

# W.O.A.A SENIOR HOCKEY SUSPENSION SCALE – 2022 / 2023

The following are **MINIMUM** suspensions which shall be imposed for infractions which occur in all W.O.A.A. Senior Hockey Exhibition, League, All-star and Play-off games during the 2022-23 season. It is the responsibility of each team Manager and Coach to ensure his/her team officials and players sit out their appropriate suspensions. (Refer to Sec. N-Suspensions, W.O.A.A. Senior Hockey Manual of Operations.)

## TEAM OFFICIALS:

CODE	INFRACTION	HC# RULE	1st OFFENCE	2nd OFFENCE	3rd OFFENCE
DAB-GM 11.1	Any team official unsportsmanlike conduct.	11.1 (e)	Game Ejection	Game Ejection	Game Ejection
DAB-GM 11.2	Head Coach displaying disrespectful and abusive behaviour toward officials.	11.2 (e)	Game Ejection	2 games	Indefinite – Appear before committee
DAB-GM 11.2	Team official other than Head Coach displaying disrespectful and abusive behaviour toward officials.	11.2 (e)	2 games	4 games	Indefinite – Appear before committee
LPBP-GM	Head Coach identified as having first player leaving bench or penalty box.	10.4 (e)	2 games	2 games	2 games
LPB-GM	Head Coach: players leaving bench or penalty box without clearance from referee.	10.4 (e)	2 games	2 games	2 games
DAB-GRM	Team official assessed Gross Misconduct.	4.9 (a) & 11.2 (f)	2 games	4 games	8 games + Appear before committee
Any MP	Any Match Penalty - Threatening an official, Physical Abuse of Official, Spitting, Fighting (tape or ring on hand(s)), Attempt to injure, deliberate injury, butt ending, grabbing a facemask / helmet / chin strap, spearing, head butting, checking from behind, Head Contact.	4.10	All Match Penalties will be a minimum of three (3) games suspension. Each Match Penalty will be reviewed by the Senior Hockey Chairperson and/or Committee and teams will be notified of the length of the suspension.		
NA	Team Official(s) making public disrespectful and/or Derogatory remarks towards the association, it's Directors, Referees of the W.O.A.A.	NA	\$100 Fine	\$100 Fine	\$100 Fine + Appear before Committee
NA	Manager/Coach (person in charge) falsifies game sheet.	2.2 (c)	5 games	Appear before Committee	
RSP-GM	Head Coach refusing to start play of scheduled game.	10.8 (b)	Appear before committee.	Appear before committee.	Appear before committee.

