

SUSPENSIONS

Referees CANNOT tell you what the suspension is.

They can only tell you why the player will be suspended.

You must get your information from the Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines attached. As well, you must check our All Peace League Guidelines, which may add more games to suspensions on top of Hockey Alberta's.

If you have questions, please call your Association's All Peace Rep.

Suspensions CANNOT be served in Exhibition Games. The player must sit until he can serve his suspension with a league or tournament game.

**Suspensions served must be clearly shown on the game sheet
Brown, John SUSP (1 of 3) is the proper way to show it.**

**If you get a suspension in an Exhibition or Tournament game you must immediately scan and email or fax the game sheet and the write up to
Michelle Malbeuf cmalbeuf@telus.net Fax # TBA**

**If you get a suspension in League play, you must email or fax to your Commissioner
FOR YOUR LEAGUE immediately.**

For any of the Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspensions attached – the games suspended for are IN ADDITION to the game the infraction was done in.

Preferred method for sending game sheets is scanning and emailing.

- c) The League Appeal process.
- d) The Player/team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

13.2.20 Any infractions that involve a Player/coach, on a referee or linesmen (Rule 9.6 & 9.7), are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Co-ordinator.

13.2.21 No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing rooms and within fifty (50) feet of the player's bench during the game.

13.2.22 If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President, or their designate, is responsible for notifying the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate.

13.2.23 Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered Team or affiliated Team is suspended from participating in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension is served with the Team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team.

13.2.24 Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team, who incurs a suspension, is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.

13.2.25 Suspended Player/Team Officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspensions.

13.2.26 Early Seasons-End Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the current playing season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations to have that suspension served in an exhibition game(s) if it cannot be served in league, tournament or provincial play at seasons end.

13.2.27 Carry-Over Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations to have that suspension deferred until the try-out portion of the Hockey Season is complete. Any suspension subsequently deferred by the Manager of Operations will be reported to Hockey Alberta for review after the one year period.

13.2.28 Pre-Season Suspensions

Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game, may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations, to have such suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s). The Zone Manager of Operations may approve or deny such requests.

MINOR HOCKEY MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS***HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULE # THE SUSPENSION REFERS TO:*****2.2 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

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. Indefinite Suspension

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. Indefinite Suspension

3.6 REMOVING HELMET INFRACTIONS

Any player who removes their chinstraps before or during fights.
Game Misconduct 1 Game

If a player removes his helmet and releases his chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former gets an additional two-minute minor penalty.
Game Misconduct 1 Game

If the player removes his opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight.
Game Misconduct 1 Game

4.1 PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS

Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.
2 Games

Coach of the Team whose Players are so penalized. Indefinite Suspension

Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl. Indefinite Suspension

4.7 GROSS MISCONDUCT 2 Games**6.1 ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY (MATCH)**

Deliberate Injury Indefinite Suspension

Use of Blocker 3 Games

Hairpulling 2 Games

Kicking 3 Games

Headbutting 2 Games

Grabbing the Facemask 2 Games

Buttending 3 Games

Facial Protector as a Weapon 3 Games

Spearing 3 Games

Slash, high sticking, cross checking 3 Games

6.4 CHECKING FROM BEHIND

Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game
Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.	4 Games

6.5 HEAD CONTACT

Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game
Head Contact when a match penalty is assessed.	4 Games

6.7 FIGHTING

Any player who engages in their 1 st fight in a season. Game Misconduct	1 Game
Any player who engages in their 2 nd fight in a season. Game Misconduct	2 Games
Any player who engages in their 3 rd fight in a season.	Indefinite Suspension
Instigator or Aggressor of a fight.	
	First Offence 1 Game
	Second Offence 2 Games
	Third Offence 3 Games
Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands, who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury shall be assessed a Match Penalty in addition to any other penalties he/she may incur.	2 Games
Third man in a fight.	2 Games
Any Player receiving a fighting major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 Games

9.2 HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/MISCONDUCT

Verbal Abuse of Officials (zero tolerance) Game Misconduct	2 Games
Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) Game Misconduct	Indefinite Suspension

9.5 LEAVING A BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING

Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight.	2 Games
Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight.	3 Games
The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.	3 Games

The Coach whose player left the bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation. 1 Game

Any player identified as being the first to leave the players' bench to start a fight. 3 Games

The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above two points.

1 st Offence	Game Misconduct
2 nd Offence	2 Games
3 rd Offence	3 Games

9.6 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS (MATCH)

Threaten or attempt to strike 1 Month

Intentionally touches, holds or pushes 3 Months

Intentionally Strike, trip or body check 1 Year

9.7 SPITTING

Spitting on an Official or Team Official 8 Games

Spitting on an Opponent 3 Games

10.14 REFUSING TO START PLAY Indefinite Suspension

- 13.4 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct / Gross Misconduct penalty, that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League / Playoff / Pre-Season / Tournament / Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.
- 13.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the HA Executive.
- 13.6 Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game;
- (i) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the President from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.
- (ii) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 13.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name, or having knowledge that same had been falsified, or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension
- 13.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the team may forfeit any games played using an Ineligible Player or official.

