



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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Alcohol and Drug Policy

Alcohol, performance enhancing and/or narcotic drugs have no place in youth sports. Okotoks Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) is committed to providing all our players with an alcohol and drug free environment. Our Alcohol and Illegal Drug Policy will be strictly enforced.

Terms and Definitions

Member: Player, team official (coaching staff/manager/trainer), on-ice official, off-ice official

Team Activity: Game, practice, organized team event, etc.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs and Substances

If a player is caught using illegal drugs, alcohol and controlled substances, including all tobacco products such as chewing tobacco, vaping products, marijuana, and non-prescribed pharmaceuticals, during any Minor Hockey event, he/she will be suspended immediately. Any member caught during an OMHA team activity under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, other controlled substances, or, any player found to be in the possession of or attempting to distribute the above-mentioned items, will be immediately suspended until a hearing with the Game & Conduct Committee can be convened to determine the length of the suspension or expulsion.

The suspended player will not be allowed to participate in any team activities until the suspension is dealt with.

In the event that a player contravenes this policy:

1. If the parents are at the event, the player will be turned over to their care.
2. If the parents are not at the event then the player will be sent home (under escort), and any additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the player and their family. In the event that a coach or on-ice official contravenes this policy they will be asked to IMMEDIATELY leave the arena. They will be suspended and asked to appear before the Game & Conduct Committee to determine the length of suspension or expulsion.

Sanctions

First Infraction includes up to a two game suspension. During the suspension period, the player is required to attend team activities; including games (non-participant), practices, team building and dry land.

Second infraction includes a minimum of 3 games and up to an 8 game suspension. During the suspension period, the player is required to attend team activities; including games (non-participant), practices, team building and dry land. The player may be required to attend an assessment and addiction counseling session as approved by the Association.



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Third **infraction** of the conduct policy will be an immediate indefinite suspension to be reviewed by the Vice President and/or the President of OMHA to render an appropriate course of action.

All decisions regarding discipline under the OMHA Game & Conduct Policy for Addressing Drugs, Alcohol and Controlled substances shall be at the discretion of the Game & Conduct Committee whose decision will be final.