



Match on Official



Expectations



- That all officials understand when to call a “Match on Official”
- Game reports and statements have enough information for Hockey Alberta to make a decision on the incident
- Officials are confident in how the process works and what their responsibilities are when a Match on Official is called

Why a Module for it?



- Most serious penalty we can give to a player/team official
- Suspensions are a minimum of 3 months up to a *lifetime ban*
- This penalty involves a player/team official being physically abusive and/or threatening to our officials
- Hockey Canada & Hockey Alberta take this penalty very seriously

Why a Module for it?



- In the **highly unlikely** chance it happens to you, we want to be sure you know what to do
- Know that you have the support of your referee association
- Give you a process to follow so we can ensure that these penalties result in proper sanctions to offenders

What's the Rule?



Section 9 – Other Fouls

Rule 9.6

Physical Harassment of Officials

We will go over the 3 parts
of the rule individually.

Rule 9.6 (a)



Any player or team official who **threatens or attempts to strike** a Referee, Linesman or any Off-ice Official before, during or after a game shall be assessed a Match penalty and shall be reported to the President by the Referee.

Rule 9.6 (b)



Any player or team official who **intentionally touches, holds or pushes** a Referee, Linesman or Off-ice Official before, during or after a game shall be assessed a Match penalty and shall be reported to the President by the Referee.

Rule 9.6 (c)



Any player or team official who **deliberately strikes, trips or body checks** a Referee, Linesman or Off-ice Official before, during or after a game shall be assessed a Match penalty and shall be reported to the President by the Referee. Such player or team official may be suspended for one year or more.

Calling Match on Official



1. End play as soon as you witness a Match on Official
1. Make sure you and your fellow officials are safe
1. Have a different official (one who has not been physically harassed) take the offending player off the ice or ask the offending team official to leave
1. Report the penalty to the timekeeper when safe to do so

Reporting a Match on Official



It is the same process as reporting any other Match penalty – just be sure that that timekeeper records the penalty as **Match on Official**

Per	No	Served by	Offence	Min	Off	Start	On
2	5	8	Match on Official	5	12:23	12:23	7:23

Match on Official Game Report



There is a different process for **Match on Official** game reports:

- 1. Keep all copies of the game sheet and check the following:**
 - all penalties are recorded correctly
 - duration of Match penalty is correct
 - correct player number/team official is listed
 - there is a different number for who served the timed penalty for the ejected player
 - it is signed by all officials

Match on Official Game Report



2. **Each official** will then complete their own Game Report
 - your region may have specific forms for you to fill out for this
 - your game report will be your written statement of everything you saw relating to the Match on Official
 - even if you did not see anything you must complete a game report stating that

Match on Official Game Report



3. Contact your region's Match on Official coordinator **within 24 hours**
 - they receive the game sheet
 - they will help guide you through the next steps of the process
 - they will ask you some questions to confirm that Match on Official is the correct call

Match on Official Process



1. The player/team official will be suspended until Hockey Alberta holds a hearing
2. Hockey Alberta will request statements from everyone involved to have for the hearing
3. Hearings generally take place over the phone (sometimes in person)

Match on Official Process



4. At the hearing you may be requested to read out your statement and asked some questions.
5. The process is not always easy as your version of events may be challenged however, the Match Penalty Coordinator is there to support you
6. Once the hearing is over Hockey Alberta Committee will review the incident and make a decision

Thing to Remember



1. The chances of you experiencing something like this is **very low**.
2. When deciding whether to call a Match Official ask yourself:
 - Was the language abusive: “Brutal game ref!” **OR** threatening: “I’ll get you in the parking lot”?
 - Was the official pushed intentionally **OR** was it an accident during a scrum with other players?
 - Did the player deliberately strike the official?

Thing to Remember



3. You have the full support of your Zone and Hockey Alberta
4. Follow the process provided to you both in this clinic and in your clinic package
5. When in doubt, call someone and ask!

Let's be sure we get this call correct!