

**APPENDIX “IV”
MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

MINOR/MINOR FEMALE HOCKEY

The following chart shows the minimum suspensions that must be assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials (see right hand column).

Infractions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee’s call, and are not subject to Appeal. Infractions that carry an ‘Indefinite’ suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Alberta rendering a decision on the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
2.2	<p><i>Ineligible Players / Team Officials</i></p> <p>Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team and/or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench.</p> <p>Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench who is under suspension.</p>		<p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	
3.6	<p><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></p> <p>Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two minute minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct.</p> <p>If the player removes his/her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight and a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p>		<p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p>
7.1	<p><i>Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury (Match)</i></p> <p><i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.</i></p>	3 Games		
7.2	<p><i>Boarding</i></p> <p>Boarding where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Boarding when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
7.3	<p>Body Checking</p> <p>Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
7.4	<p>Charging</p> <p>Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
7.5	<p>Checking from Behind</p> <p>Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
7.6	<p>Head Contact</p> <p>Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
7.8	<p>Kneeing</p> <p>Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Kneeing when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
9.1	Butt Ending Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games		
9.2	Cross Checking Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed. Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game 3 Games		2 Games
9.3	Slashing Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed. Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Games 3 Games		2 Games
9.4	Spearing Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games		
10.4	Leaving a Bench for the Purpose of Fighting Any player assessed a Game Misconduct for leaving the players' bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting. Any Coach whose Team was penalized for leaving the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	4 Games	3 Games	5 Games
10.8	Refusing to Start Play Any Team Official assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct under this rule.		Indefinite	
11.1	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Unsportsmanlike Conduct.	1 Game	1 Game	2 Games
11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour. Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.	2 Games 4 Games	2 Games 4 Games	3 Games 5 Games
11.3	Spitting Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for deliberately spitting on or at an opponent, official, team official, or spectator.	Indefinite	Indefinite	

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
11.4	<i>Discrimination</i> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Discrimination.	Indefinite (any suspension must be at least 5 games)	Indefinite (any suspension must be at least 5 games)	
11.5	<i>Physical Harassment of Officials</i> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for Physical Harassment of Officials 'Threatening or Attempting to Strike an Official' 'Intentionally Touching, Holding or Pushing and Official' 'Intentionally Striking, Tripping or Body Checking an Official'	Indefinite	Indefinite	

Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Players

Players that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.

Any player accumulating multiple Major penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

7.2	Boarding			
7.3	Body Checking			
7.4	Charging			
7.5	Checking from Behind	2 Major Penalties	=	2 Games
7.6	Head Contact	3 Major Penalties	=	4 Games
7.8	Kneeing	4 Major Penalties	=	Indefinite
8.6	Tripping			
8.7	Clipping			
8.8	Slew-Footing			
9.2	Cross-Checking			
9.3	Slashing			

Any player accumulating multiple Match penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

7.1	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury			
7.2	Boarding	2 Match Penalties	=	5 Games
7.3	Body Checking	3 Match Penalties	=	Indefinite
7.4	Charging			
7.5	Checking from Behind			
7.6	Head Contact			

Any player accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

11.1	Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct	2 Game Misconducts	=	2 Games
		3 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour	2 Game Misconducts	=	4 Games
		3 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite
		2 or more Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.4	Discrimination	2 or more Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite

Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Coaches

Coaches that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.

The Coach of a Team that receives a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 1 Game

The Coach of a Team that commits a second violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 3 Games

The Coach of a Team that commits a third violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. Indefinite

Any Coach accumulating multiple Game or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

11.1	Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct	2 Game Misconducts	=	2 Games
		3 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour	2 Game Misconducts	=	4 Games
		3 Game Misconducts	=	Indefinite
		2 or more Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite
11.4	Discrimination	2 or more Gross Misconducts	=	Indefinite

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HOCKEY

The following chart shows the minimum suspensions that must be assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials (see right hand column).

Infractions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee's call, and are not subject to Appeal. Infractions that carry an 'Indefinite' suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Alberta rendering a decision as to the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
2.2	<p><i>Ineligible Players / Team Officials</i></p> <p>Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team and/or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench.</p> <p>Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench who is under suspension.</p>		Indefinite Indefinite	
3.6	<p><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></p> <p>Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two-minute minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct.</p> <p>If the player removes an opponent's helmet or releases an opponent's chinstrap before or during a fight.</p>	1 Game 1 Game 1 Game		2 Games 2 Games 2 Games
4.8	<p><i>Game Ejection / Game Misconduct</i></p> <p>Any Player assessed multiple Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Game Misconducts 3 or More Game Misconducts</p>	1 Game Indefinite		2 Games
7.1	<p><i>Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury (Match)</i></p> <p><i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.</i></p>	3 Games		
7.5	<p><i>Checking from Behind</i></p> <p>Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	1 Game 4 Games		2 Games

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
7.6	<p>Head Contact</p> <p>Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>
7.8	<p>Kneeing</p> <p>Kneeing when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>3 Games</p>		
7.10	<p>Fighting</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 3rd fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 4th fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 5th fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 6th fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and is assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any Player receiving a fighting Major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.</p> <p>Pre / Post Game Altercations</p> <p>Any Player assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Player assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>The Coach of a Team assessed Majors, Game Misconducts, or Match Penalties for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>4 Games</p> <p></p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p></p> <p>2 Games</p>
7.11	<p>Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight.</p> <p>First Offence Second Offence Third Offence</p> <p>The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor.</p>	<p>1 Game 3 Games Indefinite</p>	<p>3 Games</p>	

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
8.7	<p>Clipping</p> <p>Clipping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Clipping where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
8.8	<p>Slew Footing</p> <p>Slew Footing where a Match Penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games		
9.1	<p>Butt Ending</p> <p>Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games		
9.2	<p>Cross Checking</p> <p>Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games		
9.3	<p>Slashing</p> <p>Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games		
9.4	<p>Spearing</p> <p>Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games		
10.4	<p>Leaving a Bench for the Purpose of Fighting</p> <p>Any player assessed a Game Misconduct for leaving the players' bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p> <p>Any Coach who had a Player penalized for being the first to leave the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p> <p>The Coach whose Player left the player bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.</p>	3 Games	<p>2 Games</p> <p>1 Game</p>	4 Games
10.8	<p>Refusing to Start Play</p> <p>Any Team Official assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct under this rule.</p>		Indefinite	

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
11.2	<p><i>Maltreatment and Inappropriate Behaviour</i></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.</p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>
11.3	<p><i>Spitting</i></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for deliberately spitting on or at an opponent, official, team official, or spectator.</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	
11.4	<p><i>Discrimination</i></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Discrimination.</p>	Indefinite (any suspension must be at least 5 games)	Indefinite (any suspension must be at least 5 games)	
11.5	<p><i>Physical Harassment of Officials</i></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match penalty for Physical Harassment of Officials.</p> <p>'Threatening or Attempting to Strike an Official'</p> <p>'Intentionally Touching, Holding or Pushing and Official'</p> <p>'Intentionally Striking, Tripping or Body Checking an Official'</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	

Accumulation Sanctions for Junior & Senior Hockey Players & Coaches

Players & Coaches that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.

Any Player or Coach accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

11.2	Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour	2 Game Misconducts = 2 Games	
		3 Game Misconducts = Indefinite	
		2 or more Gross Misconducts	= Indefinite
11.4	Discrimination	2 or more Gross Misconducts	= Indefinite