## PLAYERS:

CODE	INFRACTION	HC # RULE	1st OFFENCE	2nd OFFENCE	3rd OFFENCE
DAB-GM 11.1	Unsportsmanlike conduct.	11.1	Game Ejection	Game Ejection	Game Ejection
DAB-GM 11.2	Disputing call with official: Abusive and/or profane language/abuse toward official(s).	11.2	2 games	4 games	6 games
2MSC-GM	Second Misconduct in same game.	4.7 (c)	Game Ejection	Game Ejection	Game Ejection
NA	Second Major penalty in same game.	NA	1 game	1 game	1 game
INTB-GM	Interference from bench – (5 min. Major + GM)	8.4	1 game	1 game	1 game
FTI-GM	Second fight, (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> etc.), same stoppage.	7.10	2 games	2 games	2 games
FTI-GM	Player(s) 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> man into fight.	7.10	2 games	2 games	2 games
LPBP-GM	First player identified leaving players' bench or penalty box.	10.4 (e)	2 games	2 games	2 games
CFB-MIN CFB-GM	Checking from Behind (2 min. Minor + GM)	7.5 (a)	Game Ejection	Game Ejection	Game Ejection
CFB-MAJ CFB-GM	Checking from Behind (5 min. Major + GM)	7.5 (b)	2 games	2 games	2 games
HC-MAJ HC-GM	Head Contact – (5 min. Major + GM)	7.6 (b)	2 games	2 games	2 games
NA	Any 5 min. Major Penalty (excluding fighting) or as specified in this suspension scale not listed above.	NA	1 game	2 games	4 games
3STK-GE	Three stick infractions.	4.8 (b)	Game Ejection	Game Ejection	Game Ejection
GRM	Any Gross Misconduct – Travesty, Obscene Gesture, Remove helmet and or chinstrap, Discriminatory slur, Trash Talking, Shooting puck over the boards after whistle into spectator areas without making contact to spectator/player.	4.9 (a) & 11.2 (f)	2 games	4 games	8 games + Appear before committee
Any MP	Any Match Penalty - Threatening an official, Physical Abuse of Official, Spitting, Fighting (tape or ring on hand(s)), Attempt to injure, deliberate injury, butt ending, grabbing a facemask / helmet / chin strap, spearing, head butting, checking from behind, Head Contact, Slew Footing, Shooting puck over the boards after whistle into spectator areas, making contact with spectator/player (player ejected from game).	NA	All Match Penalties will be a minimum of three (3) games suspension. Each Match Penalty will be reviewed by the Senior Hockey Chairperson and/or Committee and teams will be notified of the length of the suspension.		
NA	Bench Clearing	NA	\$100 fine each team		
CODE	INFRACTION	HC # RULE	SUSPENSION		
INS-MIN AGG-MIN	Instigator / Aggressor – 2. min Minor	7.11 (a)	1 game	2 games	4 games
FI-MAJ FI-GM	Fighting Major - (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence of season)	7.10 (b)	Game Ejection	Game Ejection	Game Ejection
	Fighting Major - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence of season		1 game		
	Fighting Major - 4 <sup>th</sup> Offence of season		2 games		
	Fighting Major - 5 <sup>th</sup> Offence of season		3 games		
	Fighting Major - 6 <sup>th</sup> Offence of season		Indefinite - Appear before committee		

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**THE INFRACTIONS ON PAGE ONE ARE MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS! ADDITIONAL  
SUSPENSIONS WILL BE ASSESSED WHENEVER CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES  
WARRANT.**

**PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT / HEADGEAR / VISORS:**

All Senior Hockey players, including goalkeepers, shall wear a **CSA approved** hockey helmet. Goalkeepers must also wear a **CSA approved** mask. All Senior Hockey players including goalkeepers, helmets **MUST** have properly fitted EAR GUARDS. All Senior Hockey players must wear a **CSA approved** ½ protective visor.

**\*NEW\*: CLIPPING:**

Hockey Canada Rule # 8.7

“Clipping, also known as a ‘low hit’, is where a player uses their body to make contact at or below an opponent’s knees. This may take the form of a player lowering their body prior to making a check or being checked. Players may not crouch down to avoid being bodychecked.”

- 8.7 (a)** A Minor penalty will be assessed to any player who commits a clipping infraction.
- 8.7 (b)** A Major penalty and Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the referee, based on the degree and violence of impact (including the impact with the ice or boards) may be assessed to any player who commits a clipping infraction.  
A Major penalty and Game Misconduct penalty will be assessed to any player who injures an opponent by a clipping infraction that would otherwise call for a Minor penalty.
- 8.7 (c)** A Match penalty will be assessed to any player who attempts to injure or deliberately injures an opponent by clipping.
- 8.7 (d)** No Misconduct penalty may be assessed for a clipping infraction.
- 8.7 (e)** A Game Misconduct penalty must be assessed any time a Major penalty is assessed for tripping, as detailed under Rule 8.7 (b).

**INTERPRETATIONS**

Interpretation 1 – Rule 8.7 (a)

*While players may attempt to lower their centre of gravity, in preparation for a hit, the onus is on the player lowering themselves to ensure that they do not commit a clipping infraction, by contacting their opponent at or below the knee area.*

Interpretation 2 – Rule 8.7 (b)

*In determining the “degree of violence”, the Referee should also consider the degree of impact with the ice, as clipping fouls may cause players to be thrown through the air and the subsequent impact with the ice can be very dangerous.*

**SLEW FOOTING:**

Hockey Canada Rule # 8.8

“Slew footing occurs when a player uses a leg or a foot to knock, drag, or sweep an opposing player’s feet from under them, or pushes another player’s upper body backward with an arm or elbow and at the same time, with a forward motion of their leg, knocks, drags, or sweeps that player’s feet from under them.”

