



<b>Policy Name:</b> Suspension List		<b>Date of Approval</b> November 1, 2024	<b>Effective Date:</b> November 1, 2024
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<b>Responsible</b> Minor Committee	<b>Accountable</b> HNO Minor Hockey Associations	<b>Consulted</b>	<b>Informed</b>

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all Branch exhibition, league, play-off, and tournament games.

Additional suspensions can be imposed wherever conditions and circumstance warrant. These suspensions are in addition to game incurred.

It is the responsibility of each Team Manager and/or Coach to ensure their players/Team Officials sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact your respective League or Association.

If you are unable to contact your respective League or Association, sit player(s)/Team Official(s) in question out until clarification can be obtained.

Match Penalty Reports shall be forwarded to the Branch Office for possible further review.

Gross Misconducts 11.4: Any penalty for a discriminatory or racial slur must be sent to the Branch Office and will be tracked yearly. And may be subject to further review.

The Suspension List has been designed to be the minimum suspensions to be levied for first time occurrence during the hockey season. To reduce the possibility of having excessive punishments being levied, please do not make these suspensions more severe as part of normal operations.

However, when dealing with repeat offenders, the Suspension List includes sections for accumulations of infractions for players and sanctions against coaches. The accumulations are in addition to the suspension for the infraction. These accumulations are taken directly from Hockey Canada's Supplement Discipline for minor and female hockey.

Last 10 Minute column refers to a Game Misconduct in the last ten minutes of third period or overtime. This carries an automatic one game under rule 4.8 (c) which has been accounted for in this column,

Reporting:

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Organizer and or the Minor Hockey Association to forward trackable Penalties and Accumulation Sanctions to the HNO Executive Director within 48 Hours of the game in which the Trackable penalty and or Accumulation sanction has occurred.

All incident reports to be conducted via the online incident reporting form and submitted to the HNO Director of Officiating within 24 hours of the incident.



**SECTION 1 - MALTREATMENT**

<b>Rule #</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Last 10 Minutes</b>
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1 game	2 games
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	2 games	3 games
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	3 games	4 games
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	5 games	n/a
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite Suspension (Minimum 5 Games)	n/a
11.5(c)	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.5(e)	Game Misconduct	Physical Harassment of Officials	1 game	2 games
<b>Progressive Suspensions - Player or Team Official</b>				
<b>Rule #</b>	<b>Penalty</b>		<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Last 10 Minutes</b>
11.1(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		2 games	3 games
11.1(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		4 games	5 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.2(f)	Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.4	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.5(e)	Receives 2 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.5(e) in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a



**SECTION 2 - MAJOR PENALTIES**

<b>Rule #</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Last 10 Minutes</b>
7.1(b)	Major	Attempt to injure or Deliberate Injury	1 game	2 games
7.2(b)	Major	Boarding	1 game	2 games
7.3(b)	Major	Body Checking	1 game	2 games
7.4(b)	Major	Charging	1 game	2 games
7.5(b)	Major	Checking from Behind	1 game	2 games
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	1 game	2 games
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	1 game	2 games
7.9(b)	Major	Roughing	1 game	2 games
8.3(b)	Major	Interference	1 game	2 games
8.4(b)	Major	Interference from the Bench	1 game	2 games
8.5(b)	Major	Interference with the Goaltender	1 game	2 games
8.7(b)	Major	Clipping	1 game	2 games
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	1 game	2 games
9.3(b)	Major	Slashing	1 game	2 games
10.5(b)	Major	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	1 game	2 games
10.8(b)	Major	Refusing to Start Play	See other (Section 5)	n/a
<b>Progressive Suspensions - Player</b>				
Any player receiving 2 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			2 games	3 games
Any player receiving 3 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			4 games	5 games
Any player receiving 4 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite Suspension	n/a
<b>Progressive Suspensions - Coach</b>				
Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.			1 game	n/a
For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.			3 games	n/a
For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.			Indefinite Suspension	n/a



**SECTION 3 - MATCH PENALTIES**

<b>Rule #</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Last 10 Minutes</b>
7.1(c)	Match	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
7.2(c)	Match	Boarding	3 games	n/a
7.3(c)	Match	Body Checking	3 games	n/a
7.4(c)	Match	Charging	3 games	n/a
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	3 games	n/a
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	3 games	n/a
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	3 games	n/a
7.9(c)	Match	Roughing	3 games	n/a
8.3(c)	Match	Interference	3 games	n/a
8.4(c)	Match	Interference from the Bench	3 games	n/a
8.5(c)	Match	Interference with the Goaltender	3 games	n/a
8.7(c)	Match	Clipping	3 games	n/a
8.8(c)	Match	Slew Footing	3 games	n/a
9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	3 games	n/a
9.2(c)	Match	Cross Checking	3 games	n/a
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	3 games	n/a
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	3 games	n/a
10.5(c)	Match	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	3 games	n/a
<b>Progressive Suspensions - Player</b>				
Any player receiving 2 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions			5 games	n/a
Any player receiving 3 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite Suspension	n/a



