



# HOCKEY CANADA MINOR / FEMALE MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

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The following minimum suspensions are not to be reduced; Members, Association and Leagues may strengthen any of the listed offences at their discretion.

These guidelines represent all levels of Minor hockey and all divisions of Female hockey.

## RULE 11 – MALTREATMENT

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1 game
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	2 games
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	4 games
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	5 games
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing (any suspension must be at least 5 games).
11.5(c)	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.
Rule #	Penalty	Accumulation Sanctions – Player or Team Official	Suspension
11.1(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		2 games
11.1(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		Indefinite
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		4 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite suspension
11.2(f)	Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.
11.4	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season		Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

## MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
7.2(b)	Major	Boarding	1 game
7.3(b)	Major	Body Checking	1 game
7.4(b)	Major	Charging	1 game
7.5(b)	Major	Checking from Behind	1 game
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	1 game
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	1 game
8.7(b)	Major	Clipping	1 game
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	1 game
9.3(b)	Major	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 pending a hearing.
Accumulation Sanctions - Coach	
Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.	1 game
For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.	3 games
For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

## MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
7.1(c)	Match	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury  <i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.</i>	3 games
7.2(c)	Match	Boarding	3 games
7.3(c)	Match	Body Checking	3 games
7.4(c)	Match	Charging	3 games
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	3 games
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	3 games
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	3 games
8.7(c)	Match	Clipping	3 games
8.8(c)	Match	Slew Footing	3 games
9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	3 games
9.2(c)	Match	Cross Checking	3 games
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	3 games
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	3 games
Accumulation Sanctions			
In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties 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 pending a hearing.

## FIGHTING SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
7.10(b)	<b>Fighting Major Penalty</b>	
	First Offence	1 game
	Second Offence	2 games
	Third Offence	4 games
	Fourth Offence	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.
7.10(e)	Third player in a fight	2 games
7.10(e)	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
10.4(e)	Player identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games

10.4(e)	Coach of a team whose player is identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games
10.4(e)	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 game
7.11(a)	<b>Instigator / Aggressor of a Fight</b>	
	First Offense	1 game
	Second Offense	3 games
	Third Offense	Indefinite Suspension
7.10(b)	<b>Pre/Post Game Altercations</b>	
	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	2 games
	Coach of team whose players are so penalized.	Indefinite suspension
	Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite suspension

## OTHER

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
4.8(c)	Game Misconduct	Any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days.  <i>Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.8(c) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.</i>	1 game
4.9(b)	Gross Misconduct	Any player or team official who is assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days.  <i>Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.</i>	1 game