



HOCKEY NL SCHOOL HOCKEY SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

The REGISTRATION PROCEDURE is as follows:

1. Registration will be done by every School Hockey Team on the [Hockey Canada Registry \(HCR\)](#) and will list all players, coaching staff members and teacher sponsors. **Please email Tamar Hobbs, Senior Manager Operations at thobbs@hockeynl.ca with the name of your School Team and the name of the Contact Person who will be entering your registration through the HCR so we can set up account.**
2. **Each team is permitted to register up to thirty (30) players for the season. Notwithstanding this, each team may not dress and play more than nineteen (19) players {seventeen (17) skaters and two (2) goaltenders}.**
3. **Each team is required to pay a \$200 team fee to go towards the branch administration of the team. In addition, each team will be invoiced for any Players, coaching staff or teacher sponsors who are not registered with a minor hockey association or junior team (\$81.00 per player/\$61.00 per staff). PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING TEAMS IS JANUARY 10.**
4. **High School teams must be registered before participating in any games and team rosters must be approved in the HCR. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING PLAYERS IS FEBRUARY 10 AND THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING COACHING STAFF IS MARCH 10.**
5. For the purpose of registration, each team must meet Hockey NL qualification requirements, please [CLICK HERE](#) to view. **NEW: Head Coach MUST be Development 1 Certified.**

Female High School – Mirror Hockey NL U18 Female requirements.
Male High School – Mirror Hockey NL U18 Minor requirements.
6. All players must where the STOP Patch on the back of their jersey properly attached in the appropriate location. Officials will be instructed to assess a two minute bench minor penalty to any player who is playing without a stop patch. The player will have to leave the ice and will not play until the Stop Patch is attached.
7. All players must wear BNQ certified neck guard at all times, including practices.
8. For Risk Management reasons, any member of a coaching staff not wearing a C.S.A. certified hockey helmet with chin strap during on ice activities will receive a one game suspension.
9. All bench officials (except teacher-sponsors) must be fully compliant with Hockey NL Screening and registration processes prior to registration.
10. All On Ice Officials (Referees and Linespersons) must be registered for the current hockey season with the Hockey NL Officials Program and are responsible to the HNL Branch Referee in Chief (RIC). All officials must be in "Good Standing" with the Branch. Referees must be a Level Three Official or higher and Linesperson a Level Two or higher. Any exceptions to this would have to be approved by the Branch RIC. All assignments of On Ice Officials are subject to approval by the Branch RIC or their designate.
11. All exhibition games, tournaments, and travel must be compliant with the Hockey NL Sanction Guidelines. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Sanctioning Guidelines. All Tournament Sanction Requests MUST be submitted at least three (3) weeks prior to any tournament/exhibition game to your Area Member. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit a Tournament Sanction Request Form.

12. Team formation and player pickup MUST follow School Sport NL Protocol.
13. Fair Play under Regional Fair Play Policy, Discretion 2 is mandatory in all High School Hockey.
14. Eligible players are restricted to Level 1, 2, and/or 3 of the registering school team. All eligible players from one school MUST be registered before any other players from another school/team can be included on a roster.
15. For Female Teams only, those players in Grade 9 MAY be considered in instances where there are insufficient players from Levels 1-3 to be included in the roster.
16. Should a team have insufficient goaltenders on their roster, the team may work with their Area Member and respective Council for a solution, which may include using a goaltender younger than Grade 9.

SUSPENSION AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

1. ALL MATCH PENALTIES AND GROSS MISCONDUCTS assessed in High School and all other divisions will be ruled on by Hockey NL.
2. Suspensions for all other infractions will be in accordance with the minimum suspensions determined and approved by Hockey NL. A listing of suspension guidelines is attached (Appendix A) and must be adhered to by all coaching staff. High School teams and leagues also have the authority to address the application of suspension provided no reductions exist in the number of games and/or time allotment assessed. All suspensions are subject to those sanctions set forth by School Sport NL and/or Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD).
3. SUSPENSIONS MUST BE SERVED IN APPLICABLE LEAGUE GAMES AND TOURNAMENT GAMES.
4. In no case can the day on which the infraction occurred be counted as a day of suspension.
5. When a high school player is suspended by Hockey NL the following individuals will be notified in writing.
 - Player
 - Teacher representative registered
 - Team manager
 - League Convenor (if applicable)
 - Branch Referee in Chief
 - Minor or Female Area Director
 - Local Minor Hockey Association or Junior Team (if applicable)
 - President of Hockey NL
6. As per Hockey NL Bylaws, Regulations and Policies, participation of unregistered players is not permitted. Violations shall be subject to discipline as per Hockey NL Sanctions.
7. Participation in game play against unregistered teams and/or in unsanctioned games is not permitted. Violations shall be subject to discipline as per Hockey NL Sanctions.



