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## Introduction

The Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League is a member of BC Hockey and abides by the bylaws and regulations set forth by Hockey Canada. This document outlines Supplemental Discipline protocols and guidelines agreed upon in consultation with BC Hockey. All disciplinary measures described within this document are considered minimum guidelines only and may be enhanced at the discretion of the VIJHL.

## Section 1 – Head Contact Rule 7.7

- 1.1 If a player intentionally raises his stick, hands, forearm, elbow or body to check an opponent and the head is the principle point of contact, or the player deliberately drives his stick, forearm, elbow or gloved hand into an opponent’s head in any manner, a Head Contact penalty must be assessed, as per the following and with some exceptions regarding contact with the stick.
  - 1.1.1 For minimal or moderate impact to the head (with the hands, forearm, elbow or body, but excluding the stick) a Minor and Misconduct must be assessed [Hockey Canada rule 7.7 (a) (d) - Head Contact].
  - 1.1.2 Any accidental or minimal contact with the stick to an opponent, above the regular height of the shoulders will result in a minor penalty for ‘High Sticking’ [Hockey Canada Rule 9.5 (a) - High Sticking]. Should such contact be accidental but injury results, a double minor for ‘high-sticking’ shall be assessed [Hockey Canada Rule 9.5 (a) – High Sticking]
  - 1.1.3 For all severe degrees of impact directly to the head (stick, hands, forearm, elbow or body) a Major and Game Misconduct penalty must be assessed for Head Contact. This includes all major penalties as a result of a high-sticking action, which will be assessed as a Head Contact penalty [Hockey Canada rule 9.5 (b) – Head Contact].
  - 1.1.4 A Match penalty must be assessed for all deliberate attempts to injure by way of Head Contact.
- 1.2 If a player is fouled or hit illegally (e.g. interference, boarding, charging etc.) for which a penalty is already being assessed and the head is not the principle point of contact but as a result of the illegal check the player hits their head on the glass, ice or boards in a manner that results in a head injury occurring, this shall be interpreted as Head Contact and a Major and Game Misconduct or Match penalty must be assessed in lieu of any other infraction.
- 1.3 All infractions under Section 1 shall result in the following supplemental discipline:

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – HEAD CONTACT</b> |               |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 1.1.2   | Major Penalty | 2 Game Suspension |
| 1.1.3   | Match Penalty | 3 Game Suspension |

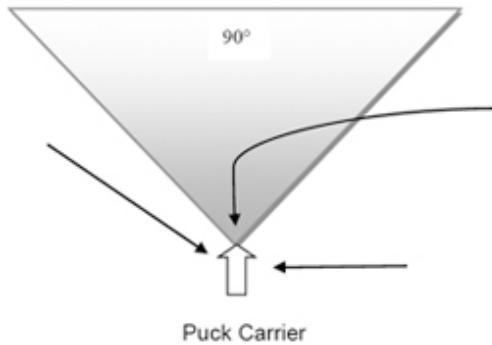
## Section 2 – Dangerous Hits

- 2.1 **Clipping:** Clipping shall be penalized as outlined within Hockey Canada rule 8.7.
- 2.2 **Kneeing:** Kneeing shall be penalized as outlined within Hockey Canada rule 7.8.
- 2.3 **Slew Footing:** Slew-Footing shall be penalized as outlined within Hockey Canada rule 8.8. All Double Minor infractions for Slew Footing will accumulate for supplemental discipline.
- 2.4 **Checking from Behind:** Infractions shall be penalized as outlined within Hockey Canada rule 7.5.
- 2.5 **Charging, Boarding & Blindside Hits:** All infractions for Charging (Rule 7.4) and Boarding (Rule 7.2) will be assessed in accordance with Hockey Canada playing rules. Additionally, all body checks delivered from outside a 90° area / angle of approach (Fig. 1) in open ice shall be considered a ‘Blindside Hit’ [rule 7.4 v. (a)] and penalized as ‘Charging’; unless the hit meets the criteria of ‘Checking from Behind’ (Rule 7.5) or ‘Head Contact’ (Rule 6.5). All body checks

