

RULES POLICY

SUSPENSION POLICY

- (A) All OWHA members must follow the OWHA Discipline Policy and Procedures .
- (B) The OWHA Chairperson or designate shall have the power to suspend summarily any player, coach, manager, person, team, member or individual for any breach or violation of any of the provisions of the OWHA, By-laws, Regulations, Rules, Policies Values, Code of Conduct, playing rules or any decision or ruling of the OWHA, or for unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the ice, or for abusive language to any of the officials, or for the alleged infraction of the amateur definition, provided that the Chairperson is satisfied that such player, coach, manager, person, team, member or individual as the case may be has committed such breach or violation, such suspension to be automatically and continuously effective until dealt with by the OWHA who shall deal with such suspension within fifteen days thereof.
- (C)
 - (1) Any suspendible offense which occurs in any OWHA game (league, tournament, exhibition and/or Regional Playdown or Provincial Championship in or outside of Ontario) during the current season must be reported to the OWHA office within twenty-four (24) hours of the infraction(s) by the coach or other team official OR prior to the player or team's next game, whichever is less.
 - (2) Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.
 - (3) Leagues, local associations, individual teams and the OWHA may assess additional suspensions if warranted.
 - (4) Player/Team official may also be required to appear before an OWHA disciplinary board.
 - (5) Once a player or team official has been suspended/ejected from a game, she/he cannot return to the ice to participate in any post-game ceremonies (hand shaking, medal presentations, etc.). If the suspended person does return to the ice, further suspensions will be issued.
 - (6) It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure his/her players and/or team staff sit out their minimum suspensions. If a team plays twenty (20) games or less during the season, the person will sit out the minimum suspension or three weeks, whichever is less. When in doubt as to the relevant suspensions, contact the OWHA office. If you are unable to reach an OWHA designate, sit player(s) and/or team officials in question until clarification can be obtained.
 - (7) Any player or team official currently under suspension is not eligible to participate in any OWHA games until his or her suspension has been completed. The OWHA may extend the suspension to include all OWHA activities if warranted. Note that suspensions are valid in all branches of Hockey Canada.
 - (8) Minimum Suspensions cannot be appealed and any individual suspension of seven (7) games or less may not be appealed.
 - (9) The OWHA will uphold additional suspensions issued by teams, leagues and/or associations upon written notification to the OWHA Office.
 - (10) The coach or team official of a team whose member commits a suspendible offence must send a copy of the game sheet to the OWHA office (stats@owha.on.ca) within twenty-four (24) hours of the infraction OR prior to the player or team's next game, whichever is less. Game sheets must be submitted electronically. Faxes will not be accepted.
 - (11) Copies of game sheets confirming suspensions have been served, must be forwarded within twenty-four (24) hours of the game, by the coach or other team official, OR prior to the player or team's next game, whichever occurs first, to the OWHA Office (stats@owha.on.ca) Game sheets must be electronically submitted. Faxes will not be accepted.