

# ALBERTA MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

## RULE CHANGES – SUMMARY

Effective September 2013

### ***Rule 4-7 Change on the Fly***

Exceptions to Rule 4-7:

- **when an icing call is made; provided that the change is started while the officials are in the process of retrieving the puck.**

*Teams will now be allowed to change on an icing call as this does not cause any delay in game play. Teams may not initiate a change after the officials have retrieved the puck and are ready for the faceoff.*

### ***Rule 4-15 Penalty Timing***

**Penalties called before the stop time portion of the game will be assessed as 3-minute running time penalties based on the time that the whistle is blown to stop the play. Stop time (2 minute) penalties will only be assessed if a penalty is called for an infraction that happens during the stop-time portion of the game or if an infraction happens during a stoppage of play after the clock has been stopped. The same criteria will be used for major penalties to determine if these are 7-minute running time penalties, or 5-minute stop time penalties.**

*Previously, the length of the penalty was determined by the time that the official reported the penalty. To ensure more consistency and to simplify the process this has been changed to when the play was stopped.*

### ***Rule 6-4 Major Penalties (not including Fighting)***

Suspensions for all major penalties except for infractions listed separately in the penalties section will be:

1. First Offence: **\$25.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a Two Game Suspension
2. Second Offence: **\$50.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a Four Game Suspension
3. Third Offence: No Fine - League Expulsion

*A priority of the league is safety of the players. By increasing the consequences for Major Penalties, we hope to discourage players from such actions.*

## ***Rule 6-8 Fighting***

Suspensions for Fighting:

1. First Offence: **\$25.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a **Two** Game Suspension
2. Second Offence: **\$50.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a **Four** Game Suspension
3. Third Offence: No Fine - League Expulsion

Suspensions for Fighting with the Instigator Penalty:

1. First Offence: **\$25.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a **Three** Game Suspension
2. Second Offence: **\$50.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a **Five** Game Suspension
3. Third Offence: No Fine - League Expulsion

Suspensions for Fighting with both Instigator and Aggressor Penalties:

1. First Offence: **\$50.00 Fine** - Game Ejection, and a **Five** Game Suspension
2. Second Offence: **No Fine – League Expulsion.**

*The fines and suspensions for Fighting are now consistent with other Major Penalties. There are additional fines and suspensions if a player is an Instigator and/or Aggressor.*

## **SECTION NINE – SUSPENSION AND FINE QUICK REFERENCE**

*The suspensions and fines have been summarized and placed in a chart for easy reference.*