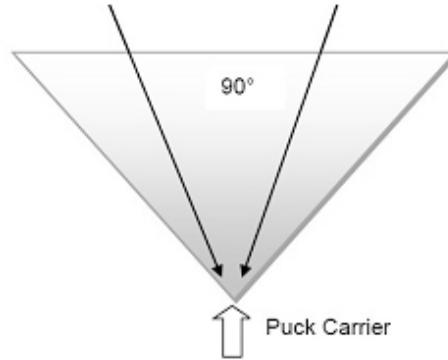


originating from within a 90° area / angle of approach

**Fig. 1 - Blindsight Hit (Illegal)**



**Fig. 2 - Legal Angle of Approach**



2.6 All infractions under Section 2 shall result in the following supplemental discipline:

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – DANGEROUS HITS</b> |   |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 2.2/2.3   | Double Minor – Second infraction          | 2 Game Suspension |
| 2.2/2.3   | Double Minor – All subsequent infractions | 2 Game Suspension |
| 2.6   | Major Penalty                             | 2 Game Suspension |
| 2.6   | Match Penalty                             | 3 Game Suspension |

**Section 3 – Goaltender Interference**

3.1 **Minor Penalty:** Should a team be charged with a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) goaltender interference minor penalty to their team within the same game shall result in a Game Misconduct being assessed to the offending player and an automatic one (1) game suspension. The Referee shall deliver a verbal warning to the offending team’s Head Coach of the consequences of 3.1.1 (below) upon the assessment of a team’s first minor penalty violation under this section.

3.1.1 Any subsequent minor goaltender interference penalties by the same team in the same game shall result in a Game Misconduct and a two (2) games suspension to the offending player.

3.1.2 The Head Coach of any team charged with a subsequent minor penalty for goaltender interference as outlined in 3.1.1 shall receive an automatic one (1) game suspension.

3.2 **Major Penalty:** For the purpose of supplemental discipline, major penalties for Interference with the Goaltender (rule 8.5 (b) and “Charging the Goaltender in the crease” (rule 7.4 (b) situation 2) shall both be governed under these supplemental guidelines. Any player incurring a Major penalty for Goaltender Interference or Charging the Goaltender in the crease will result in an automatic minimum two (2) games suspension.

3.3 **Match Penalty:** Automatic minimum three (3) games suspension

3.4 All infractions under Section 3 shall result in the following supplemental discipline:

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – GOALTENDER INTERFERENCE</b> |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| 3.1  | Minor – Second team penalty in same game (Player)        | 1 Game Suspension |
| 3.1.1  | Minor – All subsequent infractions in same game (Player) | 2 Game Suspension |
| 3.1.2  | Minor – All subsequent infractions in same game (Coach)  | 1 Game Suspension |
| 3.2  | Major Penalty  | 2 Game Suspension |



|     |               |                   |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| 3.3 | Match Penalty | 3 Game Suspension |
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## Section 4 – Fighting

- 4.1 **Instigator Penalties (rule 7.11):** A player who, by his physical or verbal actions, is responsible for starting or causing, or attempting to start or cause a fight based on one or more of these criteria shall be assessed an Instigator penalty: verbal invitation, instigation or threat; distance traveled to the altercation; removing gloves first; attempting to throw, throwing or continuing to throw punches at an opponent who is unwilling to fight; attempting to throw, throwing or continuing to throw punches at an opponent in a defenseless position; A menacing attitude or posture towards an opponent; retaliation for a legal or illegal action (e.g., body check)

A player accumulating a combination of two (2) or more instigator penalties within the same season shall be subject to the following suspensions:

| MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – INSTIGATOR PENALTIES |                                   |                       |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4.1.1  | Second Instigator penalty         | 2 Game Suspension     |
| 4.1.2  | Third Instigator penalty          | 3 Game Suspension     |
| 4.1.3  | Any subsequent Instigator penalty | Indefinite Suspension |

- 4.2 **Aggressor Penalties (Rule 7.11):** Player attempting to continue a fight by throwing or attempting to throw punches or again by continuing the grappling action with their opponent with the intent of intimidation or punishment of that opponent shall be assessed an Aggressor penalty.

