

## APPENDIX "VII" MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

The following chart shows the minimum suspensions that must be assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials.

Infractions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee's call, and are not subject to Appeal. Infractions that carry an 'Indefinite' suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Alberta rendering a decision on the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH		
		MINOR, MINOR FEMALE	JUNIOR B, C, JUNIOR FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
2.2	<b><i>Ineligible Players / Team Officials</i></b>  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	Indefinite	Indefinite
	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	Indefinite	Indefinite
4.8	<b><i>Game Ejection / Game Misconduct</i></b>  Any Player assessed multiple Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.  2 Game Misconducts		1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	3 or More Game Misconducts		Indefinite	Indefinite
4.9	<b><i>Gross Misconduct</i></b>  Any Gross Misconduct assessed to a Player or Team Official not otherwise covered within these guidelines.	3 Games (4 games in the last 10 mins)	3 Games (4 games in the last 10 mins)	3 Games (4 games in the last 10 mins)
7.1	<b><i>Attempt to Injure</i></b>  Attempt to Injure where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Attempt to Injure when a Match penalty is assessed	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
7.2	<b><i>Boarding</i></b>  Boarding where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)		
	Boarding when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games		

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7.3	<b>Body Checking</b>  Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games		
7.4	<b>Charging</b>  Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games		
7.5	<b>Checking from Behind</b>  Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Games (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games
7.6	<b>Head Contact</b>  Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games		
7.7	<b>Head Contact</b>  Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.		1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games
7.8	<b>Kneeing</b>  Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Kneeing when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games
7.9	<b>Roughing</b>  Roughing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Roughing when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games		

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7.10	<b>Fighting</b>			
	Any player who engages in their 1 <sup>st</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)		
	Any player who engages in their 2 <sup>nd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)		
	Any player who engages in their 3 <sup>rd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.	4 Games (5 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any player who engages in their 4 <sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct	Indefinite	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any player who engages in their 5 <sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct		3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any player who engages in their 6 <sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct		Indefinite	Indefinite
	<b>Pre/Post Game Altercations</b>			
	Any Player involved where fighting Majors and Game Misconduct penalties are assessed.	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any Coach of Team whose players are so penalized	Indefinite	3 Games (4 Games in last the 10 mins)	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and is assessed a Match Penalty	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
Any Player who joins in a fight or acts as a peacemaker	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	
Any Player who takes part in another or secondary fight during the same stoppage of play	3 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	
Any Player fighting or joining a fight with a Team Official	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)			
7.11	<b>Instigator &amp; Aggressor of a Fight</b>			
	First Offence	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	Second Offence	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
	Third Offence	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	A Coach of a Team whose Player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor.		3 Games	3 Games
	<i>*Rule 7.11 (a) Note: If a Player is assessed both penalties in the same altercation, they would be suspended for both offences.</i>			

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8.3	<b>Interference</b>  Interference where a five (5) minutes major plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Interference when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games		
8.4	<b>Interference from the Bench</b>  Interference from the Bench where a five (5) minute major plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Interference from the Bench when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games		
8.5	<b>Interference with the Goaltender</b>  Interference on the goaltender where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Interference on the goaltender where a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games
8.7	<b>Clipping</b>  Clipping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Clipping when a Match penalty is assessed	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Games (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games
8.8	<b>Slew Footing</b>  Slew Footing when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
9.1	<b>Butt Ending</b>  Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
9.2	<b>Cross Checking</b>  Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)  3 Games

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9.3	<b>Slashing</b> Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
9.4	<b>Spearing</b> Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
9.5	<b>High Sticking</b> High Sticking where a five (5) minute major plus Game Misconduct are assessed.		1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	
10.4	<b>Leaving a Bench for the Purpose of Fighting</b> Any player assessed a Game Misconduct identified as first to leave the players' bench or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any Coach whose Player is identified as first to leave the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)	2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any Coach whose Player is not identified as first to leave the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Any Player or Team Official who, having been removed from the game due to a Game Ejection, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match Penalty, returns to the ice surface or becomes involved with or disrupts the game in any way.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
10.5	<b>Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object</b> Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object when a five (5) minute major plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)	1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)
	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Game

