



Misconduct/Match Penalties – A guide

This information sheet provides an overview on the steps that should be taken once you have called a Misconduct of Match penalty. Firstly, there is some general and important information on reporting a Misconduct of Match, followed by an in-game assessment guide to calling these ejection penalties. For formal descriptions and case studies, please consult the Ringette Canada Official Rules and Case Book (Section 16 and 18), and for information on Ringette Alberta’s Policy on Suspension, see 15.0 Suspension Policy on www.ringettealberta.com/policies/.

Important information:

- Misconducts and Match penalties require that the officials complete an “Misconduct/Match Report” following the incident. **These reports are now online.**
 - o Misconduct/Match Report forms are found online - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdu3HKiPoJQ0wStkRxFWieZXQCetLm6A0BCIUlgThySTxj3Q/viewform>
 - o Fill in the Misconduct/Match Report using the game sheet to properly identify the offender.
 - o Submit that form (you will also receive a copy of that submission)
 - o Let your Referee-In-Chief know.
 - If in a tournament, forward your emailed copy of the form to the officiating contact.
- Ringette Alberta requires that any Misconduct/Match Report must be handed into our office by the **second business day at noon after the incident. Misconduct/Match Reports must have the game sheets included- IF using a physical gamesheet..**
 - o If you do not submit a Misconduct/Match Report, you might be fined by Ringette Alberta.

Steps:

Assess Misconduct or Match (with a signal)	Report to minor officials	Fill out Misconduct/Match Report after the game	Report to your Referee-in-chief or tournament
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Ringette Alberta will follow our policy, 15.0 – Suspensions, to assess game length following submission of the Reports. *If in a tournament, the tournament will start the suspension process.*

In-game action items when calling Misconducts or Matches:

A. MISCONDUCTS (see rulebook rule 16.1)

Misconducts are for what players/coaches SAY on the ice. Such as swearing at the official, verbal abuse towards another player, or coach (16.1.a). May also be for an escalation from an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty where someone persists in disputing, or shows disrespect for the ruling of an on-ice official (16.1.b) or if a coach steps on the ice other than to attend to an injured player (16.1.c).

1. When a misconduct is assessed the player/coach is told to leave the playing area, and a signal of hands to the hips is conducted.
2. Any original penalties assessed are to be sat by another player. That player has to sit ALL of the penalties committed by the ejected player.
3. An **additional 2 minute** penalty must be sat for a Misconduct given to a PLAYER. Ensure that the player number is recorded for the Misconduct, and the player serving it is also recorded on the gamesheet. **If a coach is ejected, there is no additional penalty assessed.**
4. Following the game, please fill out the Misconduct/Match Report. Once you submit that, you will receive a copy. Contact your Referee-In-Chief.

B. MATCH Penalties (see rule 18.1)

A MATCH penalty is assessed when a player commits a penalty infraction with intent to injure (18.1.a), fights (18.1.b); spears, butt-ends, or kicks an opponent (18.1.c); a player or coach excessively abuses an on-ice official before, during, or immediately after a game(18.1.d); intentionally leaves a box to become involved in an altercation (18.1.e); or hits from behind in a manner in which the other player cannot brace for impact (18.1.f).

1. When a match penalty is assessed the player/coach is told to leave the playing area, and a signal of hands to the hips is conducted.
2. Any original penalties assessed to a PLAYER are to be sat by another player. That player has to sit ALL of the penalties committed by the ejected PLAYER.
3. An **additional 4 minute MAJOR** is assessed for a match penalty to a player. If you assessed a Misconduct FIRST, then another player will have to sit a 2 minute penalty AND a 4 minute major for both penalties. **If it is a coach being penalized, then there are no additional penalty minutes for the team.**
4. Following the game, please fill out the Misconduct/Match Report. Once you submit that, you will receive a copy. Contact your Referee-In-Chief.
5. ****A Match penalty carries an automatic ONE game suspension from Ringette Canada, plus any other games that comes from policy 15.0. Any suspensions issued at the end of a season must be served the following year.**

*The only other kinds of player/coach ejections are when a player accumulates 10 penalty minutes in one game, they must leave the playing area and another player must sit their last penalty; or when a team accumulates 30 minutes or more in penalties in one game, then the head coach must sit out the NEXT game. In regards to the player having to leave after 10 penalty minutes, you are responsible to adhere to that rule, whereas the coach sitting the next game is not your responsibility. In both cases, it is beneficial to contact your Referee-In-Chief.

If you ask a player/coach to leave, then you **MUST** assess a Misconduct or Match and submit a report. You may NOT ask someone to leave without attaching a penalty to the call.

****We are not to inform players/coaches what their suspensions will be, that is up to the Ringette Alberta. The above is just a guideline for your information.**

Other resources available to officials to deal with situations with coaches are:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct penalty
 - If the coaches actions do not warrant an Ejection (Misconduct), OR you want to give them a warning to help avoid an Ejectio, use this fully served 2-minute penalty that is served by a player.
- Ringette Alberta feedback forms -
<https://ringettealberta.com/content/coaches-feedback-from-officials>
 - If the coaches actions do not warrant an Ejection (Misconduct) OR an unsportsmanlike penalty, but a behaviour or comment is needing to be addressed, please use this form.

For any other information on suspension, do not hesitate to contact me at lauren@ringettealberta.com.