



## BC HOCKEY BULLETIN

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**TO: BC Hockey Membership**

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**PLEASE ENSURE EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR TEAMS, LEAGUE OR ASSOCIATION IS MADE AWARE OF THIS BULLETIN.**

### **I. REPORTING PROCEDURES**

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**Penalties incurred during BC Hockey Games shall be reported as follows:**

**a) GAME MISCONDUCTS AND MISCONDUCTS IN THE LAST TEN MINUTES:**

**Rule 4.6, Rule 4.5 (b) and all Game Misconducts listed in Section II of this bulletin**

In games played under the jurisdiction of a League, District or Local Association; Misconduct Penalties in the last ten (10) minutes of a game and all Game Misconducts **shall be reported by using the online Hockey Canada game incident reporting system. This submission must be inputted no later than 8:00 am on the day following the incident.** Officials have the option of taking a third or fourth generation carbon copy of the game sheet, capture a clear and legible image of the game sheet using their smart phone or tablet or request a copy of the electronic game sheet for their reference.

**b) MATCH PENALTIES AND GROSS MISCONDUCTS:**

In all instances in which a Match or Gross Misconduct Penalty is assessed; the Referee **shall report the incident by using the online Hockey Canada game incident reporting system. This submission must be inputted no later than 8:00 am on the day following the incident.** Those failing to abide by part 'a' and 'b' of this section will be subject to suspension. For certain offences and/or where appropriate, BC Hockey will notify the local Association, League or Team responsible for ensuring the suspension is served. Should you have any questions please contact the BC Hockey office [info@bchockey.net](mailto:info@bchockey.net).



## II. MAJOR AND GAME MISCONDUCT MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

All minimum suspensions shall commence upon the conclusion of the game in which the infraction(s) occurred. Should a Game Misconduct associated to one of the following infractions occur within the last ten (10) minutes of regular playing time or any time in overtime, Rule 4.6 (c) will also apply resulting in an additional one (1) game suspension.

MAJOR PENALTY & GAME MISCONDUCTS	RULE	PENALTY DESCRIPTION: NON-FIGHTING MAJOR PENALTIES	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
	6.2	Boarding	1 Game
	6.2	Body Checking	1 Game
	6.3	Charging	1 Game
	6.4	Checking from Behind	1 Game
	6.5	Head Contact	1 Game
	6.6	Elbowing / Kneeing	1 Game
	8.2	Cross-Checking	1 Game
	8.4	Slashing	1 Game
	ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS		
Player	Receiving two (2) Majors in the same season for any of the above infractions		2 Games
	Receiving three (3) Majors in the same season for any of the above infractions		4 Games
	Receiving four (4) Majors in the same season for any of the above infractions		Indefinite Suspension
Coach	Team receives three (3) Majors in the same game for any of the above infractions		1 Game
	For a 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation of the above		3 Games
	For a 3 <sup>rd</sup> violation of the above		Indefinite Suspension

**NOTE:** For the purpose of this bulletin, all “accumulation sanctions” are to be served in addition to the applicable minimum suspension for any original infraction.

E.g. Should a player receive a Major penalty and Game Misconduct for one (1) of the above infractions, they will receive a one (1) game suspension. Should this penalty be the player’s second major penalty of the season under this section, the player will receive an additional two (2) game suspension, for a total of three (3) games.

FIGHTING AND OTHER ALTERCATIONS	RULE	FIGHTING PRE-GAME / POST-GAME ALTERCATIONS	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
		Any player involved in pre-game or post-game altercations where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed	2 Games
		Coach of team whose players are so penalized	Indefinite Suspension
		Any team involved in a pre-game or post-game brawl	Indefinite Suspension
	RULE	FIGHTING	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
	6.7 (a)	Any player who engages in his 1st fight in a season	1 Game
	6.7 (h)	Third (3rd) player in a fight	2 Games
	6.7 (h)	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
	RULE	INSTIGATOR & AGGRESSOR	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
	6.7	Instigator or Aggressor 1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	1 Game
6.7	Instigator or Aggressor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	2 Games	
6.7	Instigator or Aggressor 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	3 Games	
6.7	The Coach of a team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor	3 Games	
RULE	LEAVING THE PLAYERS BENCH	MINIMUM SUSPENSION	
9.5 (b)	Any player identified as the first to leave the <b>players’ bench</b> during a fight	3 Games	
9.5 (d)	Any player identified as the first to leave the <b>penalty bench</b> during a fight	4 Games	
9.5	The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.	3 Games	
9.5 (c)	The Coach whose player left the player bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on ice altercation	1 Game	
ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS			ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION
Player	Player receiving 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fighting Major Penalty Offence in the season		2 Games
	Player receiving 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fighting Major Penalty Offence in the season		4 Games
	Player receiving 4 <sup>th</sup> Fighting Major Penalty Offence in the season		Indefinite Suspension
Coach	Coach whose team engages in three (3) or more fights in a game		1 Game
	For a 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation of the above		3 Games
	For a 3 <sup>rd</sup> violation of the above		Indefinite Suspension



### III. GROSS MISCONDUCTS MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

All minimum suspensions shall commence upon the conclusion of the game in which the infraction(s) occurred. Should a Gross Misconduct associated to one of the following infractions occur within the last ten (10) minutes of regular playing time or any time in overtime, Rule 4.7 (c) will also apply resulting in an additional one (1) game suspension.