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10.6	<p><b>Removing Equipment to Fight</b></p> <p>Any Player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight.</p> <p>If a Player removes their helmet and releases their chinstrap to fight &amp; the opposing Player doesn't, the former will be assessed an additional two-minute minor penalty.</p> <p>Any Player who removes an opponent's helmet or releases an opponent's chinstrap before or during a fight.</p>		<p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p>	<p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p>
10.8	<p><b>Refusing to Start Play</b></p> <p>Any Team Official assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct under this rule.</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
11.1	<p><b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Unsportsmanlike Conduct.</p>	1 Game		
11.2	<p><b>Abusive Behaviour</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.</p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.</p>	<p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>3 Games (4 Games in the last 10 mins)</p>	<p>1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p>	<p>1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>2 Games (3 Games in the last 10 mins)</p>
11.3	<p><b>Spitting</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for deliberately spitting on or at an opponent, official, team official, or spectator.</p>	5 Games	5 Games	5 Games
11.4	<p><b>Discrimination</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Discrimination.</p>	Indefinite (minimum 5 games)	Indefinite (minimum 5 games)	Indefinite (minimum 5 games)
11.5	<p><b>Physical Harassment of Officials</b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct Penalty for Physical Harassment of Officials</p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for Physical Harassment of Officials</p>	<p>1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	<p>1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	<p>1 Game (2 Games in the last 10 mins)</p> <p>Indefinite</p>

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Players**

**Players that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.**

Any player accumulating multiple Major penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

7.1	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury			
7.2	Boarding			
7.3	Body Checking			
7.4	Charging			
7.5	Checking from Behind	2 Major Penalties	=	2 Games (3 Games in last 10 mins)
7.6	Head Contact	3 Major Penalties	=	4 Games (5 Games in last 10 mins)
7.8	Kneeing	4 Major Penalties	=	Indefinite
7.9	Roughing			
8.3	Interference			
8.4	Interference from the Bench			
8.5	Interference with the Goaltender			
8.7	Clipping			
9.2	Cross-Checking			
9.3	Slashing			
10.5	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object			

Any player accumulating multiple Match penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

7.1	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury			
7.2	Boarding	2 Match Penalties	=	5 Games
7.3	Body Checking	3 Match Penalties	=	Indefinite
7.4	Charging			
7.5	Checking from Behind			
7.6	Head Contact			
7.8	Kneeing			
7.9	Roughing			
8.3	Interference			
8.4	Interference from the Bench			
8.5	Interference with the Goaltender			
8.7	Clipping			
8.8	Slew Footing			
9.1	Butt-Ending			
9.2	Cross Checking			
9.3	Slashing			
9.4	Spearing			
10.5	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object			

Any player accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

11.1	Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct	2 Game Misconducts	=	2 Games (3 Games in last 10 mins)
		3 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour	2 Game Misconducts	=	4 Games (5 Games in last 10 mins)
		3 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite
		2 or more Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.4	Discrimination	2 or more Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.5	Physical Harassment of Officials	2 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Junior & Senior Hockey Players**

**Players that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.**

Any player accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

7.1	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury		
7.5	Checking from Behind	2 Major Penalties	= 2 Games (3 Games in last 10 mins)
7.7	Head Contact	3 Major Penalties	= 4 Games (5 Games in last 10 mins)
7.8	Kneeing	4 Major Penalties	= Indefinite
8.5	Interference with the Goaltender		
8.7	Clipping		
9.2	Cross-Checking		
9.3	Slashing		
9.5	High Sticking		
10.5	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object		

Any player accumulating multiple Match penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

7.1	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury		
7.5	Checking from Behind	2 Match Penalties	= 5 Games
7.7	Head Contact	3 Match Penalties	= Indefinite
7.8	Kneeing		
8.5	Interference with the Goaltender		
8.7	Clipping		
8.8	Slew Footing		
9.1	Butt-Ending		
9.2	Cross Checking		
9.3	Slashing		
9.4	Spearing		
10.5	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object		
11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour	2 Game Misconducts	= 2 Games (3 games in last 10 mins)
		3 Game Misconducts	= Indefinite
		2 or more Gross Misconducts	= Indefinite
11.4	Discrimination	2 or more Gross Misconducts	= Indefinite
11.5	Physical Harassment of Officials	2 or more Game Misconducts	= Indefinite



### **Accumulation Sanctions for Hockey Coaches**

***Coaches that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.***

The Coach of a Team that receives a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 1 Game

The Coach of a Team that commits a second violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 3 Games

The Coach of a Team that commits a third violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. Indefinite

Any Coach accumulating multiple Game or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

11.1	Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct	2 Game Misconducts = 2 Games
		3 Game Misconducts = Indefinite
11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour	2 Game Misconducts = 4 Games
		3 Game Misconducts = Indefinite
		2 or more Gross Misconducts = Indefinite
11.4	Discrimination	2 or more Gross Misconducts = Indefinite

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