

**APPENDIX “V”  
MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

**MINOR HOCKEY**

The following chart shows the minimum suspensions that must be assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials (see right hand column).

Infractions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee’s call, and are not subject to Appeal. Infractions that carry an ‘Indefinite’ suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Alberta rendering a decision on the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.

<b>RULE #</b>	<b>INFRACTION</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICIAL</b>	<b>LAST 10 MINUTES</b>
2.2	<p><b><i>Ineligible Players / Team Officials</i></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	
3.6	<p><b><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></b></p> <p>Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two minute minor penalty and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>If the player removes his/her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight and a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p>		<p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p>
4.1	<p><b><i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i></b></p> <p>Any Player assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Player assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>The Coach of a Team assessed Majors, Game Misconducts, or Match Penalties for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	<p>Indefinite</p>	<p>3 Games</p>
4.7	<p><b><i>Gross Misconduct</i></b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for making a ‘travesty’ of the game.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>	<p>2 Games</p>	<p>3 Games</p>

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
6.1	<p><b><i>Attempt to Injure (Match)</i></b></p> <p>Deliberate Injury</p> <p>Head Butting</p> <p>Kicking</p> <p>Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment</p> <p>Using Facial Protector as a Weapon</p> <p>Kneeing</p> <p>Use of Blocker</p>	<p>Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>		
6.2	<p><b><i>Boarding and Body Checking</i></b></p> <p>Boarding or Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Boarding or Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
6.3	<p><b><i>Charging</i></b></p> <p>Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
6.4	<p><b><i>Checking from Behind</i></b></p> <p>Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
6.5	<p><b><i>Head Contact</i></b></p> <p>Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
6.6	<p><b><i>Elbowing and Kneeing</i></b></p> <p>Elbowing or Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p>		2 Games

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
6.7	<p><b>Fighting</b></p> <p>Any player who engages in their 1<sup>st</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 2<sup>nd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 3<sup>rd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">First Offence Second Offence Third Offence Fourth Offence</p> <p>Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and is assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any Player receiving a fighting Major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>1 Game 2 Games 3 Games Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Game</p>		<p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>
7.4	<p><b>Tripping</b></p> <p>Tripping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Slew Footing where a Match Penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>
8.1	<p><b>Butt Ending</b></p> <p>Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>3 Games</p>		
8.2	<p><b>Cross Checking</b></p> <p>Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>
8.3	<p><b>High Sticking</b></p> <p>High Sticking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>3 Games</p>		
8.4	<p><b>Slashing</b></p> <p>Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
8.5	<p><b>Spearing</b></p> <p>Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games		
9.2	<p><b>Harassment of Officials / Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b></p> <p>Verbal Abuse of Officials or Unsportsmanlike Conduct when a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p>	2 Games 3 Games	2 Games 3 Games	3 Games 4 Games
9.5	<p><b>Leaving a Bench for the Purpose of Fighting</b></p> <p>Any player assessed a Game Misconduct for leaving the players' bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p> <p>Any Coach whose Team was penalized for leaving the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p>	4 Games	3 Games	5 Games
9.6	<p><b>Physical Harassment of Officials</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Match Penalty for any one of the following infractions:</p> <p>'Threatening or Attempting to Strike an Official'</p> <p>'Intentionally Touching, Holding or Pushing and Official'</p> <p>'Intentionally Striking, Tripping or Body Checking an Official'</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	
9.7	<p><b>Spitting (Match)</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for deliberately spitting on or at an opponent, official, team official, or spectator.</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	
10.14	<p><b>Refusing to Start Play</b></p> <p>Any Team Official assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct under this rule.</p>		Indefinite	

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Players**

***Players that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.***

Any player accumulating multiple Major penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

6.2	Boarding or Body Checking			
6.3	Charging			
6.4	Checking from Behind	2 Major Penalties	=	2 Games
6.5	Head Contact	3 Major Penalties	=	4 Games
6.6	Elbowing or Kneeing	4 Major Penalties	=	Indefinite
7.4	Tripping or Slew-Footing			
8.2	Cross-Checking			
8.4	Slashing			

Any player accumulating multiple Match penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

6.1	Deliberate Injury			
6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	2 Match Penalties	=	5 Games
6.3	Charging	3 Match Penalties	=	Indefinite
6.4	Checking from Behind			
6.5	Head Contact			

Any player accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

9.2	Harassment of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct	2 Game or Gross Misconducts	=	4 Games
		3 Game or Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Coaches**

***Coaches that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.***

The Coach of a Team that receives a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 1 Game

The Coach of a Team that commits a second violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 3 Games

The Coach of a Team that commits a third violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. Indefinite

Any Coach accumulating multiple Game or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

9.2	Harassment of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct	2 Game or Gross Misconducts	=	4 Games
		3 Game or Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite