

## **AUTOMATIC MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

FOR INFRACTIONS WHICH OCCUR IN MINOR & FEMALE HOCKEY

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016**

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### ***Major Penalty Situations***

<b>MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS</b>	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	Elbowing	1 Game
	6.6	Kneeing	1 Game
	7.4	Slew Footing/Tripping	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

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### *Match Penalty Situation*

		Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
		<b>MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS</b>	6.1	Attempt to Injure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butt-Ending</li> <li>• Grabbing Face Mask</li> <li>• Hair Pulling</li> <li>• Kicking</li> <li>• Kneeing</li> <li>• Spearing</li> <li>• Spitting</li> </ul>			
6.1	Deliberate Injury		Indefinite Suspension	
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	
9.6	Physical Abuse of Official		Indefinite Suspension	
<b>Accumulation Sanctions</b>				
<b>Player</b>		In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 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**

### ***Fighting Situations***

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"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Offense</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</li> </ul>	Game Misconduct (GM) GM plus 2 Games GM plus 3 Games	
	Pre/Post Game Altercations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.</li> <li>• Coach of team whose players as so penalized</li> <li>• Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl</li> </ul>	2 Games  Indefinite Suspension  Indefinite Suspension	
<b>Accumulation Sanctions</b>			<b>Last 10 Mins</b>
<b>Player</b>	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

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### *Coaches Accumulation*

MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension	
	<b>ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS</b>			
	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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	

### *Other Situations*

OTHER SITUATIONS	Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension	
	9.2	Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct	2 Games	
		Where a Game Misconduct is assessed		
		Where a Gross Misconduct is assessed	2 Games	
	<b>Accumulation Sanctions</b>			
	Player		Any player who receives two game or gross misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season	4 Games
			Any player who receives three game or gross misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension
	Coach		Any coach who receives two game or gross misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season	4 Games
			Any coach who receives three game or gross misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension

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**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 are suspended from all Hockey NL activities for the duration of their suspension including practices. Notwithstanding this, the President of Hockey NL has the discretion to allow a player the permission to practice for the purpose of team try-outs and his decision is final and binding.

**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 until the suspension has been ruled on.

**NOTE #7:** A high school player who is also a registered minor or junior hockey player, who receives a suspension for a Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty from HNL, must serve his suspension by applying games and/or time allotment in the division of which the infraction occurred, however, the player is suspended from all HNL sanctioned games until the suspension is served.

**NOTE #8:** A high school player who is also a registered minor or junior hockey player, who receives a suspension for all other infractions, must serve his suspension by applying games and/or time allotment in the division of which the infraction occurred however, the player is not suspended from all other HNL sanctioned games.

**NOTE #9:** 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.

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**NOTE #10:** 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 #11:** 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 14 days of the suspension and this appeal must be accompanied with a \$200.00 appeal fee made payable to Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador. \$100.00 will be refundable if you are successful with your appeal.

**NOTE #12:** Any member of a coaching staff not wearing a CSA certified hockey helmet with chin strap during on ice functions except games will receive a one (1) game suspension.

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