- 8.8 (a)** A double Minor penalty will be assessed to any player who slew-foots an opponent.
- 8.8 (b)** No Major penalty be assessed for slew-footing.
- 8.8 (c)** A Match penalty, at the discretion of the referee, based on the degree of violence of impact (including the impact with the ice) may be assessed to any player who slew-foots an opponent.  
A Match penalty will be assessed to any player who injures an opponent by a slew-footing infraction that would otherwise call for a double Minor penalty.
- 8.8 (d)** No Misconduct penalty may be assessed for slew-footing.
- 8.8 (e)** No Game Misconduct penalty may be assessed for slew-footing.

## SECTION N – SUSPENSIONS

### N-5. REGULAR SCHEDULE LEAGUE GAMES:

Any player or team official who is determined to be ineligible and their name appears on the game sheet and participates in a regular schedule league game, the following shall apply:

- (a) The game shall stand as played,
- (b) The non-offending team is awarded the win, two (2) points, **only when a proper Protest from the non-offending team is received within the time frame as described in N-4,**
- (c) The offending team shall be fined \$250.00. The Coach and Manager of the offending team shall be suspended for five (5) games, as well as possible sanctions or suspensions to the player.
- (d) For a second occurrence, the Coach and Manager of the offending team will be suspended until dealt with by the Senior Hockey Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. They may be suspended for a period of one (1) year.
- (e) If in the opinion of the Senior Hockey Chairperson the use of an ineligible or illegal player or the failure to serve the suspension immediately was used to the offending team's advantage, including intentional falsifying of players cards or game sheets, further suspensions, loss of points (but not the award of points to the non-offending team) or additional fines may be assessed to the team, Coach and Manager as well as possible sanctions or suspensions to the player.

### PLAY-OFF GAMES:

Any player or team official who is determined to be ineligible and their name appears on the game sheet and participates in a W.O.A.A. Senior Hockey play-off game, the following shall apply:

- (a) The game shall stand as played,
- (b) The non-offending team is awarded the win(s) of all games in the series currently being played in which the ineligible player or team official participated, **only when a proper Protest from the non-offending team is received within the time frame as described in N-4,**
- (c) The offending team shall be fined \$500.00. The Coach and Manager of the offending team shall be suspended for the remainder of the current play-off season.
- (d) The player or team official who is determined to be ineligible shall cease all further participation with the offending team for the remainder of the play-offs.

N-6. Any member having incurred a suspension, fails to adhere in full to that assessment, the suspension shall be doubled. (Authority - By-Law No. 3, Suspensions - Para 5 (c)). **The additional suspension will commence immediately following the Senior Hockey Chairperson's awareness of the infraction and his ability to notify the appropriate team official. The additional suspension will be added on to any unserved portion of the original suspension. Any games that the suspended player should have sat out from the original suspension but instead participated in shall be governed by N-5. Games played after the suspension would have been normally served shall stand as played.**

*Example 1- Player is to sit out Saturday night regular season for a one game suspension but plays. His team loses. He plays again on Sunday. Chairperson is notified on Monday that suspended player did not sit on Saturday. RULING – player must now sit out his next two games from Monday on (one for original suspension and one for the doubling).*

**Note-** *If his team won on Saturday the losing team would have the right to protest and gain the two points however the Sunday game remains as played.*

*Example 2 – if the player's original suspension was for two games and would have involved sitting both Saturday and Sunday and his team won both with him in the lineup THEN both Saturday and Sunday losing teams have the right to protest as per N-5 and gain the two points. He would then have to sit out his two original games plus two more from Monday on.*

*Example 3 - If the player was to serve a 4 game suspension and only served 1, he would have to sit 3 games from the original suspension and an additional 4 as a result of the doubling of the original suspension.*

### APPEALS:

There shall be no appeal of a suspension of five (5) games per infraction or less. Appeals for six (6) games per infraction or more, must be submitted within seven (7) business days from the date of notification of the decision in accordance with W.O.A.A. By-Law No. 3

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