The aggressor may or may not be the instigator of the fight. A player accumulating a combination of two (2) or more aggressor penalties within the same season shall be subject to the following:

| MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – AGGRESSOR PENALTIES |                                  |                       |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4.2.1   | Second Aggressor penalty         | 2 Game Suspension     |
| 4.2.2   | Third Aggressor penalty          | 3 Game Suspension     |
| 4.2.3   | Any subsequent Aggressor penalty | Indefinite Suspension |

- 4.3 **Two Fight Altercations:** When two (2) fights occur during the same stoppage of play, it will be deemed to be a multiple fight altercation and the players involved in the subsequent fight shall be subject to an automatic suspension of two (2) games.

**NOTE:** Two (2) Game Misconducts are assessed in accompaniment with any fighting major penalty assessed to a player that participates in a subsequent fight on the same stoppage as per Hockey Canada Rule 6.7 (h).

**Three or More Fight Altercations:** When three or more fights occur during the same stoppage of play, players involved in the second and all subsequent fights shall be subject to an automatic two (2) games suspension.

| MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – MULTIPLE FIGHT ALTERCATIONS   |   |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 4.3.1   | Players involved in the initial fight on the stoppage | No Suspension     |
| 4.3.1   | All participants in subsequent fight (no instigator)  | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.3.3   | Coaches of teams where subsequent fight occurs        | 1 Game Suspension |
| MULTIPLE FIGHT ALTERCATIONS WHERE AN INSTIGATOR IS IDENTIFIED |   |                   |
| 4.3.4   | Any player guilty of instigating a subsequent fight   | 5 Game Suspension |
| 4.3.5   | All players from instigating team in subsequent fight | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.3.6   | Coach whose team is penalized for 4.3.4 or 4.3.5      | 1 Game Suspension |



4.4 **Staged Fights or Fights during pre-game or end of period:** Players shall receive an additional Game Misconduct when they participate in a staged fight in addition to any other penalty or penalties they may incur on the play. A verbal warning shall be delivered by the Referee to the Head Coach of any team whose player is penalized with a Game Misconduct for participating in a staged fight that any subsequent staged fight occurring in the same game shall result in a Game Misconduct to the Head Coach.

- A fight that occurs prior to the drop of the puck or immediately following the drop of the puck upon commencement of play shall be considered a staged fight.
- Although players may be intending to fight after the faceoff, if either of them is involved with the puck or play after the face-off and before the fight, this is **NOT** considered a staged fight.

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – STAGED FIGHTS</b> |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| 4.4.1  | Any player participating in a staged fight               | 3 Game Suspension |
| 4.4.2  | Coach of team guilty of second staged fight in same game | 1 Game Suspension |
| 4.4.3  | Player involved in pre-game or end of period fight       | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.4.4  | Coach of team guilty of instigating 4.4.1 or 4.4.3       | 3 Game Suspension |

4.5 **Leaving the Bench, Dressing Room or Penalty Box:** Any player identified as having left the bench area, dressing room or penalty box at the end of a period or to initiate or participate in an altercation shall be suspended per 4.5.1. Any player identified as having left the bench, bench area, dressing room or penalty bench to become engaged in a fight shall be suspended per 4.5.2.

