

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 and/OR PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE: While under suspension coaches and 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 and 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) and 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.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE NEW CONTACT TO THE HEAD RULE – 2011 as below

Rule 6.5 Head Contact

- (a) In Minor and Female, a Minor Penalty shall be assessed to any player who accidentally contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck with his stick or any part of the player's body or equipment.
- (b) In Minor and Female, a Double Minor Penalty or a Major and a Game Misconduct Penalty, at the discretion of the Referee and based on the degree of violence of impact shall be assessed to any player who intentionally contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck with her stick or any part of the player's body or equipment.
- (c) In Junior and Senior, a Minor and a Misconduct penalty, or a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee based on the degree of violence of impact, shall be assessed to any player who checks an opponent in the head in any manner.
- (d) A Major and a Game Misconduct penalty, or a Match penalty shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent under this Rule.
- (e) A Match penalty shall be assessed any player who deliberately attempts to injure or deliberately injures an opponent under this Rule.

Note: All contact above the shoulders (neck, face and head) is to be called Head Contact under one of the above (In minor and female).

THIS RULE CHANGE WILL COME INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

- 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 and/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 misconducts – all game misconducts 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 misconducts as stated by the ref's write-up. **(Note: 10 minute misconducts 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 misconducts Instigating or aggressor
Game misconducts 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 and # - no phone calls please**).