

Northern Alberta Interlock Regulations 2019-2020

APPENDIX B - NAI Supplemental Discipline

History

Based on activity in Alberta's hockey leagues, the concern about excessive penalty minutes needs to be addressed. Too many teams, and individuals, are collecting too many penalties. The following rules are implemented beginning with the 2019/2020 season, with the hope that we will be successful in reducing individual penalty minutes, and therefore team accumulations.

Individual Penalty Minute Thresholds:

- Once a player in the Midget division reaches 100 penalty minutes in total, they will receive a 1 game suspension, and for every 25 minutes thereafter the suspension will be doubled, i.e. 125 = 2 game suspension, 150 minutes = 4 game suspension.
- Once a player in the Bantam division reaches 75 penalty minutes in total, they will receive a 1 game suspension, and for every 25 minutes thereafter the suspension will be doubled.
- Once a player in the PeeWee division reaches 60 penalty minutes in total, they will receive a 1 game suspension, and for every 15 minutes thereafter the suspension will be doubled.
- Once a player in the Atom division reaches 50 penalty minutes in total, they will receive a 1 game suspension, and for every 10 minutes thereafter the suspension will be doubled.
- Penalty minutes will not be accumulated from games while playing as an affiliate player; only penalties with the player's registered team will be included in this total.
- Penalty minutes will accumulate for all NAI games including pre--season, regular season, and playoffs

Additional Penalty Due to a Suspension:

For the purpose of affiliation in the Atom, PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget divisions:

- Any player that is suspended under the regulations of this NAI Supplemental Discipline is not permitted to be replaced through affiliation unless the team's roster falls below 10 skaters and 2 goalies. This can only be approved by the NAI President or their delegate.

Team Penalty Minute Thresholds:

- Once a team in the Midget division reaches 450 minutes in penalties, the coach will be issued a 1 game suspension. Should the team reach 500 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 2 game suspension. If this team reaches 550 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 4 game suspension.
- Once a team in the Bantam division reaches 350 minutes in penalties, the coach will be issued a 1 game suspension. Should the team reach 400 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 2 game suspension. If this team reaches 450 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 4 game suspension.

Team Penalty Minute Thresholds Continued:

- Once a team in the PeeWee division reaches 250 minutes in penalties, the coach will be issued a 1 game suspension. Should the team reach 300 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 2 game suspension. If this team reaches 350 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 4 game suspension.
- Once a team in the Atom division reaches 200 minutes in penalties, the coach will be issued a 1 game suspension. Should the team reach 250 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 2 game suspension. If this team reaches 300 penalty minutes, the coach will receive a 4 game suspension.
- **Should any team in any division reach 50 minutes beyond their limit, they will be removed from further play in the league**

Suspensions for Discriminatory Slurs and Other Abuse (including physical)

In the 2018/19 hockey season, the NAI experienced a drastic increase in the number of complaints pertaining to racial slurs that were expressed towards our aboriginal players. There have also been a couple of incidents involving unwanted physical interactions by coaches towards players.

Discriminatory slurs – for the NAI, this will consist of any unwanted, uncalled for, and discriminatory comments directed towards any player, coach, or official against their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation

- **Hockey Alberta minimum suspension – under Gross Misconduct – 2 games unless in last 10 minutes, then 3 games. Regardless of the Hockey Alberta suspension, the NAI will add games to make it a minimum of 5 games.**
- Should the incident not be written up by a referee, the NAI will conduct an investigation of its own and should it be determined that the offending coach or player is guilty, whether through admission or evidence, the league will impose the entire 5 game suspension to be served during NAI league games (tournaments, exhibitions, and Provincials will not be allowed to count).

Physical Abuse -- under the Zero Tolerance regulations of Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, the NAI, and almost every LMHA, any team staff member or player that engages in any unwanted physical abuse or touching

- **Will be subject to a minimum of a 5 game NAI suspension.**
- Should the incident not be written up by a referee, the NAI will conduct an investigation of its own and should it be determined that the offending player/team staff member is guilty, whether through admission or evidence, the league will impose the entire 5 game suspension, to be served during NAI league games (tournaments, exhibitions, and Provincials will not be allowed to count). Any of these suspensions must be served on the team which the coach or player are registered to, and they will not be eligible to affiliate or coach on any other team until their suspension is served in full.