



Minimum Suspension Guidelines

2009-2010 Season

**Minor Hockey Council - Regulation 3
Hockey PEI - Regulation 17**

Part 1 - The following is the Minimum Suspensions for Minor Hockey

Minor Hockey Council Regulation 3 - Minimum Suspensions

Note: Games in which an infraction occurs, are not counted toward the serving of the suspension.

Note: Minimum suspensions cannot be appealed.

3.01 The following shall be the minimum suspensions for match penalties issued to players for Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury [Rule 6.1]:

- Butt-ending [Rule 6.1(f)] - 4 games
- Grabbing facial protector [Rule 6.1(d)] - 1 game
- Hair Pulling [Rule 6.1(d)] - 4 games
- Head-butting [Rule 6.1(b)] - 4 games
- Kicking [Rule 6.1(c)] - 4 games
- Spearing [Rule 6.1(g)] - 4 games
- Stick swinging [Rule 6.1(h)] - 4 games
- Deliberate attempt to injure [*not otherwise covered*] [Rule 6.1(a)] - 4 games

Other Match Penalties:

- Fighting and Roughing [Rule 6.7(a)(4)] - 4 games
- Spitting [Rule 9.7] - 4 games
- Checking From Behind [Rule 6.4(a)(b)] - 4 games
- Checking to the Head [Rule 6.5(b)(c)] - 4 games

3.02 The following shall be the minimum suspensions issued to coaches for:

Coach identified as having the first player leave the player's or penalty bench during a fight or to start a fight [Rule 9.5(a)] - 2 games

Coach identified as having players leave the player's bench or penalty bench simultaneously during a fight or to start a fight [Rule 9.5(a)] - 2 games

3.03 The following shall be the minimum suspensions issued to players, coaches and team officials in Minor Hockey who receive the following penalties:

- *Game Ejection/Game Misconduct, last 10 minutes of game [Rule 4.6(c)]
- 1st and 2nd offence - 1 Game – Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)
- 3rd offence - 2 games + 1 game as per Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)
- 4th offence - 5 games + 1 game as per Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)
- 5th offence - Indefinite

Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct [Rule 9.2]

- 1st offence - 2 games
- 2nd offence - 3 games
- 3rd offence - Indefinite

Fighting - at any time during games [Rule 6.7]

- 1st offence - 1 game
- 2nd offence - 2 games
- 3rd offence - 3 games
- 4th offence – Indefinite

In addition to suspensions for fighting the following shall apply:

1st Instigator/Aggressor penalty [Rule 6.7(a)(1)] = 3 games

2nd Instigator/Aggressor penalty [Rule 6.7(a)(1)] = player shall be suspended indefinitely pending a hearing by the Minor Hockey Council.



Leaving Player's or Penalty Bench during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight
[Rule 9.5] - 4 games

Incurring a second Major Penalty in one game [Rule 4.4] - 2 games

Joining a fight or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play
[Rule 6.7(c)] - 4 games

Gross Misconduct [Rule 4.7]
1st and 2nd offence - 2 games
3rd offence - 3 games
4th offence - Indefinite

Major Penalties

All Major penalties except for fighting:
1st offence - 2 games
2nd offence - 3 games
3rd offence - Indefinite

Any player incurring an indefinite suspension, shall appear before Minor Hockey Council for a hearing.

3.04 **Match penalties assessed under the following receive an INDEFINITE SUSPENSION pending a hearing by the Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee:**

- Abuse of Officials [Hockey Canada Rule 9.6]
- Spitting at an Official [Hockey Canada Rule 9.7]

3.05 Any player, coach, manager, trainer or team official who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any games (League, playoff, exhibition or tournament) in any capacity (i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.) until such suspension has been served by regular league or play-off games or by pre-season or exhibition (including tournament) games approved by the league prior to the game in which the incident giving rise to the suspension occurred.

3.06 a) Should a player/team official be unable to complete his/her suspension at the conclusion of the current playing season (i.e. eliminated from competition), then UPON APPLICATION AND at the discretion of the Minor Hockey Council Chair, the suspended player/team official may be allowed to serve seven days for each game of the suspension.

b) The authority for rulings under Hockey Canada playing Rule 4.6(c) - where a participant has received a game misconduct in the last ten minutes of a game or overtime - is at the discretion of the Minor Hockey Council Provincial League Coordinator to determine the application of serving seven days for each game of the suspension.

c) Where a participant receives a penalty in the last ten minutes of a game or overtime that calls for additional suspensions, the Hockey Canada playing Rule 4.6(c) with respect to seven day minimum suspension is to be applied when there is a seven day break between games, at the discretion of the Minor Hockey Council Provincial League Coordinator.

