



Minimum Suspension Guidelines
As per Hockey Alberta Bylaws, Rules & Regulations
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RULE #	Suspension
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 her helmet and releases her 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 her 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 Misconduct and Match Penalties are assessed.	2 games
Coach of a Team whose Players are so penalized.	2 games
Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite Suspension

4.7 GROSS MISCONDUCTS

2 games

6.1 ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY (MATCH)

Deliberate Injury

Indefinite Suspension

Use of Blocker

3 Games

Hair Pulling

2 Games

Kicking

3 Games

Head Butting

2 Games

Grabbing the Facemask

2 Games

Facial Protector as a Weapon

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 1st fight in a season. Game Misconduct

1 Game

Any player who engages in their 2nd fight in a season. Game Misconduct

2 Games

Any player who engages in their 3rd 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**

STICK FOULS

8.1 Butt Ending 3 Games

8.2 Cross Checking 3 Games

8.3 High Stick 3 Games

8.4 Slashing 3 Games

8.5 Spearing 3 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) **Indefinite Suspension**
Game Misconduct

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 altercations. **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.

1st Offense

2nd Offense

3rd Offense

Game Misconduct

2 Games

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 REFUSAL 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/Provincials 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.