



MINOR HOCKEY MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all exhibition, league, tournament, and play-off games, during the current playing season for Minor Hockey.

MALTREATMENT AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty Type	Minimum Suspension
11.1(e)	Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Game Misconduct)	1 game
11.2(e)	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior (Game Misconduct)	2 games
11.2(f)	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior (Gross Misconduct)	4 games
11.3(c)	Spitting (Match)	4 games
11.4	Discrimination (Gross Misconduct)	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing. (Minimum suspension is five games).
11.5(c)	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing

ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS

Receives two Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	2 games
Receives three or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	Indefinite
Receives two Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	4 games
Receives three or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite
Receives two or more Gross Misconducts under 11.4 in a season	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing

MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty Type	Minimum Suspension
7.2(b)	Major - Boarding	2 games
7.3(b)	Major - Body Checking	2 games
7.4(b)	Major - Charging	2 games
7.5(b)	Major - Checking From Behind	2 games
7.6(b)	Major - Head Contact	2 games
7.8(b)	Major - Kneeing	2 games
7.9(b)	Major - Roughing	2 games
8.5(b)	Major - Interference/Protection of Goaltender	2 games
9.2(b)	Major - Cross Checking	2 games
9.3(b)	Major - Slashing	2 games

ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS

Any player receiving 2 majors in same season for any of the infractions above	3 games
Any player receiving 3 majors in same season for any of the infractions above	Indefinite suspensions

OTHER

4.8(c)	Game Misconduct (Last 10 minutes of game)	1 game
4.9(b)	Gross Misconduct (Last 10 minutes of game)	1 game

NOTE: Any "Indefinite Suspension" shall be referred to the Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee for review.

MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty Type	Minimum Suspension
7.1 (c)	Match - Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury <i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking</i>	4 games
7.2(c)	Match - Boarding	4 games
7.3(c)	Match – Body Checking	4 games
7.4(c)	Match - Charging	4 games

7.5(c)	Match – Checking from Behind	4 games
7.6(c)	Match – Head Contact	4 games
7.8(c)	Match - Kneeing	4 games
8.7(c)	Match - Clipping	4 games
8.8(c)	Match - Slew Footing	4 games
9.1(c)	Match – Butt-Ending	4 games
9.2(c)	Match – Cross Checking	4 games
9.3(c)	Match - Slashing	4 games
9.4(c)	Match – Spearing	4 games
ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS		
Any player/team official receiving 2 or more match penalties in same season		Indefinite Suspension

FIGHTING SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty Type	Minimum Suspension
7.10(b)	Fighting Major Penalty First Offence in the season	2 games
7.10(b)	Fighting Major Penalty Second Offence in the season	2 games plus 3 games
7.10(e)	Third player in the fight	Reviewable by league 3 games plus review
7.10(e)	Any player receiving a fighting major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	Reviewable by league 5 games plus review
10.4(e)	Player identified as first to leave the players bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting	4 games
10.4(e)	Leaving the Penalty Box as above	4 games
10.4(e)	Coach of a team whose player is penalized under the above two points	3 games
10.4(e)	Coach identified as having players leave the players bench or penalty bench simultaneously during a fight or to start a fight	2 games
10.4(e)	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 game

7.11(a)	Instigator or Aggressor of a fight	Reviewable by league 1 st offence - 3 games 2 nd offence - 5 games plus review by league. 3 rd offence – Indefinite suspension pending review by D&E
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ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS

Any player receiving 2 majors in same season	3 games
Any player receiving 3 majors in same season	Indefinite suspension pending review by D&E

OTHER

4.8 (c)	Game Misconduct (Last 10 minutes of game)	1 game
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Where an instigator penalty is called, the non-instigating player may or may not be suspended. ● When a player receives his 2nd fighting major of the season. The coach receives a one game suspension. ● When two or more fights occur on the same stoppage of play it shall be deemed to be a multiple fight situation and will be subject to further disciplinary action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joining a fight or taking part in a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play [Rule 7.10(e)] - Reviewable by league coordinator ○ If there is an instigator in the second or subsequent fights – the instigating player is suspended an additional 3 games and the non-instigating player may or may not be suspended in relation to Rule 7.10. All other penalties applied to offending players will result in suspension. ○ For multiple fighting situations. The head coach of both teams is suspended 2 games for failing to control their players. If instigating penalties are called against only one team in such instances, the other team's head coach may or may not be suspended. 		



- 1) Games, in which an infraction occurs, are not counted toward the serving of the suspension.
- 2) Minimum suspension cannot be appealed.
- 3) Any player incurring an indefinite suspension shall appear before Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics committee for a hearing. Any suspension handed down by Hockey PEI Discipline & Ethics Committee coming as the result of an "Indefinite Suspension" shall not be less than 3 games.
- 4) A league coordinator may at their discretion refer any matter to the Discipline and Ethics Committee for a formal discipline review. This may include a player/team officials conduct for any actions that may not be part of the minimum suspension guidelines.
- 5) Match penalties assessed under the following receive an INDEFINITE SUSPENSION pending a review by the Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee:
 - a) Abuse of Officials [Hockey Canada Rule 11.5]
 - b) Spitting at an Official [Hockey Canada Rule 11.3]
- 6) 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.
- 7) All suspensions must be served with the team in which the suspension occurred. For example, if a player is suspended as an affiliate player, they must serve their suspension with their affiliate team. They cannot return to play with their regular team until the suspension is served with the affiliate team. Exemptions may be considered upon review of the applicable council or the Discipline and Ethics Committee.
 - a) A suspended member whose team has been eliminated from further competition for the year, may be permitted to serve their suspension with another team (affiliate team) during the current season. Exemptions may be considered upon review of the applicable council or the Discipline and Ethics Committee.
- 8) Where a participant receives a penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of a game or overtime that calls for additional suspension (1 game), the Hockey Canada playing Rule 4.8(c) with respect to seven-day minimum suspension may be applied when there is a seven-day break between games, at the discretion of the League Coordinator/President.
- 9) A coach suspended by Hockey PEI will not be permitted to direct the team during a game for the duration of the suspension. A suspended manager, coach, playing coach, or trainer, must not be in, or about the dressing room, before or during any game, nor between periods of any game during his suspension, nor be situated in the arena in a position to direct his team. For any violation of this rule, such matter will be directed to the Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee for further review and potential further discipline.

- 10) It is the responsibility of team coaches and managers to ensure their players serve any suspension incurred. Failure to do so will lead to a suspension for the head coach for a minimum of three (3) games.
- 11) Out of Branch Tournaments – any teams playing games (exhibition or tournament) in other branches in which players/team officials are suspended. Hockey PEI will honor the suspensions issued by the other branches and their member associations. Furthermore, Hockey PEI reserves the right to impose additional suspensions to players/team officials if their suspensions do not meet the minimum requirements of Hockey PEI.
- 12) Regional Championships – teams that participate in Regional/Atlantic Championships will adhere to the approved tournament suspension guidelines. Upon completion of the tournament, Hockey PEI reserves the right to impose additional suspensions to players/team officials if their suspensions do not meet the minimum requirements of Hockey PEI.
- 13) A list of suspensions carried over from the previous season or outstanding and unserved suspensions will be forwarded to all League Coordinators/Presidents at the commencement of each season.
- 14) 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.
- 15) 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).
- 16) 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.
- 17) The respective League Coordinator is responsible for the issuing of suspensions for all Exhibition, League and Playoff Games. Suspensions incurred in tournaments will be delivered by the respective Tournament Discipline Committee.