

HOCKEY REGINA INC.



**HRI CODE OF DISCIPLINE &  
MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

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## **CODE OF DISCIPLINE**

### *REGULATIONS GOVERNING DISCIPLINE*

All minimum suspensions shall be outlined in the Hockey Regina Inc. (HRI) Code of Discipline.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Code of Discipline is to:

1. Ensure that the Organization of HRI/Affiliate teams/Team Officials/Parents/Players are aware of the serious nature of the rule offenses.
2. Apply a common discipline standard across HRI and its Affiliates for offenses of a similar nature.
3. Make Team, HRI and Affiliate officials more aware of their responsibilities in keeping control of the conduct of their teams in applying Discipline where warranted.

## **DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

### Behind Glass

The term 'Behind Glass' refers to where team officials or parents, while serving a suspension, must watch the game. They are not allowed in the bleacher area where they could coach the kids on the ice. Suspended team officials must have sound proof separation between them and their team.

### Exhibition Games and Tournaments

1. An exhibition game is a single game played between two teams outside of the normal team's schedule. All exhibition games are sanctioned by SHA.
2. A tournament constitutes of a select group of 3 or more teams playing intra-murally to a set schedule. All tournaments must apply to be sanctioned by SHA.

### Game Suspensions – are to be served for:

1. HRI league games
2. HRI playoff games
3. Hockey Sask sanctioned tournaments
4. Hockey Sask provincial games

### Game Suspensions cannot be served for;

1. Exhibition games (players and officials may not play exhibition games during their period of suspension)
2. Affiliated games (players may not affiliate to another team during their period of Suspension)

### Offenders include:

1. Players
2. Team Officials
3. Parents
4. HRI Officials
5. Affiliate Officials
6. Hockey Sask officials

### Officials

1. Timekeepers and Scorekeepers
2. Referees and Linesmen

Team Officials

1. Coaches
2. Managers

**APPLYING THE CODE OF DISCIPLINE**

The code of discipline applies to all;

1. HRI Players
2. HRI Officials
3. HRI Game Officials
4. HRI Parents
5. Associate Players
6. Associate Officials
7. Associate Game officials
8. Affiliate Parents
9. HRI Board of Directors
10. HRI Commissioners
11. HRI Staff
12. HRI Committee members

...who are involved in any of the following;

1. Game Misconducts
2. Major Penalties
3. Match Misconducts
4. Checking From Behind (CFB)
5. Head Contact
6. Gross Misconducts
7. Misconducts
8. Instigator penalties
9. Parental Misconducts
10. Abuse of Officials
11. General Conduct Infractions (as outlined in Section A in the HRI Regulations)

**SUSPENSIONS**

1. The offender is removed from a number of specified games.
2. If the offense warrants a Game Suspension, the offender is suspended immediately from the game in which the penalty was assessed and the suspension shall begin with the player's next league, playoff, tournament or Provincial game.

**SERVING SUSPENSIONS**

1. It is the coaches' duty to know and understand the rules of suspensions.
2. Any person under suspension shall not participate in any game(s) including exhibition game(s) until such suspension has been served in full with their club team.
3. All suspensions must be served consecutively.
4. HRI will notify all players and team officials who have carry-over suspensions in the event that all league and tournament play is completed for the current season. Any questions can be referred to the Director of Suspensions.

5. Players and team officials serving suspensions from the previous season may participate in team tryouts including preseason exhibition games. The suspension would begin the day of the first game of the regular season. Suspended players may not partake in preseason tournaments.
6. Players and team officials receiving suspensions in preseason, tryout or exhibition games may have the suspension deferred to the first game of the season in which the player is registered. The respective HRI Officials must hold a formal hearing before any further deferrals are permitted for any second or subsequent offense.
7. During regular league play, a player, must serve their suspension with their registered team and is not permitted to participate as an affiliated player with another team.
8. During an out-of-tier or division tournament, an affiliated player is deemed to be a full member of that team during that tournament in order for him to serve suspensions with that team.
9. A suspended coach/team official cannot be present in the dressing room prior to, during or following the game(s) they are suspended from or be on the player's bench.
10. A suspended team official must serve their suspension 'Behind Glass'.
11. Suspended players cannot be present on the player's bench during their suspended game(s)
12. Suspended players may be present in the dressing room prior to and after their suspended game(s).
13. Suspended coaches and players may participate in team practices unless otherwise stated by the Division Director or the Director of Suspensions.
14. Suspensions for violation of league General Conduct rules (Part A in the HRI Bylaws and Regulations), may be implemented at the discretion of the Division Director and the Director of Suspensions.
15. Parents or spectators, ejected or suspended from the bleacher area, must serve their suspension 'Behind Glass'. This is called a 'Parent Misconduct suspension.
16. It is the coach's duty to inform the Division Director of any parents of either team who get ejected from a game. The coach of the offending parent must find out the name of the offender. In turn, the Division Director is to notify the Director of Suspensions.

## **MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

1. The minimum suspensions listed in the Code of Discipline will be applied.
2. All minimum suspensions listed in the Code of Discipline coincide with Hockey Canada's (HC) and SHA's minimum suspension list in Section 6.09 of the Hockey Sask Hand Book.
3. If the Division Director and the Director of Suspensions finds that the offence warrants a more stringent suspension, they can increase the suspension accordingly.
4. Minimum Suspensions can be increased but not decreased from the HRI Minimum Suspension Chart.
5. Suspension appeals will be adjudicated by Hockey Sask.

### **30 DAY SUSPENSIONS**

1. As per the Minimum Suspensions Chart, repeat offenders who continue to offend will be levied 30 day suspensions for any subsequent offences.

### **PROBATION**

1. Repeat offenders may also be placed on probation following the completion of any suspension according to the minimum suspension chart.
2. A player on probation will receive a 30-day suspension for their next major penalty or misconduct. (not including check to the head)
3. A player or official may be placed on probation for Code of Conduct offences which are not actual game related offences. They may be told that their probation only covers repeat occurrences of their current offence.
4. Probation periods may encompass the rest of the season, the rest of the playoffs or one calendar year from the conclusion of the last suspension.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

1. Handshake at end of Game
  - The Handshake after the game is a time to show positive sportsmanship. Players or Team Officials who display behaviors outside of the Code of Conduct may be penalized. It will be up to the Division Director in consultation with the Director of Suspensions to decide the consequence for the offender. One such consequence may be an indefinite suspension until the offender writes and/or reads a letter of apology to the team offended against. Any repeat offenders may be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of the most recent offence occurring during the Handshake.
2. Confronting the referees after the game.
  - Each case will be handled accordingly through the Code of Conduct Referee Policy

### **HOCKEY CANADA MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS CHART**

Link URL: <https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Corporate/About/Downloads/minor-female-minimum-suspensions-e.pdf>