THE ALL PEACE HOCKEY LEAGUE HANDBOOK

CURRENT SEASON 2011 - 2012

PENALTY ASSESSMENT

In order to encourage a decline in the number of major penalties, especially abuse to the officials and fighting, the All Peace League has adopted the following guidelines:

Penalties

EXHIBITION GAMES DO NOT COUNT FOR SUSPENSIONS AT ANY TIME - GAME SUSPENSIONS ARE TO BE SERVED IN THE NEXT LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT OR PROVINCIAL GAME. – As per By-law 13.2.16 exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play exhibition games while serving a suspension. **COACHES &/OR PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE: While under suspension coaches & players are not to participate in any hockey related activity (other than team practices) i.e. coaching another team or refereeing.**

1. **Match on Official, Gross and Indefinite suspensions must be reported to the Hockey Alberta or Hockey BC Rep for your area. The player/coach will remain suspended until they have ruled on the length of the suspension.**
2. **5 Minute Fighting, 5 Minute Checking from Behind and 5 Minute Checking to the Head.**
For any of these penalties - at ANY time in the game - the player automatically gets the next game. If the player gets another 5 minute similar penalty, the player will get 2 games, 3rd time 3 games. After the 3rd similar penalty the league executive will evaluate the player and expulsion from the league may be assessed.
If the player is also labeled with an instigator or aggressor penalty in conjunction with a 5 minute fighting penalty the player will get an additional 1 game for the 1st offense, 2 games for 2nd offense, 3 games for 3rd offense.
3. **5 minute penalties received in the last 10 minutes of the game will automatically receive a game suspension to be served in the next league, tournament or provincial game. Examples are as follows – there may be other types of 5 minute penalties not listed. Please see the attached “Minor Hockey Minimum Suspension Guidelines” for Hockey Alberta. BC associations please contact your local association for rulings that are different from Hockey Alberta.**

Charging	Boarding	Roughing
Cross-checking	Slashing	Kneeing

PLEASE NOTE - 2 minute checking from behind penalties - the player will be ejected from the game this penalty happens in. If the penalty is in the 1st 50 minutes of the game the player is done with his/her suspension once the game is over. However, if the 2 minute penalty is assessed in the last 10 minutes of the game the player MUST serve the next game as his/her suspension.

2 minute checking to the head with a 10 minute misconduct are over as soon as the 10 & 2 have been served or as soon as the game is over which ever comes first.

All 5 minute match penalties for Checking from Behind (53b) & Checking to the Head (86c) no matter when they are assessed - will automatically receive a 4 game suspension to be served in the next; league, tournament or provincial game.

4. **Abuse of an official (Rule 9.2) – player or coach – 2 games minimum will automatically be assessed;** to be served in the next 2 league, tournament or provincial games. Suspensions can be increased due to the severity of the incident and which Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta or Hockey BC rules are quoted on the refs write up. **Note: Abuse of an official (Rule 9.6a, b, c Match) this penalty is ruled on by Hockey Alberta &/or Hockey BC - the player or coach will be given an indefinite suspension pending the decision of the provincial officials. Contact your association for further details.**

5. **Game misconduct's – all game misconduct's received in the last 10 minutes of the game are automatic 1 game suspension for the next game to be played.** This rule applies to actual game misconduct's as stated by the refs write-up. **(Note: 10 minute misconduct's are considered over once the game has been completed no matter when they are assessed – If a player receives 2 - 10 minute misconduct's in the same game they get an automatic 1 game suspension to be served in the next game.**

6. ****IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT REGARDING A SUSPENSION REQUIREMENT – DO NOT PLAY THE PLAYER/COACH UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO YOUR LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF YOUR DIVISION.****

7. **All league suspensions must be served as stated.** If your local association, Hockey Alberta or Hockey BC assess additional suspensions you must serve the additional suspensions as stated by the appropriate association. For all BC players please note that where a certain number of days is indicated as an alternate to serving the games – league suspensions supersede the recommended number of days - you must serve the number of games assessed by the league.

8. **Commissioners will do tracking of penalties.** Examples of what we call inappropriate penalties that are being recorded:

Large numbers of 2 minute penalties (4 or more per game by the same player)	
10 minute misconduct's	Instigating or aggressor
Game misconduct's	4 minute penalties
Abuse of officials	Unsportsmanlike
Fighting	5 minute penalties

9. Associations can and do assess additional suspensions over and above what we assign. We encourage associations to be accountable for inappropriate behaviour of both coaches and players. If additional suspensions are handed out by the local association please let the commissioner know for their records.

10. All coaches or associations that have concerns regarding on/off ice officials; refs, penalty timekeepers, scorekeepers, coaches, players etc., need to have their association write a letter to the association where the game was played or in special cases to the appropriate Hockey Alberta or Hockey BC representative. A letter from your association is far more effective than a group of individuals complaining at random. A copy the letter should be sent to the league president (Too many complaints about the same situation will be questioned by the league president. The league will be keeping track of complaints about specific referees - **but ONLY if we receive a written complaint with ref name & # - no phone calls please**).