



# HOCKEY CANADA SENIOR 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.

## RULE 11 – MALTREATMENT

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	1 game
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	2 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
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		2 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite suspension
11.4	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season		Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

## FIGHTING SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
7.10(b)	Any player who engages in his 3rd fight in a season.	1 Game
7.10(b)	Any player who engages in his 4th fight in a season.	2 Games
7.10(b)	Any player who engages in his 5th fight in a season.	3 Games
7.10(b)	Any player who engages in his 6th fight in a season.	Indefinite suspension
7.10(e)	Third man in a fight (Rule 6.7 (h)).	1 Game
10.4(e)	Any player receiving a fighting Major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	1 Game



## REMOVING HELMET INFRACTIONS

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
10.6(f)	Any player who removes his chinstrap before or during a fight.	1 Game
10.6(f)	If a player removes his helmet and releases his chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former will be assessed an additional two-minute Minor penalty.	1 Game
10.6(f)	Any player who removes an opponent's helmet or releases an opponent's chinstrap before or during a fight.	1 Game

## LEAVING THE BENCH

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
10.4(e)	Any player identified as being the first to leave the players' or penalty bench to start a fight.	3 games
10.4(e)	Any player identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight.	3 games
10.4(e)	The coach of team whose player is penalized under the above two points.	2 games plus a \$2,000 fine during Hockey Canada regional and national Championships, with Members to set the value of the fine for provincial play.
10.4(e)	The coach whose player left the player bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 game plus a \$1,000 fine during Hockey Canada regional and national championships, with Members to set the value of the fine for provincial play.

## INSTIGATOR / AGGRESSOR

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
7.11(a)	First Offense	1 game
	Second Offense	3 games
	Third Offense	Indefinite
	The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor.	3 games

## PRE-GAME/POST – GAME ALTERCATIONS

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
7.10(b)	Any player involved in pre-game or post-game altercations where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed (max 5 per team).	1 game
	Coach of team whose players are so penalized.	3 games plus a \$2,000 fine during Hockey Canada regional and national championships, with Members to set the value of the fine for provincial play.

	Any team involved in a pre-game or post-game brawl.	Fine to be determined during Hockey Canada regional and national championships, with Members to set the value of the fine for provincial play.
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## MAJOR / MATCH 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
7.5(b)	Major	Checking From Behind	1 game
7.5(c)	Match	Checking From Behind	3 games
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	1 game
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	3 games
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	3 games
8.7(b)	Major	Clipping	1 game
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

## 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