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – LEAVING THE BENCH</b> |   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
| 4.5.1  | Leaving the Player' Bench or Penalty Bench          | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.5.2  | Leaving the Player' Bench or Penalty Bench to Fight | 6 Game Suspension |

4.6 **Third Player to Enter a Fight:** Any play judged to have become a third player into a fight shall be suspended per 4.5.1

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – THIRD PLAYER IN A FIGHT</b> |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| 4.6.1  | Third player into a Fight (Rule 6.7 (h)) | 2 Game Suspension |

4.7 **Goaltender Fighting:** Fighting by Goaltenders Shall result in the following discipline:

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – GOALTENDER FIGHTING</b> |   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
| 4.7.1  | Goaltender fighting a player (applies to both participants) | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.7.2  | Goaltender fighting the opposing goaltender                 | 3 Game Suspension |
| 4.7.3  | Goaltender leaving their defending zone to Fight            | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.7.4  | Second offense of Goaltender fighting in same season        | 6 Game Suspension |

4.8 **Removing Helmet / Equipment:**

- 4.8.1 **Removing the Helmet to Fight:** If a player removes their helmet to fight or challenge an opponent to fight, or deliberately removes the helmet of his opponent, he shall be assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty [rules 10.6 (f) iii & iv.] and a minimum three (3) games suspension.
- 4.8.2 **Removing Equipment to Fight:** If a player removes any equipment (excluding their gloves) prior to a fight, while on or off the ice, shall be issued a Game Misconduct in addition to any other penalties that may apply and be suspended for a minimum of one





(1) game.

- 4.8.3 The Head Coach of a team penalized under 4.8.1 or 4.8.2 shall be assessed a Game Misconduct and suspended for one (1) game.
- 4.8.4 Should a second situation occur involving the same player and team within the same season, the suspension shall be two (2) games to the player and the Head Coach in addition to a full review by the league.

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – REMOVING EQUIPMENT TO FIGHT</b> |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| 4.8.1  | Removing helmet (Gross Misconduct)                       | 3 Game Suspension |
| 4.8.2  | Removing equipment (excluding helmet or gloves)          | 1 Game Suspension |
| 4.8.3  | Coach of team penalized under 4.8.1 or 4.8.2             | 1 Game Suspension |
| 4.8.4  | Second offence under Section 4.8 in same season (Player) | 2 Game Suspension |
| 4.8.5  | Second offence under Section 4.8 in same season (Coach)  | 2 Game Suspension |

- 4.9 **Accumulated Fighting Penalties:** Should a Game Misconduct associated to any infraction occur within the last ten (10) minutes of regular playing time or any time in overtime, Rule 4.8 (c) will apply in addition to any prescribed supplemental discipline and thus result in an additional one (1) game suspension per Game Misconduct assessed.

Above and beyond the proceeding fighting regulations within Section 4, all fighting majors shall be tracked and accumulated. Accumulations shall result in the following suspensions based upon single season totals by an individual player:

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – ACCUMULATED FIGHTING PENALTIES</b> |   |                       |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| 4.9.1   | First through fourth incurred Fighting majors in a season | No Suspension         |
| 4.9.2   | Fifth incurred Fighting major in a season                 | 1 Game Suspension     |
| 4.9.3   | Sixth incurred Fighting major in a season                 | 3 Game Suspension     |
| 4.9.4   | Seventh incurred Fighting major in a season               | 4 Game Suspension     |
| 4.9.5   | Eighth incurred Fighting major in a season                | 8 Game Suspension     |
| 4.9.6   | Any subsequent Fighting major in a season                 | Indefinite Suspension |

**Section 5 – Game Misconduct Penalties**

- 5.1 **Game Misconduct Penalty Accumulation:** A player accumulating multiple non-fighting Game Misconduct penalties within the same season shall be subject to the following:

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – NON-FIGHTING GAME MISCONDUCTS</b> |   |                       |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| 5.1.1  | Upon receiving a fifth non-fighting Game Misconduct   | 1 Game Suspension     |
| 5.1.2  | Upon receiving a sixth non-fighting Game Misconduct   | 2 Game Suspension     |
| 5.1.3  | Upon receiving a seventh non-fighting Game Misconduct | 3 Game Suspension     |
| 5.1.4  | Upon receiving an eighth non-fighting Game Misconduct | 4 Game Suspension     |
| 5.1.5  | All subsequent non-fighting Game Misconducts          | Indefinite Suspension |

