



## 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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Senior Manager, Operations

**SUBJECT: Hockey Canada Minimum Suspension Guidelines - Minor**

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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.

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Brad Robbins  
Senior Manager, Operations



## MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES MINOR

### 13.2 MINOR HOCKEY MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

#### RULE #

#### INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 2.2c 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**
- 2.2c 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

- 3.6c **Any player who removes their chinstraps before or during fights.**  
**Game Misconduct plus 1 game**
- 3.6c **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.**  
**Game Misconduct plus 1 game**
- 3.6c **If the player removes his opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight.**  
**Game Misconduct plus 1 game**

#### PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS

- 4.1b Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed. **2 games**
- 4.1b Coach of the Team whose Players are so penalized. **Indefinite Suspension**
- 4.1b Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl. **Indefinite Suspension**
- 4.7 Gross Misconducts **2 games**

#### ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

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



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### MATCH PENALTY (PHYSICAL FOULS)

6.1a match	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite Suspension
6.1a match	Use of Blocker	3 games
6.1d match	Hairpulling	2 games
6.1c match	Kicking	3 games
6.1b match	Headbutting	2 games
6.1d match	Grabbing the Facemask	2 games
6.1f match	Buttending	3 games
6.1e match	Facial Protector as a weapon	3 games
6.1g match	Spearing	3 games
6.1h match	Slash, high sticking, cross checking	3 games

### CHECKING FROM BEHIND

6.4 major	Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game
6.4 match	Checking from behind (when match penalty is assessed).	4 games

### FIGHTING

6.7a	<b>Any player who engages in their 1<sup>st</sup> fight in a season.</b>	<b>Game Misconduct plus 1 game</b>
6.7a	<b>Any player who engages in their 1<sup>st</sup> fight in a season which occurs within the last 10 minutes of regular time or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game.</b>	<b>Game Misconduct plus 2 games</b>
6.7a	<b>Any player who engages in their 2<sup>nd</sup> fight in a season.</b>	<b>Game Misconduct plus 2 games</b>
6.7a	<b>Any player who engages in their 2<sup>nd</sup> fight in a season which occurs within the last 10 minutes of regular time or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game.</b>	<b>Game Misconduct plus 3 games</b>
6.7a	<b>Any player who engages in their 3<sup>rd</sup> fight in a season.</b>	<b>Indefinite Suspension</b>
6.7b	Instigator or aggressor of a fight.	First Offence Second Offence Third Offence
		1 game 2 games 3 Games



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6.7e match	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
6.7h	Third man in a fight.	2 games
6.7h	<b>Any Player receiving a fighting major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.</b>	<b>2 games</b>

### LEAVING A BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING

9.5 b	<b>Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight.</b>	<b>2 games</b>
9.5 b,c,d	<b>Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight.</b>	<b>3 games</b>
9.5b	<b>The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.</b>	<b>3 games</b>
9.5b	<b>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.</b>	<b>1 game</b>
9.5b	<b>Any player identified as being the first to leave the players' bench to start a fight.</b>	<b>3 games</b>
9.5b	<b>The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.</b>	
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence</b>	<b>Game Misconduct</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>	<b>2 games</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence</b>	<b>3 games</b>

### ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

9.6a match	Threaten or attempt to strike.	1 month
9.6b match	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes.	3 months
9.6c match	Intentionally Strike, trip or body check.	1 year

10.14	<b><u>REFUSING TO START PLAY</u></b>	Indefinite Suspension
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### SPITTING

9.7 match	Spitting on an Official.	8 games
9.7 match	Spitting on an Opponent.	3 games



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### CHECKING TO THE HEAD

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| 6.5b major | Checking to the head where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed. | 1 game  |
| 6.5c match | Checking to the head when match penalty is assessed).  | 4 games |

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.