

EMHA/Federation Minimum Suspension Guidelines

6.1 Minimum Suspension Guidelines for EFHC Teams

These guidelines apply to all League, Exhibition, Final games and Sanctioned Tournaments. All EFHC teams will follow Hockey Alberta rules for all out of town sanctioned events. All CHA Rule violation suspensions will be issued by the City Category Director or her designate.

If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his/her name appears on the game sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or Official (usually the coach and/or manager of the team) will be subject to immediate discipline and the team may forfeit any games played using an Ineligible Player or Official.

HOCKEY CANADA RULE # / DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
INELIGIBLE PLAYERS	
Rule 2.2(c)(g)(h)	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player not properly registered or affiliated with that team. Indefinite
	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing under suspension. Indefinite
	No player under suspension may participate in the pre-game warm-up or occupy the players' bench. Indefinite
EQUIPMENT	
Rule 3.5(d)	Goaltender refusing to remove his/her face protector for purposes of identification. 2 games
Rule 3.6(c)	Deliberately removing helmet to fight or challenge an opponent to fight. 2 games
PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS (Refer to Rule 10.15 for protocol)	
Rule 4.1	Any player involved where majors, game misconducts, gross misconducts and match penalties are assessed, pre or post game. 1st offence – 3 games 2nd offence – 4 games 3rd offence – Indefinite
	Coach of a team whose players are so penalized. Indefinite
	Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl. Indefinite
MINOR PENALTIES	
Rule 4.2(f)	Any player incurring a total of three or more stick infraction penalties (high sticking, cross-checking, slashing, spearing, butt-ending) Game Ejection – no additional suspension
MAJOR PENALTIES	
Rule 4.4	NOTE: re: NOVICE & ATOM & NO-HIT LEAGUES A Game Misconduct is assessed with all Major penalties (Rule 4.4). All Major penalties assessed at Novice and Atom and No-Hit Leagues (EGHA and NHL) will result in a minimum 1 game suspension no matter when the Major penalty was assessed. 1 game
MISCONDUCT	
Rule 4.5(c)	Any player who is assessed a second misconduct penalty in the same game shall be assessed a game misconduct. 1 game
GAME MISCONDUCT	
Rule 4.6(c)	Any player or team official who is assessed a game misconduct in the last 10 minutes of regular time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of 1 game minimum. If the game misconduct is associated with a major or match penalty, and those

the next regular league or play-off game or seven days.

suspensions are in excess of one (1) game, additional games may not be added.

GROSS MISCONDUCT

Rule 4.7	Gross Misconducts	2 games
	Gross misconduct penalties shall be assessed where a person conducts him or herself in a manner as to make a travesty of the game.	2 games

GOALTENDER PENALTIES

Rule 4.11	A minor penalty shall be assessed a goaltender who, after catching the puck, drop kicks the puck - if an injury results a major penalty and game misconduct shall be assessed.	1 game
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MATCH PENALTIES ATTEMPT TO INJURE / DELIBERATE INJURY

Rule 6.1(a)	Deliberate attempt to injure or deliberately injures an opponent, official, team official, or spectator (match)	Indefinite
Rule 6.1(a)	Use of Blocker (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(b)	Head-butt (match)	2 games
Rule 6.1(b)	Double Minor & Gross Misconduct to Team Official who head-butts or attempts to head-butt an opponent	Indefinite
Rule 6.1(c)	Kicking (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(d)	Grab face-mask, chin strap, helmet/hair pulling (match)	2 games
Rule 6.1(d)	Grab face-mask, chin strap, helmet/hair pulling (major)	1 game
Rule 6.1(e)	Facial protector as weapon (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(f)	Butt-end (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(g)	Spearing (match)	3 games
	Double Minor & Gross Misconduct to Team Official who pokes or jabs or attempts to poke or jab an opposing player with the toe of the blade of a stick	Indefinite
Rule 6.1(h)	Slash, high stick, cross check (match)	3 games

BOARDING, ELBOWING, TRIPPING, BODY CHECKING MAJOR

Rule 6.2(a)(b)	Boarding, body-checking, elbowing, charging, tripping (major)	1 game
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CHARGING MAJOR

