NGHA Suspension Reporting

1. Preamble The NGHA operates under the jurisdiction of the OWHA and adheres to the OWHA suspension policies as set out in the OWHA Handbook, including the Discipline Policy and Procedures set out in Part VII of the Handbook, and the Minimum Suspension Guidelines set annually by the OWHA Executive Committee: http://owha.pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded documents/3323/FINAL Copy for Website.pdf http://owha.pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded_documents/3323/Final_-DISCIPLINE POLICY and PROCEDURES.pdf Competitive and House League Coaches should be knowledgeable of the OWHA policies and procedures for suspensions. The guidance below is intended to clarify the main steps that must be taken by team officials when a suspend-able action occurs by a player or team official. It is the responsibility of the offending team to report suspend-able offences (GM, 2. Offending Team GRM, and MP penalties) immediately by email. **Responsible For Reporting The** Note: Player misconducts (ex. M20, M21) are also to be reported regardless of Suspension whether or not they occurred in the last ten minutes of the game. Immediately By **Email** If a suspend-able offence occurs during an OWHA-sanctioned game, the OWHA requires that all suspensions must be reported by email within 24 hours of game completion and prior to the next game (whichever occurs first) regardless of game type (e.g. league, playdown exhibition, tournament) and within or outside Ontario. The reporting email goes to: OWHA: stats@owha.on.ca NGHA: NGHAsuspension@gmail.com Email contents must include: 1. Scanned copy of gamesheet (yellow or pink copy), preferably in pdf (cellphone photo is acceptable provided all sections of the gamesheet are legible) 2. 2. Player name and # or coach name incurring the suspend-able penalty 3. 3. Suspension code as recorded on gamesheet 4. 4. Game date and team In addition to the email reporting above in Section 2, there are procedures for the 3. Written Reporting on-ice Officials to provide a written report to the OWHA by completing the back side by On-ice Officials

of the white game sheet:

a) Exhibition Games

When a suspend-able offence has been assessed, the on-ice Official is required to complete reporting on the back of the white copy of the game sheet and submit it directly to the OWHA.

Beginning in the 2019 season, officials are responsible for transmitting these reports to the OWHA. Teams are no longer required to provide postage paid envelopes.

b) Tournament Games

As per the OWHA Handbook, tournament organizers are responsible for ensuring that the white copy of the game sheet, with the Officials report on the back, is sent to the OWHA.

c) Competitive Team Playdowns

When a suspend-able offence has been assessed for a Playdown game, the offending team is responsible for ensuring that clear and legible copies of both sides of the white copy of the game sheet are sent to the OWHA by email to stats@owha.on.ca and NGHA NGHAsuspension@gmail.com. It is not necessary to send the original hard-copy game sheet by regular mail.

d) House League Games

When a suspend-able offence has been assessed for a House league game (regular season or playoff), the offending team is responsible for ensuring that clear and legible copies of both sides of the white copy of the game sheet are sent to the OWHA by email to stats@owha.on.ca and NGHAsuspension@gmail.com It is not necessary to send the original hard-copy game sheet by regular mail.

4. Serving a SuspensionReporting

The offending team is also required to send copies of game sheets for each game a player sits out to serve a suspension. <u>Note that exhibition games do not count towards games served.</u>

The game sheet will be clearly marked showing SUSPENSION game X of Y. The game sheet must <u>not</u> be signed by the suspended person and the player's name <u>should</u> not be crossed out.

The reporting email goes to: **OWHA:** stats@owha.on.ca

NGHA: NGHAsuspension@gmail.com

Email contents must clearly detail the suspension game # being served, and include:

- 1. Scanned copy of gamesheet, preferably in pdf (cellphone photo is acceptable provided all sections of the gamesheet are legible)
- 2. Player name and # or coach name incurring the suspend- able penalty

	3. Game date and team The white copy of the game sheet does not need to be mailed for games served. Only the electronic copy is required by the OWHA.
5. Failure to Report a Suspension and Games Served	Failure to report within the timeline guidelines will result in the following: - The OWHA will assign a minimum 1 game suspension assessed to head coach.
6. Return to Play	A suspension is not considered to have been served until copies of all game sheets for games served are in the possession of the OWHA (stats@owha.ca), and the NGHA (NGHAsuspension@gmail.com). When an NGHA-imposed suspension results in a hearing having to be held, the suspended person cannot return to play until they have attended the hearing and clearance to return to play has been granted by the NGHA Discipline Chair (Vice-President of Operations).
Questions	Contact the VP Operations (NGHAVPOps@gmail.com) or the Director, Policy Risk and Safety (NGHApolicy@gmail.com)

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