**REGULATION 21 - AUTOMATIC AND OTHER SUSPENSIONS (MINOR BOX)**

21.01 The ALA establishes the following suspensions including automatic suspensions under Bylaw 10.01.4 from which there is no appeal. In this regulation, “committee”, in the case of a game being played outside of the boundary of the Local Governing Body of the involved offender or a game being played in an ALA or other CLA Member Association Sanctioned Tournament shall mean the Governing Body and/or Tournament Discipline/Appeal Committee. In the case of the ALA Provincials “committee” shall mean the ALA Provincial Discipline/Appeals Committee. Otherwise, inside the boundary of the offender “committee” shall mean the Discipline/Appeals Committee of the Local Governing Body.

**21.02 Automatic Suspensions**

**21.02.1 ABUSING OFFICIALS** will result in an automatic MATCH PENALTY as per CLA Rule 62, with the individuals being suspended from further ALA sanctioned activities with such incident being referred to committee and the individual remaining suspended until the committee directs otherwise.

**21.02.2 MATCH PENALTY** as per CLA Rule 80 will result in individual being suspended from all ALA sanctioned activities. An incident report will be immediately filled out and sent to the committee

**21.02.3 GROSS MISCONDUCT** as per CLA Rule 48 will result in an automatic MATCH PENALTY with the individual being suspended from all further ALA sanctioned activities and the incident referred to committee

**21.02.4 RECKLESS AND ENDANGERING PLAY:** as per CLA Rule 30 will result in a MATCH PENALTY, with the individual being suspended from all further ALA sanctioned activities and the incident is referred to committee

**21.02.5 MISCONDUCT OFF PLAYING FLOOR**: refer to CLA Rule 79, with the individual being suspended from all further ALA sanctioned activities and the incident is referred to committee with the individual remaining suspended until the committee directs otherwise.

**21.02.6 GAME MISCONDUCT**: as per CLA Rule 79, will result in individual being suspended for the remainder of the game, immediately leave the venue or go to the dressing room.

**21.02.7 2nd GAME MISCONDUCT IN THE SAME GAME:** The incident will be referred to committee with the player remaining suspended until the committee directs otherwise

**21.02.8 CHECKING FROM BEHIND:** Checking From Behind. as per CLA Rule 38 a player will receive a double minor penalty - or - a major penalty and a game misconduct – or – a MATCH PENALTY.

**21.02.9 ABUSE BY FANS:** as perceived by a referee, Tournament Chair, or other ALA Executive Committee Members, will result in having the referee have the coach ask his/her “fan” to immediately remove him/herself from the arena and not to return for the remainder of the game. The game will not resume until said fan is completely removed from the arena. If the fan refuses to leave within a reasonable time, the team to which the fan is related will forfeit the game. An incident report will be sent to the committee.

**21.02.10 FIGHTING:** a major penalty and a game misconduct will be assessed to any player/goalkeeper who fights.

**21.02.11 FIGHTING IN THE LAST 10 MINUTES:** a major penalty, a game misconduct and an additional one (1) game suspension in minor lacrosse.

**21.02.12 FIGHTING OFF THE FLOOR:** as per CLA Rule 45 (d), player is suspended from any further lacrosse activities. An incident report will be forwarded to the committee and the player remains suspended until the committee directs otherwise

**21.02.13 INSTIGATING A FIGHT OR BEING AN AGGRESSOR:** as per CLA Rule45 (a) the player will receive a Major for Fighting and a Game Misconduct. As per CLA Rule 45 (b) an instigator or aggressor in a fight, a major penalty plus any other penalties shall be assessed to the offending player(s). As per Regulation 21.02.7 player will be suspended for the remainder of the game, immediately leave the venue or go to the dressing room and the incident will be referred to committee with the player remaining suspended until the committee directs.

**21.02.14 RESTARTING A FIGHT**: In addition to CLA Rule 45 (c) this action will result in player being assessed a MATCH PENALTY.

**21.02.15 SPEARING:** in addition to the CLA Rule 65, the player will automatically receive a major penalty, a MATCH PENALTY and an automatic two game suspension and a referral to Committee, which may add a further suspension.

**21.02.16 ATTEMPT TO SPEAR:** in addition to CLA Rule 65, a five minute major penalty, a game misconduct, plus a one game suspension

**21.02.17 BUTT ENDING:** in addition the CLA Rule 35, the player will automatically receive a major penalty, asses a MATCH PENALTY and an automatic two game suspension and a referral to Committee which may add a further suspension. The player may return to play if not notified by the Committee.

**21.02.18 ATTEMPT TO BUTT END:** in addition to the CLA Rule 35, a five-minute major penalty, a game misconduct plus a one game suspension

**21.02.19 KICKING**: In addition to CLA Rule 57, the player will automatically receive a major penalty, asses a MATCH PENALTY and an automatic two game suspension and a referral to Committee which may add a further suspension. The player may return to play if not notified by the Committee.

**21.02.20 ATTEMPT TO KICK**: In addition to CLA Rule 57, a five minute major penalty, game misconduct, plus a one game suspension.

**21.02.21 REFUSING TO START PLAY:**

(a) with both teams on the floor, after the game has started, a team for any reason refuses to play after being ordered to do so in accordance with Rule 63 of the Canadian Lacrosse Association Rule and Situation Handbook, the designated Head Coach for that team shall receive a minimum six (6) game suspension from which there is no appeal.

(b) If prior to the start of a game or period, a team fails to begin play in accordance with Rule 63 of the Canadian Lacrosse Association Rule and Situation Handbook, the designated Head Coach for that team shall receive a minimum six (6) game suspension from which there is no appeal.

(c) The six (6) game suspensions referred to in subsections (a) and (b) shall begin immediately following the game in which the team refused to start play.

(d) The circumstances involving the suspension of the aforementioned Head Coach shall automatically be referred to the Alberta Lacrosse Association Discipline and Appeals Committee in the form of a complaint pursuant to section 10.01.5 of the Alberta Lacrosse Association Bylaws. Once referred, and should it deem necessary, the Alberta Lacrosse Association Discipline and Appeals Committee may conduct a hearing in accordance with the Bylaws and Regulations of the Alberta Lacrosse Association so as to determine whether further sanction and direction is warranted.

The Alberta Lacrosse Association Discipline and Appeals Committee may sanction any other Team Official of that team which refuses to start play in a manner determined by that Committee, but only after conducting a hearing in accordance with the Bylaws of the Alberta Lacrosse Association

**21.02.23 THIRD GAME MISCONDUCT IN ONE SEASON:** a two game suspension and referral to the Committee which may further suspend although the individual has finished the two (2) game suspension and resumed participation in lacrosse

**21.03** If the penalty resulting in the automatic suspension is incurred in a tournament (other than the Club team Provincials) then the individual shall be suspended from participating in the applicable number of remaining tournament games and those games shall count toward the automatic suspension. The Tournament suspension if not fully served shall carry forward into regular season and/or league/provincial playoff games only.