**SECTION 4 - FIGHTING PENALTIES**

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.10(b)	Major	Fighting - First Offence	1 game	2 games
		Fighting - Second Offence	2 games	3 games
		Fighting - Third Offence	4 games	5 games
		Fighting - Fourth Offence	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
7.10(b)	<b>Pre/Post Game Altercations</b>			
	Major + GM	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	2 games	3 games
	Major + GM	Coach of team whose players are so penalized.	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
7.10(c)	Match	Fighting – wearing rings or tape to inflict punishment.	3 games	n/a
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who joins in a fight or acts as a peacemaker.	2 games	3 games
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who takes part in another or secondary fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 games	3 games
7.10(f)	Gross Misc.	Fighting or joining a fight with or as a team official	3 games	4 games
7.11(a)	<b>Instigator of a Fight</b>			
	Minor	First Offense	1 game	n/a
	Minor	Second Offense	3 games	n/a
	Minor	Third Offense	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
	NA	The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor.	3 games	n/a
<i>Rule 7.11(a) Note: If a player is assessed both penalties in the same altercation, they would be suspended for both offences.</i>				
7.11(a)	<b>Aggressor of a Fight</b>			
	Minor	First Offense	1 game	n/a
	Minor	Second Offense	3 games	n/a
	Minor	Third Offense	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
	NA	The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor.	3 games	n/a
<i>Rule 7.11(a) Note: If a player is assessed both penalties in the same altercation, they would be suspended for both offences.</i>				
10.4(e)	Game Misc.	Player identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games	4 games
10.4(e)	Game Misc.	Coach of a team whose player is identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games	4 games



10.4(e)	Game Misc.	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 game	2 games
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SECTION 5 - OTHER				
Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
4.8(c)	Game Misc.	Any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. <b>Note:</b> The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.8(c) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.	1 game	n/a
10.8	n/a	Refusing to Start Play	Indefinite Suspension	n/a

Reference: Hockey Canada Minor/Female Minimum Suspensions. June 2024



**SECTION 6 - GROSS MISCONDUCTS**

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
4.9	Gross Misc.	Travesty of the game	3 Games	
4.9	Gross Misc.	Any gross misconduct assessed to a player or team official not otherwise covered within these guidelines	3 games	
4.9(b)	Gross Misc.	Any player or team official who is assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game. <b>Note:</b> The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.		1 Game
7.6 (c)	Gross Misc.	Head butt by Team Official	4 Games	
9.1 (c)	Gross Misc.	Butt ending by Team Official	4 Games	
9.4 (c)	Gross Misc.	Spearing by Team Official	4 Games	
10.6 (f)	Gross Misc.	Any Player refusing to remove facial protector (identification)	3 Games	
10.6 (f)	Gross Misc.	Removing helmet to fight	3 Games	
10.4(f)	Gross Misc.	Any player or team official who, having been removed from the game due to a Game Ejection, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalty, returns to the ice surface or becomes involved with or disrupts the game in any way.	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.2 (f)	Gross Misc.	Obscene gesture	3 Games	
<b>Progressive Suspensions - Player or Team Official</b>				
		Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
In addition to the minimum suspension, any player who receives a second gross misconduct infraction in the same season (other than 11.4)			5 games	NA
Any player or team staff who receives two or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4.			Indefinite suspension pending a hearing	NA



**NOTE:** Junior Leagues shall use the Hockey Canada Junior A Supplement for Discipline.

1. Suspensions of six (6) games or less will not be appealable to HNO.
2. Player and Team Official suspensions will be only served through "meaningful" games. A meaningful game is a regular League, exhibition game sanctioned by the branch before the game in which the suspension was earned, play-off (League or Inter-Branch) or sanctioned tournament game.
3. Exhibition games that are scheduled after a suspension occurs and non-sanctioned games shall not be used for the serving of suspensions under any circumstances.
4. Individuals under suspension, other than that assessed for a violation of **Hockey Canada Rule 11.4**, are allowed to participate with their teams, at the discretion of their League or Association, but may not participate in any regular League, play-off, or tournament games, inside or outside the Branch until their suspension has been serviced in its entirety.
5. Any individual who is under suspension by a Hockey Canada Member, League or Association is suspended from all involvement in Hockey Canada activities. Any individual under suspension who does participate in Hockey Canada activities will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada, HNO or their respective League or Association.
6. Suspensions at one level of hockey apply to ALL levels of hockey within HNO.
6. Suspended individuals must serve their suspension through the team with which they are registered or of which they are the property, unless the individual's team has been eliminated from or is not participating in further play that season and the individual is to remain with the affiliated team for the balance of the season (e.g., affiliated players cannot, except under these circumstances, serve their suspensions with the affiliated teams).
7. Any individual under suspension, other than that assessed for a violation of Hockey Canada Rule 9.6, that has been carried over from a previous season shall not be prohibited from participating in any tryout activities (except sanctioned pre-season exhibition games). The suspension will recommence at 12:01 a.m. the day of the first meaningful game of the team for which the individual is registered.
8. Hockey Canada Regulation O - Discipline of Club, Teams, Players, and Officials:
  - a. Any team using a suspended player in play-off, League, exhibition, or tournament games shall be liable to immediate suspension.
  - b. Any person responsible for a team having used a suspended player shall also be suspended.
  - c. Any team found guilty of having used any ineligible player in any League, play-off, exhibition, or tournament game, shall lose any points earned in any game in which the ineligible player participated. The player and/or team officials shall be liable to further disciplinary action in accordance with Regulation O.
9. HNO's Suspension List has strengthened Rule 4.6 (c) to a mandatory 1 game suspension regardless of the number of days until the next league/play-off game.