

# Hockey Northwestern Ontario Proportionate Penalty Pilot – Q&A

## **Q: What is the proportionate penalty pilot in HNO?**

**A:** It is a tiered penalty structure where the length of minor and major penalties is adjusted in proportion to the length of the game periods.

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## **Q: Why is HNO moving to tiered penalties?**

**A:** HNO believes this change will benefit player development by creating more 5-on-5 play, which improves the overall player and parent experience. It also aligns with Hockey Canada's Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model.

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## **Q: How will it work?**

### **Minor Penalties**

- 12 minutes or less: 1-minute penalty
- More than 12 but less than 17 minutes: 1 minute 30 seconds
- 17–20 minutes: 2-minute penalty (no change)

### **Major Penalties**

- 12 minutes or less: 3-minute penalty
- More than 12 but less than 17 minutes: 4-minute penalty
- 17–20 minutes: 5-minute penalty (no change)

### **Misconduct and Game Misconduct Penalties**

- Misconducts remain 10 minutes
  - Game Misconducts remain a full game
  - These are not impacted by the pilot program
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## **Q: Which levels of hockey will this impact?**

**A:** The pilot applies to **all U11 and U13 hockey** within HNO.

- If a U13 AAA team plays against a U15 AA team, traditional penalties will be used.
  - In exhibition games where an HNO team plays a non-HNO team, the proportionate penalty structure applies if it is the HNO team's ice slot.
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