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To: Hockey PEI Minor Hockey Members
Hockey PEI League Coordinators **Bulletin No: 19-11**

From: Mike Hammill, President
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Subject: Minor Hockey Suspension Coordinator – Pilot Project

Please be advised that the Hockey PEI Board of Directors, after the recommendation from Minor Council, has approved implementing a Minor Hockey Suspension Coordinator (“MHSC”) for the **2019-20 minor hockey season only**. If, upon review by Minor Council and the Board of Directors, the pilot project is deemed a success, the MHSC may be implemented permanently into the Regulations/Bylaws through approval of the Board of Directors.

Through submission by League Coordinators of game sheets involving incidents, the MHSC shall be responsible for issuing all suspensions at the minor hockey level for incidents/game rule violations not referred to the Discipline and Ethics Committee. League Coordinators and the MHSC shall both have the ability to refer cases to the Discipline and Ethics Committee as they feel appropriate.

The objectives behind a single MHSC are to reduce the burden on the League Coordinators in determining suspensions to those teams and players they work so closely with throughout the season, and to also improve the consistency of delivery of suspensions across all leagues. It is our hope that our League Coordinators will spend less time and energy on the discipline side of the game, and that minor hockey players will be disciplined in a more uniform fashion across PEI. While it is a large task for one individual to take on, this role has been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions and we are confident we will see positive results as well.

As such, Hockey PEI Regulation 16.02 shall read as follows for the **2019-20 minor hockey season only**:

Situation in which infraction occurs:	Person who imposes suspensions
League/Playoff Games (Minor, Female)	<i>Minor Hockey Suspension Coordinator through communication with the League Coordinator</i>
Tournament/Exhibition Games	<i>Minor Hockey Suspension Coordinator through</i>



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(Minor, Female)	<i>communication with the Tournament Discipline Committee</i>
Exhibition/League/Playoff Games (Junior A)	Maritime Junior Hockey League
Exhibition/League/Playoff Games (Junior B & C)	League Commissioner
Tournament/Exhibition Games (Senior, Adult Rec.)	League President
Officials	Officiating Committee
Physical or Verbal abuse (Rules 6.1 or 9.6)	Hockey PEI Discipline and Ethics Committee

The procedure for game sheet submission to the MHSC shall be as follows:

- **Regular Season Games**
 1. As usual, Team Managers shall submit a copy of all game sheets to their League Coordinators upon the conclusion of their games.
 2. League Coordinators shall immediately forward all game sheets that involve an incident report or violation of a game rule requiring suspension to the MHSC (via email: suspensions@hockeypei.com), along with any additional information the League Coordinator may have on the matter.
 3. The MHSC, through consultation with the League Coordinator if necessary, shall decide on a suspension within 24 hours, by notifying the League Coordinator and Team Manager via Goalline.

Note: If the MHSC is unavailable to rule on a suspension for any reason, or if the player involved in the incident is set to play in a game within 24 hours after the incident, the League Coordinator shall automatically suspend the player in question according to the minimum suspension guidelines, and the MHSC shall reserve the right to impose additional suspensions if necessary.

- **Tournament Games**
 1. The individual(s) responsible for discipline at a HPEI Sanctioned Minor Hockey Tournament shall immediately forward any game sheet that involves an incident report or violation of a game rule requiring suspension to the MHSC (via email: suspensions@hockeypei.com), along with any additional information the individual has on the matter.
 2. The MHSC shall rule immediately on a suspension by notifying the individual responsible for discipline at said tournament.

Note: If the MHSC is unavailable to rule on a suspension for any reason, or if the player involved in the incident is set to play in a game within 3 hours after the



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incident, the individual responsible for discipline at said tournament shall automatically suspend the player in question according to the minimum suspension guidelines, and the MHSC shall reserve the right to impose additional suspensions if necessary.

Any suspension that is above the minimum guidelines will remain appealable pursuant to Hockey PEI Regulation 15.

We appreciate your cooperation and support of this new initiative for the 2019-20 season.

Should there be any questions or feedback, please forward them to Geoff Kowalski, Executive Director, at geoff@hockeypei.com

Regards,

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