 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS (MATCH)**

Threaten or attempt to strike 1 Month

Intentionally touches, holds or pushes 3 Months

Intentionally Strike, trip or body check 1 Year

#### **9.7 SPITTING**

Spitting on an Official or Team Official 8 Games

Spitting on an Opponent 3 Games

#### **10.14 REFUSING TO START PLAY**

Indefinite Suspension

- 13.4 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct / Gross Misconduct penalty, that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League / Playoff / Pre-Season / Tournament / Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.
- 13.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the HA Executive.
- 13.6 Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game;
- (i) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the President from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.
  - (ii) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 13.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name, or having knowledge that same had been falsified, or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension
- 13.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the team may forfeit any games played using an Ineligible Player or official.