Rule 6.3(a)(b)	Charging (major)	1 game
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CHECKING FROM BEHIND

Rule 6.4(a)	Check from behind (minor in the last 10 minutes or later)	1 game
Rule 6.4(a)	Check from behind (major at any time in the game)	2 games
Rule 6.4(b)	Check from behind (match at any time in the game)	4 games

CHECKING TO THE HEAD

Rule 6.5(a)	Checking to the head Minor with less than 10 minutes of regular time remaining	1 game
Rule 6.5(a)	Checking to the head Major	2 games

Rule 6.5(b)	Checking to the head Major with injury	3 games
Rule 6.5(b)(c)	Checking to the head (match) intent to injure	4 games
ELBOW/KNEE MAJOR		
Rule 6.6(a) (b)	Elbowing/kneeing (major)	1 game
FIGHTING		
Rule 6.7	Fighting (major)	1st offence – 1 game** 2nd offence – 3 games 3rd offence – 4 games 4th offence – Indefinite
**If occurs in final 10 minutes, then 2 games		
Rule 6.7(a)(1)	A player who is identified by the Referee as being the instigator or aggressor shall be assessed a game misconduct in addition to any other penalties incurred.	1st offence – 2 games 2nd offence – 3 games 3rd offence – 4 games 4th offence - Indefinite
Rule 6.7(a)(4)	Any player wearing a ring, 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 (match)	3 games
Rule 6.7(b)	Fighting off the playing surface (major)	2 games
Rule 6.7(c)	3 rd man in a fight	3 games
Rule 6.7(c)	Any player receiving a second fighting major penalty during the same stoppage of play.	2 games
Rule 6.7(d)	Fighting with a team official	2 games
ROUGHING MAJOR		
Rule 6.7(f)	Roughing (major)	1 game
ROUGHING AFTER WHISTLE MAJOR		
Rule 6.7(g)	Roughing after whistle (major)	1 game
HOLDING MAJOR		
Rule 7.1(a) (b)	Holding (major)	1 game
HOOKING, BUTT-END HOOKING		
Rule 7.2(a)(b)	Hooking/butt-end hooking (major)	1 game
INTERFERENCE MAJOR		
Rule 7.3(a)(b)(e)	Interference (major)	1 game
TRIPPING/SLEW FOOTING MAJOR		
Rule 7.4(a)(b)	Tripping or slew footing (major)	1 game
CROSS CHECK MAJOR/MATCH		
Rule 8.1(a)(b)(c)(d)	Cross-checking (major)	1 game
Rule 8.1(e)	Cross-checking (match)	3 games
HIGH STICK MAJOR/MATCH		
Rule 8.2(a)(b)	High Sticking (major)	1 game
Rule 8.2(c)	High Sticking (match)	3 games
SLASHING MAJOR/MATCH		
Rule 8.3(a)(b)	Slashing (major)	1 game
Rule 8.3(d)	Slashing (match)	3 game
HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/MISCONDUCT		
Rule 9.2	Verbal abuse or disrespect toward Official/s Game Misconduct (zero tolerance)	2 games

Rule 9.2(f)

Gross misconduct penalty pursuant to these provisions

3 games

LEAVING BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING

Rule 9.5	Coach of a team whose player is penalized under this rule.	4 games
Rule 9.5(b)	Player identified as first to leave the players or penalty bench during a fight.	5 games
Rule 9.5(c)	Any player who is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during a fight.	2 games
Rule 9.5(c)	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	2 games
Rule 9.5 (f)	Any team official who gets on the ice surface after the start of the game, without the permission of the referee, shall be assessed at the discretion of the referee a bench minor or a game misconduct.	1 game for Game Misconduct

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

Rule 9.6(a)	Any player or team official who intentionally touches, holds or pushes a Referee, Linesman or Off-ice Official before, during or after a game.	Indefinite (Minimum 3 Months)
Rule 9.6(b)	Any player or team official who deliberately strikes, trips or body checks a Referee, Linesman or Off-ice Official before, during or after a game.	Indefinite (Minimum 1 year)
Rule 9.6(c)	Any player or team official who threatens or attempts to strike a Referee, Linesman or any Off-ice Official before, during or after a game.	Indefinite (Minimum 1 month)