- a) All Gross Misconduct penalties will receive a minimum suspension of three (3) games.
- b) Gross Misconducts for racial slurs and obscene gestures in Minor Hockey will receive a minimum suspension of six (6) games.
- c) All Gross Misconducts will be reviewed and further disciplinary action may be taken on gross misconducts for obscene gestures and abuse of officials.

GROSS MISCONDUCTS	RULE	PENALTY DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
	3.6	Removing Helmet	3 Games
	4.7	Gross Misconduct for making a travesty of the game	3 Games
	9.2 (f)	Verbal taunts, insults, racial slurs or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds	6 Games
	ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS		ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION
	Player	Any Player receiving two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season	4 Games
		Any Player receiving three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension
	Coach	Any Coach whose team receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2	4 Games
		Any Coach who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season	4 Games
		Any Coach who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension

**NOTE:** For the purpose of this bulletin, all “accumulation sanctions” are to be served in addition to the applicable minimum suspension for the original infraction.

E.g. Should a player or team official receive a Gross Misconduct for making a travesty of the game, they will receive the “minimum suspension” of three (3) games. Should this penalty be the player’s second Gross Misconduct of the season under this section, the player or team official will receive an additional four (4) game suspension, for a total of seven (7) games.

### IV. HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS – Hockey Canada Rule 9.2

All minimum suspensions shall commence upon the conclusion of the game in which the infraction(s) occurred. Should a Game or Gross Misconduct associated to one of the following infractions occur within the last ten (10) minutes of regular playing time or any time in overtime, Rule 4.6 (c) or Rule 4.7 (c) will also apply resulting in an additional one (1) game suspension.

GAME & GROSS MISCONDUCT	RULE	PENALTY DESCRIPTION: HARASSMENT OF OFFICIAL	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
	9.2	Harassment of Officials - When Game Misconduct is assessed	2 Games
	9.2	Harassment of Officials - When Gross Misconduct is assessed	3 Games
	ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS		
	Player	Receiving two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in the same season	4 Games
		Receiving three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in the same season	Indefinite Suspension
	Coach	Receiving two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in the same season	4 Games
		Receiving three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in the same season	Indefinite Suspension



## V. MATCH PENALTY MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

MATCH PENALTIES	RULE	PENALTY DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM SUSPENSION IF NO INJURY RESULTS	MINIMUM SUSPENSION IF INJURY RESULTS
	6.1 (a)	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury	Indefinite Suspension	
	6.1 (b)	Head Butting	3 Games	6 Games
	6.1 (c)	Kicking	3 Games	6 Games
	6.1 (d)	Hair pulling or grabbing facial protector, helmet, chinstrap or throat protector of opponent	3 Games	6 Games
	6.1 (e)	Use of facial protector as a weapon	3 Games	6 Games
	6.1 (f)	High Sticking, Slashing, Cross Check, Butt-end or Spearing	3 Games	6 Games
	8.1			
	6.2	Boarding	3 Games	6 Games
	6.2	Body Checking	3 Games	6 Games
	6.3	Charging	3 Games	6 Games
	6.4	Checking from Behind	4 Games	Indefinite Suspension
	6.5	Head Contact	4 Games	Indefinite Suspension
	6.1	Kneeing / Elbowing	3 Games	6 Games
	6.7 (e)	Wearing ring, tape or material on hands & using it to gain an advantage or inflict punishment	3 Games	6 Games
	7.4 (b)	Tripping (slew foot)	3 Games	6 Games
	9.6 (a)	Abuse of Official(s)	30 Days	
	9.6 (b)	Abuse of Official(s)	45 Days	
	9.6 (c)	Abuse of Official(s)	90 Days	
	9.7	Spitting	Indefinite Suspension	
<b>ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS</b>			<b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION</b>	
Player Coach	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating two (2) Match penalties under 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 in same season for any of the above infractions		4 Games	
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating two (2) Match penalties under 6.4, 6.5 in same season for any of the above infractions		5 Games	
	Any player receiving three (3) Match penalties for any of the above infractions		Indefinite Suspension	
Coach	Any Coach's team that receives two (2) Match penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions		1 Game	
	For a 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation of a team receiving two (2) Match penalties in the same game		3 Games	
	For a 3 <sup>rd</sup> violation of a team receiving two (2) Match penalties in the same game		Indefinite Suspension	

## VI. REFUSING TO START PLAY

Team officials penalized under Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 (a, b & c), Refusing to Start Play, including withdrawing a team from play, shall be subject to an indefinite suspension pending an investigation.

## VII. DRESSING ROOMS – Hockey Canada Rule 1.13 (c)

Team Officials penalized under Hockey Canada Rule 1.13 (c) shall be subject to indefinite suspension pending an investigation.

