

**APPENDIX “IV”  
MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

**MINOR/MINOR FEMALE HOCKEY**

The following chart shows the minimum suspensions that must be assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials (see right hand column).

Infractions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee’s call, and are not subject to Appeal. Infractions that carry an ‘Indefinite’ suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Alberta rendering a decision on the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.

<b>RULE #</b>	<b>INFRACTION</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICIAL</b>	<b>LAST 10 MINUTES</b>
2.2	<p><b><i>Ineligible Players / Team Officials</i></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	
3.6	<p><b><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></b></p> <p>Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two minute minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct.</p> <p>If the player removes his/her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight and a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p>		<p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p>
4.1	<p><b><i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i></b></p> <p>Any Player assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Player assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>The Coach of a Team assessed Majors, Game Misconducts, or Match Penalties for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>Indefinite</p>	<p>Indefinite</p>	<p>3 Games</p>

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
6.1	<p><b><i>Attempt to Injure (Match)</i></b></p> <p>Deliberate Injury</p> <p>Head Butting</p> <p>Kicking</p> <p>Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment</p> <p>Using Facial Protector as a Weapon</p> <p>Kneeing</p> <p>Use of Blocker</p>	<p>Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>		
6.2	<p><b><i>Boarding and Body Checking</i></b></p> <p>Boarding or Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Boarding or Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
6.3	<p><b><i>Charging</i></b></p> <p>Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		2 Games
6.4	<p><b><i>Checking from Behind</i></b></p> <p>Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
6.5	<p><b><i>Head Contact</i></b></p> <p>Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
6.6	<p><b><i>Kneeing</i></b></p> <p>Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p>		2 Games

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
6.7	<p><b>Fighting</b></p> <p>Any player who engages in their 1<sup>st</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 2<sup>nd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 3<sup>rd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p><b>Any player who engages in their 4<sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct</b></p> <p>Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">First Offence Second Offence Third Offence Fourth Offence</p> <p>Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and is assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any Player receiving a fighting Major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p><b>4 Games</b></p> <p><b>Indefinite</b></p> <p>1 Game 2 Games 3 Games Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Game</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>3 Games</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p><b>5 Games</b></p> <p></p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>
7.4	<p><b>Tripping</b></p> <p>Tripping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Slew Footing where a Match Penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p><b>3 Games</b></p>		<p>2 Games</p>
8.1	<p><b>Butt Ending</b></p> <p>Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>3 Games</p>		
8.2	<p><b>Cross Checking</b></p> <p>Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>
8.3	<p><b>High Sticking</b></p> <p>High Sticking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>3 Games</p>		
8.4	<p><b>Slashing</b></p> <p>Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed</p>	<p>1 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>		<p>2 Games</p>

<b>RULE #</b>	<b>INFRACTION</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICIAL</b>	<b>LAST 10 MINUTES</b>
8.5	<b>Spearing</b> Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games		
9.5	<b>Leaving a Bench for the Purpose of Fighting</b> Any player assessed a Game Misconduct for leaving the players' bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting. Any Coach whose Team was penalized for leaving the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	4 Games	3 Games	5 Games
10.14	<b>Refusing to Start Play</b> Any Team Official assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct under this rule.		Indefinite	
11.1	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Unsportsmanlike Conduct.	1 Game	1 Game	
11.2	<b>Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour</b> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour. Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.	2 Games 3 Games	2 Games 3 Games	3 Games 4 Games
11.3	<b>Spitting</b> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for deliberately spitting on or at an opponent, official, team official, or spectator.	Indefinite	Indefinite	
11.4	<b>Discrimination</b> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Discrimination.	Indefinite	Indefinite	
11.5	<b>Physical Harassment of Officials</b> Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for Physical Harassment of Officials 'Threatening or Attempting to Strike an Official' 'Intentionally Touching, Holding or Pushing and Official' 'Intentionally Striking, Tripping or Body Checking an Official'	Indefinite	Indefinite	

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Players**

***Players that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.***

Any player accumulating multiple Major penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

6.2	Boarding or Body Checking			
6.3	Charging			
6.4	Checking from Behind	2 Major Penalties	=	2 Games
6.5	Head Contact	3 Major Penalties	=	4 Games
6.6	Elbowing or Kneeing	4 Major Penalties	=	Indefinite
7.4	Tripping or Slew-Footing			
8.2	Cross-Checking			
8.4	Slashing			

Any player accumulating multiple Match penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

6.1	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury			
6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	2 Match Penalties	=	<b>4 Games</b>
6.3	Charging	3 Match Penalties	=	Indefinite
6.4	Checking from Behind	2 Match Penalties	=	<b>5 Games</b>
6.5	Head Contact	3 Match Penalties	=	Indefinite

Any player accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

<b>11.1</b>	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct</b>	<b>2 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>2 Games</b>
		<b>3 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
<b>11.2</b>	<b>Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour</b>	<b>2 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>4 Games</b>
		<b>3 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
		<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
<b>11.4</b>	<b>Discrimination</b>	<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Minor Hockey Coaches**

***Coaches that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.***

The Coach of a Team that receives a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 1 Game

The Coach of a Team that commits a second violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. 3 Games

The Coach of a Team that commits a third violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game. Indefinite

Any Coach accumulating multiple Game or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

<b>11.1</b>	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct</b>	<b>2 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>2 Games</b>
		<b>3 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
<b>11.2</b>	<b>Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour</b>	<b>2 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>4 Games</b>
		<b>3 Game Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
		<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
<b>11.4</b>	<b>Discrimination</b>	<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HOCKEY

The following chart shows the minimum suspensions that must be assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials (see right hand column).