**Section 6 – Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Harassment of Officials**

- 6.1 Any player or Team Official who receives a Game Misconduct under for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” [Rule 11.1 (e)] shall be subject to suspension under 6.1.1 and any Game Misconduct under ‘Disrespectful and abusive behaviour’ [Rule 11.2 (e)] shall be subject to suspension under **6.1.2.**





6.2 Any player or Team Official receiving a Gross Misconduct penalty for “Disrespectful and abusive behaviour” [Rule 11.2 (f)] shall be subject to suspension under 6.2.1.

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS</b> |   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
| 6.1.1  | Game Misconduct – Harassment of Officials             | 1 Game Suspension |
| 6.1.2  | Game Misconduct – Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour | 2 Game Suspension |
| 6.2.1  | Gross Misconduct – Harassment of Officials            | 3 Game Suspension |

### **Section 7 – Gross Misconduct Penalties**

7.1 Gross Misconduct penalties will follow the minimum suspension guidelines as set out by BC Hockey. All Gross Misconduct penalties will result in a minimum three game suspension.

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – GROSS MISCONDUCTS</b> |   |                       |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| 7.1.1  | First Gross Misconducts to any participant  | 3 Game Suspension     |
| 7.1.2  | Any Gross Misconduct involving a discriminatory slur, taunt, or gesture under Hockey Canada Rule 11.4 | 6 Game suspension     |
| 7.1.3  | Second Gross Misconduct to any participant in same season   | +3 Game Suspension    |
| 7.1.4  | Any subsequent Gross Misconduct in same season  | Indefinite Suspension |

### **Section 8 – Match Penalties**

8.1 Match Penalties will follow the minimum suspension guidelines as set out by BC Hockey. All Match Penalties will result in a minimum three game suspension.

| <b>MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – MATCH PENALTIES</b> |  |                       |               |
|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Penalty Description</b>                             | <b>No Injury</b>      | <b>Injury</b> |
| 8.1.1  | First Match Penalty to any participant                 | 3 Games               | 6 Games       |
| 8.1.2  | Second Match Penalty to any participant in same season | +3 Game Suspension    |               |
| 8.1.3  | Any subsequent Match Penalty in same season            | Indefinite Suspension |               |
| HC 11.5 i & ii   | Physical Harassment of Official(s)                     | 3 Games               |               |
| HC 11.5 iii  |  | 6 Games               |               |
| HC 11.5 iv   |  | 9 Games               |               |

### **Section 9 – Penalty Accumulations**

All infractions for which supplementary discipline may occur based on penalty accumulations are in force for the entire regular season and playoffs. While players participating in the Cyclone Taylor Cup start with a fresh slate with respect to accumulations of offenses during the regular season and playoffs, any suspensions that have not been served will be served before participation in the Cyclone Taylor Cup.

### **Section 10 – Director of Player Safety**

10.1. The VIJHL shall have a Director of Player Safety in order to manage the Supplementary Discipline program who will administer these processes on behalf of its Members.

#### **10.2. Investigations:**

10.2.1. The Director of Player Safety shall complete an investigation prior to delivering a suspension or fine. Game video will be the primary source of information in all investigations where available.







10.2.2. The Director of Player Safety, at his discretion, may also utilize the following investigative methods in fulfilling their duties under 10.2.1:

- Interviews or written statements from Referees or Linesmen
- Interviews or written statements from Players and/or Coaches
- Interviews or written statements from the Officiating Supervisor

### 10.3. Decisions:

10.3.1. All decisions made by the Director of Player Safety will be circulated in writing to the Head Coach and General Manager of the offending team and the League President and VP.

