



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Hockey Alberta Member Associations
Board of Directors
Minor Leagues
Minor Council
Zone Administration Coordinators
Zone Discipline & Sanctioning Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Hockey Canada Minimum Suspension Guidelines - Minor

As a result of discussions that arose regarding Bullying and Violence in the game of hockey at the 2010 Hockey Canada AGM; the Board of Directors approved new minimum suspension guidelines for all amateur hockey.

The attached document is intended to be used as a supplement to the 2010-2011 Hockey Alberta Bylaws & Regulations. It outlines the amended 2010-2011 Hockey Canada Minimum Suspension Guidelines for Minor hockey. These changes were missed in the printing of the 2010-2011 Hockey Alberta Bylaws & Regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Robbins".

Brad Robbins
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MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES MINOR

13.3 MINOR HOCKEY MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULE # THE SUSPENSION REFERS TO:

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. 1 game
Game Misconduct

If a player removes his helmet and releases his chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former gets an additional two-minute minor penalty. 1 game
Game Misconduct

If the player removes his opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight. 1 game
Game Misconduct

4.1 PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS

Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed. 2 games

Coach of the Team whose Players are so penalized. Indefinite Suspension

Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl. Indefinite Suspension

4.7 GROSS MISCONDUCT 2 games

6.1 ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY (MATCH)

Deliberate Injury Indefinite Suspension

Use of Blocker 3 games

Hairpulling 2 games

Kicking 3 games

Headbutting 2 games

Grabbing the Facemask 2 games



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Buttending	3 games
Facial Protector as a Weapon	3 games
Spearing	3 games
Slash, high sticking, cross checking	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



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9.2 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

Verbal Abuse of Officials, Game Misconduct (zero tolerance).
Game Misconduct 2 games

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 altercation. 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 Offence	Game Misconduct
2nd Offence	2 games
3rd Offence	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 REFUSING 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.