



## 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	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1 game	2 games
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior	2 games	3 games
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior	4 games	n/a
11.3	Match	Spitting	4 games	n/a
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite (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

### PROGRESSIVE SUSPENSION – PLAYER OR TEAM OFFICIAL

Rule	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
11.1 (e)	2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	2 games	3 games
11.1 (e)	3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	Indefinite suspension	n/a
11.2 (e)	2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	4 games	5 games
11.2 (e)	3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite suspension	n/a
11.2 (f)	2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite suspension	n/a
11.4	2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season	Indefinite suspension	n/a
11.5(e)	2 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.5 (e) in a season	Indefinite suspension	n/a

### MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.1(b)	Major	Attempt to injure or Deliberate Injury <i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking</i>	2 games	3 games
7.2(b)	Major	Boarding	2 games	3 games
7.3(b)	Major	Body Checking	2 games	3 games
7.4(b)	Major	Charging	2 games	3 games
7.5(b)	Major	Checking from Behind	2 games	3 games
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	2 games	3 games
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	2 games	3 games
7.9(b)	Major	Roughing	2 games	3 games
8.3(b)	Major	Interference	2 games	3 games
8.4(b)	Major	Interference from the bench	2 games	3 games
8.5(b)	Major	Interference with the Goaltender	2 games	3 games
8.7(b)	Major	Clipping	2 games	3 games
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	2 games	3 games
9.3(b)	Major	Slashing	2 games	3 games
10.5(b)	Major	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	2 games	3 games
10.8(b)	Major	Refusing to Start Play	See other (section 5)	n/a
<b>PROGRESSIVE SUSPENSIONS - PLAYER</b>				
Any player receiving their second suspension with a previous Match or Major in same season.			3 games	4 games
Any player receiving their third suspension due to any combination of 3 Majors or 2 Match penalties in same season.			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

## MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS

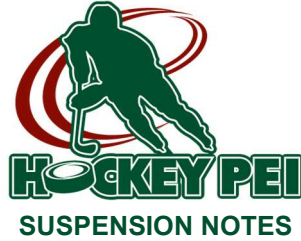
Rule	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.1(c)	Match	Attempt to injure or Deliberate Injury <i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking</i>	Indefinite	n/a
7.2(c)	Match	Boarding	4 games	n/a
7.3(c)	Match	Body Checking	4 games	n/a
7.4(c)	Match	Charging	4 games	n/a
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	4 games	n/a
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	4 games	n/a
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	4 games	n/a
7.9(c)	Match	Roughing	4 games	n/a
8.3(c)	Match	Interference	4 games	n/a
8.4(c)	Match	Interference from the bench	4 games	n/a
8.5(c)	Match	Interference with the Goaltender	4 games	n/a
8.7(c)	Match	Clipping	4 games	n/a
8.8(c)	Match	Slew-Footing	4 games	n/a
9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	4 games	n/a
9.2(c)	Match	Cross-Checking	4 games	n/a
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	4 games	n/a
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	4 games	n/a
10.5(b)	Match	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	4 games	n/a
<b>PROGRESSIVE SUSPENSIONS - PLAYER</b>				
Any player receiving their second suspension with a previous Major in same season.			5 games	6 games
Any player receiving 2 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite Suspension	n/a

### FIGHTING SITUATIONS

Rule	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.10(b)	Major + GM	Fighting – First offence	2 games	3 games
		Fighting – Second offence	2 + 3 games (5)	3 + 3 games (6)
		Fighting – Third offence	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
<b>Pre/Post Game Altercations</b>				
7.10(b)	Major + GM	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	3 games	4 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.	4 games	n/a
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who joins in a fight or acts as a peacemaker.	3 games Review by league	n/a
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who takes part in another or secondary fight during the same stoppage of play.	5 games Review by league	n/a
7.10(f)	Gross Misc.	Fighting or joining a fight with or as a team official	3 games	4 games
<b>Instigator of a Fight</b>				
7.11(a)	Minor	First offence	3 games	n/a
	Minor	Second offence	5 games Review by league	n/a
	Minor	Third offence	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
	n/a	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>				
<b>Aggressor of a fight</b>				
7.11(a)	Minor	First offence	3 games	n/a
	Minor	Second offence	5 + league review	n/a
	Minor	Third offence	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
	n/a	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	4 games	5 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
<b>OTHER</b>				
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Last 10 Minutes</b>
4.8(c)	Game Misconduct	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. Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.8(c) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.	1 game	n/a
4.9(b)	Gross Misconduct	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 or seven days. Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.	1 game	n/a
4.9	Gross Misconduct	Any gross misconduct assessed to a player or team official not otherwise covered within these guidelines	3 games	4 games
10.4(f)	Match	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
10.8	n/a	Refusing to start play	Indefinite Suspension	n/a

**See Suspension notes below**



- 1) Games, in which an infraction occurs, are not counted toward the serving of the suspension.
- 2) Minimum suspensions 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) and 4.9(b) with respect to the 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.