Infractions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee's call, and are not subject to Appeal. Infractions that carry an 'Indefinite' suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Alberta rendering a decision as to the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
2.2	<p><b><i>Ineligible Players / Team Officials</i></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		Indefinite  Indefinite	
3.6	<p><b><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></b></p> <p>Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two-minute minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct.</p> <p>If the player removes an opponent's helmet or releases an opponent's chinstrap before or during a fight.</p>	1 Game  1 Game  1 Game		2 Games  2 Games  2 Games
4.1	<p><b><i>Pre / Post Game Altercations</i></b></p> <p>Any Player assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Player assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>The Coach of a Team assessed Majors, Game Misconducts, or Match Penalties for a pre or post game altercation.</p> <p>Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.</p>	1 Game  Indefinite  Indefinite	3 Games  Indefinite	2 Games
4.6	<p><b><i>Game Ejection / Game Misconduct</i></b></p> <p>Any Player assessed multiple Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Game Misconducts 3 or More Game Misconducts</p>	1 Game Indefinite		2 Games

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
6.1	<p><b><i>Attempt to Injure (Match)</i></b></p> <p>Deliberate Injury</p> <p>Butt-ending</p> <p>Head Butting</p> <p>Kicking</p> <p>Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment</p> <p>Using Facial Protector as a Weapon</p> <p>Kneeing</p> <p>Use of Blocker</p>	<p>Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p>		
6.4	<p><b><i>Checking from Behind</i></b></p> <p>Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games
6.5	<p><b><i>Head Contact</i></b></p> <p>Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>		2 Games

RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
6.7	<p><b>Fighting</b></p> <p>Any player who engages in their 3<sup>rd</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 4<sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 5<sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 6<sup>th</sup> fight in a season and is assessed a Major and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">First Offence Second Offence Third Offence Fourth Offence</p> <p>Any Coach of Team whose Player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor</p> <p>Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and is assessed a Match Penalty.</p> <p>Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>Any Player receiving a fighting Major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>Game Misc. 1 Game 3 Games Indefinite</p>	<p>3 Games</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>4 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p>
7.4	<p><b>Tripping</b></p> <p>Slew Footing where a Match Penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>		
8.1	<p><b>Butt Ending</b></p> <p>Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>		
8.2	<p><b>Cross Checking</b></p> <p>Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>		
8.3	<p><b>High Sticking</b></p> <p>High Sticking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>		
8.4	<p><b>Slashing</b></p> <p>Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>		
8.5	<p><b>Spearing</b></p> <p>Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p>		



RULE #	INFRACTION	PLAYER	TEAM OFFICIAL	LAST 10 MINUTES
9.5	<p><b><i>Leaving a Bench for the Purpose of Fighting</i></b></p> <p>Any player assessed a Game Misconduct for leaving the players' bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p> <p>Any Coach whose Team was penalized for leaving the player's bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p>	3 Games	3 Games	4 Games
10.14	<p><b><i>Refusing to Start Play</i></b></p> <p>Any Team Official assessed a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct under this rule.</p>		Indefinite	
11.2	<p><b><i>Maltreatment and Inappropriate Behaviour</i></b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Game Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.</p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour.</p>	1 Game 2 Games	1 Game 2 Games	2 Games 3 Games
11.3	<p><b><i>Spitting</i></b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match Penalty for deliberately spitting on or at an opponent, official, team official, or spectator.</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	
11.4	<p><b><i>Discrimination</i></b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Gross Misconduct for Discrimination.</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	
11.5	<p><b><i>Physical Harassment of Officials</i></b></p> <p>Any Player or Team Official assessed a Match penalty for Physical Harassment of Officials.</p> <p>'Threatening or Attempting to Strike an Official'</p> <p>'Intentionally Touching, Holding or Pushing and Official'</p> <p>'Intentionally Striking, Tripping or Body Checking an Official'</p>	Indefinite	Indefinite	

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Junior & Senior Hockey Players**

*Players that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.*

Any player accumulating multiple Game Misconducts or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed the following suspension:

<b>11.2 Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour</b>	<b>2 Game Misconducts = 2 Games</b>
	<b>3 Game Misconducts = Indefinite</b>
	<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts = Indefinite</b>
<b>11.4 Discrimination</b>	<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts = Indefinite</b>

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Junior & Senior Hockey Coaches**

*Coaches that incur multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will be assessed the following accumulation suspensions in place of the minimum.*

Any Coach accumulating multiple Game or Gross Misconducts in the same season, for any of the infractions below, will be assessed an additional suspension as outlined here:

<b>11.2 Disrespectful, Abusive and Harassing Behaviour</b>	<b>2 Game Misconducts = 2 Games</b>
	<b>3 Game Misconducts = Indefinite</b>
	<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts = Indefinite</b>
<b>11.4 Discrimination</b>	<b>2 or more Gross Misconducts = Indefinite</b>