10.3.2. Once the Director of Player Safety has conducted an investigation and rendered a decision, there shall be no further attempt by team management, staff, officials or players to contact the Director of Player Safety or League executive regarding the investigation or ruling.

## **Section 11 – Automatic Review & Minimum Suspension Guidelines**

11.1 The Director of Player Safety shall have the authority to review any infraction that results in an automatic suspension or contributes to an accumulation that may result in a suspension.

11.2 Any applicable infraction under 9.1 may be upheld or revoked at the discretion of the Director of Player Safety.

### 11.3 Minimum Suspensions:

11.3.1 In instances where an applicable infraction under 6.2 is upheld and results in an automatic suspension, the Director of Player Safety shall determine the suspension length using the Minimum Suspension Guidelines outlined in the appropriate section of this document.

11.3.2 All guidelines contained in the Minimum Suspension Guidelines sections of this document constitute minimums only. A suspension of a greater length may be determined at the discretion of the Director of Player Safety.

## **Section 12 – Requests for Supplemental Discipline**

12.1 Clubs may put forward a request to review incidents in which the submitting team contends that an offence worthy of supplementary discipline occurred that is not subject to automatic review.

12.2 All requests for supplemental discipline must be submitted electronically by a Governor to the League President by 10:00 am on the day following the game in question. No requests shall be accepted after this deadline.

12.3 All requests must be accompanied by a clip and the HockeyTV time stamp of the incident depicting a sufficient duration of time prior to and following the incident being requested for review.

12.4 The Director of Player Safety may require the submitting team to provide documents such as medical or dental reports in instances where the submitting team claims an injury to have occurred.

12.5 Upon receipt of a request for supplemental discipline, the Director of Player Safety shall immediately notify the General Manager and Head Coach of the team whose player is under review as well as the League President and VP.

12.6 It shall be at the discretion of the Director of Player Safety to determine what suspension(s), if any, shall be issued.

12.7 The fee to submit a Request for Supplementary Discipline is \$200 and will be invoiced by the VIJHL. The submission fee will be waived in instances where the request is successful. (See VIJHL Policy 5.5.6 for additional fee structure)



### **Section 13 – Appeals**

- 13.1. Any decision by the Director of Player Safety that results in a penalty beyond the automatic minimum guidelines contained in this document is subject to appeal.
- 13.2. An appeal cannot be made to challenge an automatic suspension that meets but does not exceed the relevant Minimum Suspension Guidelines.
- 13.3. An appeal cannot be made to decrease the length of a suspension or eliminate a suspension.
- 13.4. The fee to appeal a decision made by the Director of Player Safety is \$200 and will be invoiced by the VIJHL. The submission fee will be waived in instances where the appeal is successful. (See VIJHL Policy 5.5.6 for additional fee structure)
- 13.5. Appeals shall be heard by a VIJHL Appeals Committee (set by the League President).
  - 13.5.1. The Appeals Committee shall determine whether a hearing is necessary to consider the appeal.
  - 13.5.2. The Appeals Committee may utilize the same investigative methods outlined in VIJHL Policies 8.2.2.
- 13.6. All decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.
- 13.7. Once the Appeals Committee has conducted an investigation and rendered a decision, there shall be no further attempt by team management, staff, officials or players to contact the Appeals Committee or League executive regarding the investigation or ruling.

### **Section 14 – Repeat Offenders**

- 14.1 In determining the length of a suspension to a player or coach, the Director of Player Safety may consider the individual's disciplinary record from the current season and previous seasons at the junior hockey level.
- 14.2 In instances where the Director of Player Safety identifies a pattern of unacceptable behavior, the individual may be identified as a "repeat offender" and this status may be considered a factor in determining a longer suspension.
- 14.3 In instances where an individual's "repeat offender" status has been considered in the determination of a suspension, the Director of Player Safety must disclose this information in writing to the offending team.

