

AUTOMATIC MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

2021-2022 Season

FOR INFRACTIONS WHICH OCCUR IN MINOR & FEMALE HOCKEY

Major Penalty Situations

MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
	6.2	Boarding	1 Game
	6.2	Body Checking	1 Game
	6.3	Charging	1 Game
	6.4	Checking from Behind	1 Game
	6.5	Head Contact	1 Game
	6.6	Kneeing	1 Game
	8.2	Cross-Checking	1 Game
	8.4	Slashing	1 Game
	ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS		
Player	Any player receiving 2 majors in same season for any of the above infractions		2 games
	Any player receiving 3 majors in same season for any of the above infractions		4 games
	Any player receiving 4 majors in same season for any of the above infractions		Indefinite Suspension

Match Penalty Situations

MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension	
	6.1	Attempt to Injure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butt-Ending • Grabbing Face Mask • Hair Pulling • Kicking • Kneeing • Spearing • Spitting 	3 Games	
	6.1	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite Suspension pending a hearing	
	6.2	Boarding	3 Games	
	6.2	Body Checking	3 Games	
	6.3	Charging	3 Games	
	6.4	Checking from Behind	4 Games	
	6.5	Head Contact	4 Games	
	7.4	Slew Foot	3 Games	
	11.5	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite Suspension Pending a hearing	
	Accumulation Sanctions			
	Player	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.4 in same season for any of the above infractions		4 Games
		In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.4, 6.5 in same season for any of the above infractions		5 Games
		Any player receiving 3 Match penalties for any of the above infractions		Indefinite Suspension

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FIGHTING SITUATIONS	<i>Fighting & Roughing Situations</i>		
	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
	6.7	Fighting	
		Fighting Major Penalty First Offence in the season	1 Game
		Fighting Major Penalty First Offence in the season last ten minutes	2 Games
		Third player 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
		Player identified as first to leave the players' bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games
		Leaving the Penalty Box as above	4 Games
		Coach of a team whose player is penalized under the above two points.	3 Games
	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 Game	
	Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Offense • 2nd Offense • 3rd Offense 	Game Misconduct (GM) GM plus 2 Games GM plus 3 Games	
	Pre/Post Game Altercations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed. • Coach of team whose players as so penalized • Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl 	2 Games Indefinite Suspension Indefinite Suspension	
Accumulation Sanctions			Last 10 Mins
Player	Fighting Major Penalty Second Offence in the season	2 Games	3 Games
	Fighting Major Penalty Third Offence in the season	4 Games	5 Games
	Fighting Major Penalty Fourth Offence in the season	Indefinite Suspension	Indefinite Suspension

Coaches Accumulation

MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
	ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS		
	Coach	Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 major penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infraction	1 Game
		For a 2 nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 major penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infraction.	3 games
For a 3 rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 major penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infraction		Indefinite Suspension Pending Hearing	

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Gross Misconduct Penalty Situations

GROSS MISCONDUCT	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
	4.7	Gross Misconduct first offence player/coach	2 Games
		Any player/coach who receives two Gross Misconducts in a season	4 Games
		Any player/coach who receives three Gross Misconducts in a season	Indefinite

Maltreatment and Inappropriate Behavior/ Other Situations

OTHER SITUATIONS	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
	11.1 C	Unsportsmanlike Conduct where a Game Misconduct is assessed first offence season	1 Game
	11.1 C	Unsportsmanlike Conduct where a Game Misconduct is assessed second offence season	2 Games
	11.1 C	Unsportsmanlike Conduct where a Game Misconduct is assessed third offence season	Indefinite Suspension
	11.2 B	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior where a Game Misconduct is assessed first offence season	2 Games
	11.2 B	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior where a Game Misconduct is assessed second offence season	4 Games
	11.2 B	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior where a Game Misconduct is assessed third offence season	Indefinite Suspension
	11.4	Discrimination- Gross Misconduct	Indefinite Suspension- Hearing Required- 5 Games minimum.

NOTE #1: Applicable in League games and tournament games.

NOTE #2: Suspensions for all infractions will begin to be served immediately after the assessment of the penalty in accordance with the suspension guidelines above.

NOTE #3: When the suspension carries a time frame (i.e. 7 days), the player will serve the full 7 days. For example, if an infraction occurs during a game on Saturday, the player **cannot** return until the following Sunday. In no case can the day on which the infraction occurred be counted as a day of suspension.

NOTE #4: Players who are under suspension other than a Match Penalty or Gross Misconduct can practice only with their League teams.

NOTE #5: In all cases where the infractions result in bodily injury, the suspensions will be of a longer duration.

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NOTE #6: Players receiving Gross Misconducts or Match Penalties **are not** eligible to play or practice until the suspension has been ruled on.

NOTE #7: Any Coach or Team Official who provides wine, beer or any other alcoholic beverage, or knowingly allows these beverages to be consumed by legally under aged members of their team, while they are responsible for these players shall receive a suspension of not less than two (2) years.

NOTE #8: Team/League/Association Presidents have the authority to give out a more severe suspension. All suspensions **must** be reported to the Provincial Office by the President.

NOTE #9: The above procedures would also allow for a player to first make an appeal to his/her League and further appeal to the HNL Appeals Committee, if necessary. All appeals to the HNL Appeals Committee must be made by the player in writing within 7 working days of the suspension and this appeal must be accompanied with a \$200.00 appeal fee made payable to Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador.

NOTE #10: Any member of a coaching staff not wearing a CSA certified hockey helmet with chin strap securely fastened under the chin during on ice functions except games will receive a one (1) game suspension.

NOTE #11: Any player or team official who is assessed (any infraction above that is assigned a suspension) in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official enter his dressing room, shall be suspended for another game in addition to any suspension listed in the automatic suspensions.