HOCKEY NL MINOR / FEMALE MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

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1. The following minimum suspensions are not to be reduced; Members, Association and Leagues may strengthen any of the listed offences at their discretion.
2. These guidelines apply to all levels of Minor hockey and all divisions of Female hockey.
3. Indefinite Suspensions - Members shall establish a process for investigation or review to determine the appropriate length of suspension unless otherwise specified in the guidelines. Said processes shall include some form of communication and follow up with the individual(s) in question. This may include written submissions, phone or electronic communication, formal hearing, educational training etc. Any player or team official under indefinite suspension is deemed ineligible to participate until a decision has been rendered and the suspension is served in full.
4. All incidents resulting in multiple suspensions to a single participant must be served consecutively.
5. Discipline applied in accordance with any minimum suspension(s) within these guidelines are not subject to appeal.

SECTION 1 - MALTREATMENT

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1 game	2 games
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	2 games	3 games
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	3 games	4 games
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	5 games	n/a
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite Suspension (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 Suspensions - Player or Team Official				
Rule #	Penalty		Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
11.1(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		2 games	3 games
11.1(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		4 games	5 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.2(f)	Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.4	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.5(e)	Receives 2 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.5(e) in a season		Indefinite Suspension	n/a

SECTION 2 - MAJOR PENALTIES

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>	1 game	2 games
7.2(b)	Major	Boarding	1 game	2 games
7.3(b)	Major	Body Checking	1 game	2 games
7.4(b)	Major	Charging	1 game	2 games
7.5(b)	Major	Checking from Behind	1 game	2 games
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	1 game	2 games
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	1 game	2 games
7.9(b)	Major	Roughing	1 game	2 games
8.3(b)	Major	Interference	1 game	2 games
8.4(b)	Major	Interference from the Bench	1 game	2 games
8.5(b)	Major	Interference with the Goaltender	1 game	2 games
8.7(b)	Major	Clipping	1 game	2 games
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	1 game	2 games
9.3(b)	Major	Slashing	1 game	2 games
10.5(b)	Major	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	1 game	2 games
10.8(b)	Major	Refusing to Start Play	See other (Section 5)	n/a
Progressive Suspensions - Player				
Any player receiving 2 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			2 games	3 games
Any player receiving 3 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			4 games	5 games
Any player receiving 4 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite Suspension	n/a
Progressive Suspensions - Coach				
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

SECTION 3 - MATCH PENALTIES

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>	3 games	n/a
7.2(c)	Match	Boarding	3 games	n/a
7.3(c)	Match	Body Checking	3 games	n/a
7.4(c)	Match	Charging	3 games	n/a
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	3 games	n/a
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	3 games	n/a
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	3 games	n/a
7.9(c)	Match	Roughing	3 games	n/a
8.3(c)	Match	Interference	3 games	n/a
8.4(c)	Match	Interference from the Bench	3 games	n/a
8.5(c)	Match	Interference with the Goaltender	3 games	n/a
8.7(c)	Match	Clipping	3 games	n/a

8.8(c)	Match	Slew Footing	3 games	n/a
9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	3 games	n/a
9.2(c)	Match	Cross Checking	3 games	n/a
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	3 games	n/a
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	3 games	n/a
10.5(c)	Match	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	3 games	n/a
Progressive Suspensions - Player				
Any player receiving 2 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions			5 games	n/a
Any player receiving 3 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite Suspension	n/a

SECTION 4 - FIGHTING PENALTIES

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.10(b)	Major	Fighting - First Offence	2 games	3 games
		Fighting - Second Offence	4 games	5 games
		Fighting - Third Offence	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
7.10(b)	Pre/Post Game Altercations			
	Major + GM	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	2 games	3 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.	3 games	n/a
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who joins in a fight or acts as a peacemaker.	2 games	3 games
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who takes part in another or secondary fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 games	3 games
7.10(f)	Gross Misc.	Fighting or joining a fight with or as a team official	3 games	4 games
7.11(a)	Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight			
	Minor	First Offense	1 game	n/a
	Minor	Second Offense	3 games	n/a
	Minor	Third Offense	Indefinite Suspension	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.	3 games	4 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

SECTION 5 - OTHER

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
4.8(c)	Game Misc.	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 Misc.	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 Misc.	Any gross misconduct assessed to a player or team official not otherwise covered within these guidelines	3 games	4 games
10.4(f)	Gross Misc.	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

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.

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: The Minor & Female Council Discipline Committees reserve the right to look at any major penalty to determine whether additional supplemental discipline is warranted.

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