### **Section 15 – Game Incident Reports**

- 15.1 Referees are required to submit a Game Incident Report through the online reporting
  - Any instance in which an Gross Misconduct penalty is assessed
  - Any instance in which a Match Penalty is assessed
  - Any instance in which an "Abuse of Officials" penalty is assessed
  - Any instance in which a Bench Minor is assessed to a Coach
  - Any instance in which an Instigator penalty is assessed
  - Any instance in which an Aggressor penalty is assessed
  - Any time a One-Man Fight occurs
  - Any Multiple Fight Situation
  - Any time a Staged Fight occurs
  - Any other incidents of concern or unusual circumstances

### **Section 16 – Ejections & Individual Conduct**

- 16.1 Any player ejected from a game must go directly to their dressing room, shower and dress in proper attire and may only leave the dressing room under direct supervision of a team official.
- 16.2 Any coach or bench staff member ejected from a game must go directly to their dressing room and must remain in the dressing room for the remainder of the game.



- 16.3 Any team official or player, including those not dressed for a game, who become involved with fans, team officials, game officials, volunteers or other players shall be subject to suspensions at the discretion of the Director of Player Safety.
- 16.4 Any Coach or Team Official who enters an officials' dressing room before, during or after a game without authorization shall be subject to an indefinite suspension and an investigation by the Director of Player Safety.
- 16.5 Any Player, Coach or Team Official who acts in an abusive or inappropriate manner toward an On-Ice Official, League Official, Supervisor, staff member or member of another club shall be subject to an indefinite suspension and an investigation by the Director of Player Safety.
- 16.6 Any Coach or Team Official who throws sticks, kicks garbage cans or otherwise displays poor conduct while in the dressing room hallway or other public area shall be given a gross misconduct and a minimum three (3) game suspension.
- 16.7 Team officials penalized under Hockey Canada Rule 10.8 'Refusing to Start Play', including withdrawing a team from play, shall be subject to an indefinite suspension.

### **Section 17 – Serving of Suspensions**

- 17.1 Any Coach or Team Official suspended for any reason shall be prohibited from having any contact with the players bench, dressing room, Coaching staff, on or off-ice officials, supervisors or to be in the Office from one hour before the game to one hour after its conclusion.
- 17.2 Any player suspended during the exhibition season shall have the suspension carried over into the regular season.
- 17.3 When a player's suspension cannot be served upon the conclusion of the season (including playoffs), the remaining game(s) shall be served at the start of the next season.
- 17.4 Should a player's suspension carry-over beyond the conclusion of their graduating season (20-year old season), then the suspension must be documented within the Hockey Canada Registry with an indefinite end date indicated and the appropriate notes documented on their profile.
- 17.5 Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in tryouts and exhibition games. Exhibition games cannot be used towards serving a suspension incurred during the regular season or playoffs. The suspended player will be prohibited from playing in regular season or playoff games until the suspension has been served.
- 17.6 Team Officials who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall adhere to the same suspension stipulations that applied upon the conclusion of the previous season as noted above, with the suspension continuing with start of the next season.

### **Section 18 – Officiating Complaints**

- 18.1 If any Coach or Team Official has a complaint about Officiating of a game or requires clarification on a rule or rule interpretation the concerns shall be put in writing and emailed to the appropriate League Executive Member for review. All submissions deemed legitimate by the League Executive Member will be forwarded to the appropriate BC Hockey Above Minor Delivery Group Member. It shall be at the sole discretion of the Delivery Group Member to determine whether or not an appropriate response is required.
- 18.2 No team Coach or Team Official shall phone, text or email a League Executive, BC Hockey Officiating Delivery Group Member (including the BC Hockey RIC) to complain about Officiating within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game. All complaints must be submitted in writing as outlined in 18.1 after a minimum of a twenty-four (24) period. Inquiries regarding minor penalties or infractions will not be accepted unless it is deemed necessary or requires clarification regarding rule interpretation not judgment.