## VIII. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

BC Hockey policy prohibits the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products during activities sanctioned by a minor hockey association or with BC Hockey, in accordance with policy 4.06. All incidents must be investigated and dealt with on an individual basis. The recommended minimum suspension for violations is thirty (30) days from all participation within the association, this includes practices. Associations and teams have the responsibility to investigate all situations, if there are questions or concerns, please contact the President or BC Hockey.



## IX. SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS

### A. General

The suspensions within this bulletin are **minimum guidelines** and accordingly may be subject to lengthier suspensions as they relate to the severity of the infraction(s). Any of the above noted penalties may be subject to Indefinite Suspension pending an investigation by BC Hockey. **There shall be no appeal of any suspension imposed that is an automatic minimum suspension indicated under the rules set forth in this bulletin.**

For the purpose of this bulletin when a suspension has been incurred, the suspended player or team official is prohibited from participating in any exhibition game(s) while under suspension and those games will not count towards the serving of the suspension. Therefore, only regular league, playoff or tournament games sanctioned by BC Hockey and / or Hockey Canada may count towards the serving of a suspension. Please note, team officials, players, or officials **may not practice with their team during the term of the suspensions listed within this bulletin if the suspension exceeds thirty (30) days**. If a suspension would have been less than thirty (30) days, but is extended due to the rules regarding carry-over suspension, BC Hockey may consider whether to grant permission for a player, team official or official to participate in practices or tryouts. All suspensions will be in effect until midnight on the date of expiry in accordance with the corresponding number of days or after the number of games have been served as outlined in the chart below, whichever expires first. The 'game(s)' to 'days' ratio is applicable to all player and team official suspensions:

DETERMINATION OF SUSPENSION - GAME TO DAY RATIO	
MINIMUM SUSPENSION IN GAMES	MINIMUM SUSPENSION IN DAYS
1 Game	7 Days
2 Games	10 Days
3 Games	15 Days
4 Games	21 Days
5 Games	25 Days
6 Games	30 Days

\*When minimum suspensions are applied and due to accumulations or multiple infractions the combined total exceeds the above guidelines, all additional games shall be served at a ratio of 1 game or 7days

**NOTE 1:** All suspensions begin immediately upon assessment of the penalty.

**NOTE 2:** For the purposes of applying a suspension measured in days:

- a) The suspension time period shall commence at 12:00am on the day following a suspendable infraction.
- b) A participant serving a suspension will be deemed ineligible until midnight on the date of expiry noted within a suspension notification.
- c) In cases where it is recommended that a single incident requires a suspension beyond the minimum prescribed by this bulletin and greater than sixty (60) days, the Chief Executive Officer will impose an indefinite suspension and initiate an investigation [Policy 4.03.01 L].

### B. Carry-over Suspensions

For a suspension made pursuant to this Bulletin that is in effect immediately prior to the Christmas break or on days between the last scheduled league or tournament game prior to Christmas break shall not be included in determining the number of days served.

For a suspension made pursuant to this Bulletin that is in effect immediately prior to and does not expire prior to the conclusion of the league and / or playoff games, the suspension will be served at the start of the next season. The start of the next seasons shall be deemed to be:

- a) In any district that has adopted a regulation or policy setting a start date for carry-over suspension or the start of the season, the date so specified.
- b) In all other districts, the first scheduled exhibition or league game of the season in which the player would otherwise have been rostered to play (or, in the case of an official, in which the official would have been eligible for assignment at his / her level of qualification;
- c) In any event, no later than September 1.





### **C. Players**

A Player receiving a suspension as a result of any penalty outlined in this bulletin shall be prohibited from playing in games as well as acting as an Official or in any other capacity with a Team, League or Association within BC Hockey.

Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in tryouts. Tryouts would include any BC Hockey High Performance camps during the summer. However, the suspended player will be prohibited from playing in exhibition or regular season games until the suspension has been served in full.

### **D. Team Officials**

A Team Official receiving a suspension as a result of any penalty outlined in this bulletin shall be prohibited from participating with their Team(s) from one (1) hour prior to any games until one (1) hour after the conclusion of any game, acting as an Official or in any other capacity with a Team, League or Association within BC Hockey.

Team Officials who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall adhere to the same suspension stipulations that applied upon the conclusion of the previous season as noted above, with the suspension continuing with start of the next season.

### **E. Officials**

An Official receiving a suspension under any regulation or policy governing the officiating program shall be prohibited from officiating until the conclusion of the suspension, plus playing in any games or acting in any official capacity with a Team, League or Association within BC Hockey.

An Official who has a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be permitted to attend an HCOP clinic for certification purposes while under suspension but will be prohibited from upgrading to a higher level of certification while under suspension.

### **F. Other Suspensions**

Any Player, Team Official or Official suspended by BC Hockey or under a suspension imposed by a Team, League or Association that has been honoured by BC Hockey shall be prohibited from playing, acting as an official or acting in any capacity with a Team, League or Association within BC Hockey.

### **G. Spring/Summer Hockey**

BC Hockey sanctions spring hockey tournaments and teams between April 1 and July 31. Spring/Summer sanctioned tournament games shall not be included in determining the number of days or games served as they relate to regular season exhibition, league or playoff games suspensions carried forward to the following season.