3.07 **It is the responsibility of team coaches and managers to ensure their player serves any suspension incurred. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD TO A SUSPENSION FOR THE HEAD COACH FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 GAMES.**

3.08 **Any** coach, player, team official, league or Minor Hockey Association Executive who makes derogatory remarks in public or through the media regarding Hockey PEI, its members or its officials **may be fined and/or suspended.** (Minimum fine is \$200.00).

3.09 Any parent (of a Hockey Canada/Hockey PEI player) whose conduct in an arena is disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game, may be banned from such arena(s) as determined by the Branch or the appropriate Minor Hockey Association for a specified period of time and the player may also be suspended if the parent fails to comply with the ban imposed upon him or her.

Part 2 - The following is the Minimum Suspensions for Hockey

Hockey PEI Regulation 17 - Minimum Suspension Policy

- 17.01 **The following shall be the minimum suspensions for match penalties issued to players for Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury [Rule 6.1]:**

Butt-ending [Rule 6.1(f)] - 4 games
Grabbing facial protector [Rule 6.1(d)] - 1 game
Hair Pulling [Rule 6.1(d)] - 1 game
Head-butting [Rule 6.1(b)] - 4 games
Kicking [Rule 6.1(c)] - 4 games
Spearing [Rule 6.1(g)] - 4 games
Stick swinging [Rule 6.1(a)] - 4 games
Deliberate attempt to injure [*not otherwise covered*] [Rule 6.1(a)] - 4 games

Other Match Penalties:

Fighting and Roughing [Rule 6.7(a)(4)] - 4 games
Spitting [Rule 9.7] - 4 games
Checking From Behind [Rule 6.4(a)(b)] - 4 games
Checking to the Head [Rule 6.5(b)(c)] - 4 games

- 17.02 **The following shall be the minimum suspensions issued to coaches for:**

Coach identified as having the first player leave the player's or penalty bench during a fight or to start a fight [Rule 9.5] - 1 game

Coach identified as having player's leave the player's bench or penalty bench simultaneously during a fight or to start a fight [Rule 9.5] - 1 game

- 17.03 **The following shall be the minimum additional suspensions issued to players and team officials who receive the following penalties:**

Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct [Rule 9.2] - 2 games
Game Ejection/Game Misconduct [Rule 4.6(c)] - 1 game
Any player or coach leaving Player's or Penalty Bench during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight [Rule 9.5] - 2 games
Any player or coach joining a fight or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play [Rule 6.7(c)] - 2 games
Major Penalty for Checking from Behind [Rule 6.4] - 1 game
Gross Misconduct [Rule 4.7] - 2 games

- 17.04 **Match penalties assessed under the following receive an INDEFINITE SUSPENSION pending an investigative hearing by the Discipline and Ethics Committee. Discipline and Ethics Committee are to conduct above hearing within seven days of receiving infraction notice.**

- 1) Hockey Canada Rule 6.1(h) – Attempt to injure or deliberate injury with a slash, high stick or cross check.
- 2) Hockey Canada Rule 6.4(b) - Checking from behind
- 3) Hockey Canada Rule 9.6 (a)(b)(c) - Abuse of Officials
- 4) Hockey Canada Rule 9.7 - Spitting at an Official

- 17.05 **Any player, coach, manager, trainer or team official who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any games (*League, playoff, exhibition or tournament*) in any capacity (*i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.*) until such suspension has been served by regular league or play-off games or by pre- season or exhibition (Including tournament) games **approved by the league** prior to the game in which the incident giving rise to the suspension occurred.**



- In the case of suspensions which are carried over from the previous season, a player may apply to the Executive Director of Hockey PEI for permission to play in exhibition or tournament games for the purpose of trying out for a team. If granted such permission, such games do not count towards serving of the suspension.
- 17.06 **It is the responsibility of team coaches and managers to ensure their player serves any suspension incurred.**
- 17.07 **Any** coach, player, team official, league or Minor Hockey Association Executive who makes derogatory remarks in public or through the media regarding Hockey PEI, its members or its officials **may be fined and/or suspended.** (Minimum fine is \$200.00).
- 17.08 Any parent of a Hockey Canada/Hockey PEI player whose conduct in an arena is legitimately deemed to be disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game, may be banned from such arena(s) as determined by the appropriate Branch/Minor Hockey Association for a specified period of time.