


Red Deer Pond Hockey

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1.0 PURPOSE

To provide all Red Deer Pond Hockey members and participants with the guidelines surrounding suspensions resulting from disciplinary action, whether from on-ice or off-ice incidents.

2.0 COMMENCEMENT DATE

This Policy will commence from January 1, 2020.

3.0 APPLICATION OF POLICY

3.1 This policy applies to the following RDPH groups

- Players
- Parents
- Board of Directors
- Volunteers
- Officials


4.0 PROCEDURE

4.1 When a player, team official or spectator has received a penalty or ejection that carries an automatic suspension (as described in the Minimum Suspension Guidelines) the Referee Coordinator or appointed designate is responsible for informing the Division Coordinator of the infraction and the Head Coach is required to automatically abide by the Minimum Suspension Guidelines. In the event of a suspended player playing in, or a suspended team official participating in a game, the game may be forfeited and the Head Coach may be suspended pending a hearing by RDPH. The penalty for a Head Coach that allows a suspended player or team official to participate in any game is up to a three-year suspension.

4.2 Division Coordinators have the authority to alter or issue suspensions on an individual basis. Division Coordinators along with the Disciplinary Committee also have the right to issue

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suspensions or remove coaches, players or spectators based on an unusually high amount of total penalties or exceptional deviation from the spirit and philosophy of RDPH.

4.3 Any suspensions that are within the Minimum Suspension Guidelines or levied by the RDPH board or Disciplinary Committee, will be for a designated number of League Games, and will preclude the player and/or team official from participation in league and exhibition games **in any and all age categories or divisions** during the period of his/her suspension. Please note that a player cannot participate in any exhibition game(s) while under suspension and exhibition games do not count as games served for any suspension. Games that are cancelled for any reason do not count as games served.


4.4 When a match penalty resulting from assault on an official has been assessed and after the Disciplinary Committee of RDPH has held a hearing and is satisfied that the assault was deliberate, then the suspension levied will be at least one year or more from the date of the offence.

4.5 Any registered team official, off-ice official or spectator receiving a game misconduct or game ejection must exit the arena and adjoining building.

4.6 A suspended coach, manager, non-player team official or spectator, is not permitted within fifty (50) feet of the ice surface or dressing rooms while he/she is under suspension. The suspension will include 1-hour prior until 1 hour after the suspended game. Any or all communication between any suspended coach, manager, non-player team official, spectator or player and the team is prohibited, regardless of communication method used. Nor can any person so suspended utilize an intermediary to conduct such communication, either verbally or via a device. Failure to adhere to this regulation will result in further disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.

4.7 A suspended player shall not be allowed within fifty (50) feet of any player's bench nor allowed in the dressing room 1 hour before and 1 hour after the game. Also, a suspended player may not be allowed within twenty five (25) feet of the Referees change room or within twenty-five (25) feet of where the Officials enter or exit the ice surface

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4.8 A player or team official that has been indefinitely suspended will be notified in writing by the Disciplinary Committee Chair (other than automatic Minimum Suspensions Guidelines which must be followed). In the event of a suspended player or team official participating, the game may be forfeited to the non-offending team and the coach may be suspended indefinitely, until the matter is ruled on by the RDPH Disciplinary Committee.

4.9 Should an on ice official be suspended while participating as either a player or team official for no more than one (1) game as outlined in Minimum Suspensions, the official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an on ice official be suspended while participating as a player or team official for more than one (1) game as outlined in Minimum Suspensions, the official will be permitted to officiate assigned games during the day immediately following the suspension. At the conclusion of that day, the on ice official will be required to serve his/her suspension.

5.0 DISCIPLINE STATEMENT

5.1 Failure to adhere to and abide by these guidelines will result in disciplinary action, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Verbal Warnings
- Written Warnings
- Fines
- Disciplinary Hearing
- Temporary Suspensions
- Expulsions

6.0 REVIEW AND REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Scope of Revision	Approved By	Date
0	Initial Procedure Development	RDPH BOD	Jan 15, 2020