SPITTING

Rule 9.7	Spitting on an Official	Indefinite
Rule 9.7	Spitting on an opponent	8 games

THROWING STICK OR OBJECT

Rule 9.8(b)(c)	Minor or Major penalty	2 games
Rule 9.8(d)	Thrown outside the playing area	3 games

REFUSING TO START PLAY

Rule 10.14(a)	Refusing to start play	Indefinite
Rule 10.14(a)	If a team being ordered to return, does return, then the coach is assessed a major penalty and game misconduct.	2 games
Rule 10.14(e)	Player or team official refuses to leave the bench or playing area after being assessed a game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalty.	Indefinite

START OF GAME & PERIODS

Rule 10.15	If an altercation that results in penalties occurs	1 game
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Suspensions may be increased for repeat offenders or if circumstances dictate.

1. Excessive penalties by players and teams will be dealt with severely the District or City League Director.
2. 14. Altercations before or after games by players, coaches, and/or managers will be dealt with severely by the District or City League Director. **Note:** On-ice (noted on game sheet) offences are handled by District or City League Directors. Off-ice (not on game sheet) offences are handled under the Good of the Game.
3. 15. Suspended players, coaches, managers etc. are not permitted in or near the dressing rooms or players boxes (or stands if directed by the City League Director or Designate) from one (1) hour before to one (1) hour after the game.

4. 16. When a player is assessed a penalty that renders them ineligible to play in the next game, such as a match or game misconduct, it is the responsibility of the coach or manager to ensure that the player has been cleared by the proper authorities before the coach or manager permits the player to play again.
5. 17. Anyone removed from a game will go directly to their respective dressing room and remain there until the conclusion of the game, or the player may leave the arena and go home. The individual is NOT, at any time, to go into the STANDS or anywhere near the ICE SURFACE DURING THE GAME. (Team management is responsible).
6. 18. Where a coach, manager, trainer, team official etc. is assessed a game misconduct, they shall receive, in addition to the game in which they received the game misconduct, an additional suspension, which shall be a minimum of one (1) league game.
7. 19. The EFHC will not tolerate abuse of any kind directed towards EFHC officials by a player, coach, manager, trainer, team official, parents, spectators, etc. of any EFHC team. Any such abuse will render the offending individual liable to suspension.
8. 20. All write-ups must be faxed into the City League Director by both teams within 4 hours of the completion of the game.
9. 21. Suspensions will be served on the League games/games/sanctioned tournaments immediately following the infraction.
10. 22. All game sheets, (exhibition, league and tournament) are to be turned into the operating area within 24 hours and to the City League Director within 48 hours of the completion of game(s).
11. 23. Any team requesting to attend a tournament or exhibition game must apply on-line and game sheet must be faxed to City Category Director within 24 hours of completion of game.
12. 24. Failure to turn in game sheets will result in a suspension by the City League Director:
 - 1st offence 1 game
 13. 2nd offence 2 games
 14. 3rd offence 3 games (minimum)

6.2 EFHC Guidelines for the Serving of Suspensions

1. Suspensions cannot be served in an exhibition game.
2. If a suspension is expected to carry more than seven days or carry over into the following season, the person MAY be allowed to participate in tryouts and/or exhibition games until the suspension can be served in a league or tournament game as approved by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.
3. A person who is allowed to participate in an exhibition game and receives an additional suspension while waiting to complete a previous suspension will be suspended indefinitely from all games until the matter is dealt with by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.
4. When a player receives a suspension prior to tournament play, he/she may serve the suspension in a sanctioned tournament if approved by the City League Director
5. When playing in a tournament outside of Edmonton, you will play by the Host tournament rules in conjunction with Branch rules and Canadian Hockey rules.
6. Two minute hitting from behind rule:
7. Example: During tournament play, a player receives 2 minutes for hitting from behind. As long as it is not in the last 10 minutes of the game, the player WILL NOT receive an additional game suspension. However, if the player receives a 2 minute hitting from behind in the last game of the tournament, the player WILL receive an additional one (1) game suspension as per EMHA rules.