



Ice Hockey Australia

2022-2023 SUSPENSION GUIDELINES



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1. Application and Scope

- 1.1 This document forms Schedule H of the IHA Competition Disciplinary, Tribunal & Suspension Regulations.
- 1.2 This document is aligned to the IIHF Official Rulebook 2022/23.

2. Suspensions

- 2.1 Suspension should be served in the competition equivalent (or higher) to the competition that gave reason for the suspension of the player concerned.
- 2.2 Subject to Clause 2.4, players who are eligible to play in a competition in another age category, should serve the suspension in the youngest category for which they are eligible, even if the suspension results from a violation in an older age category.
- 2.3 Graded and automatic suspensions listed in this document do not apply to international games operated under IHA jurisdiction. Disciplinary matters occurring during international games not operated under IIHF jurisdiction shall be dealt with by the respective Member National Association, except for exhibition games which occur within seven (7) days of an IIHF Championship. All disciplinary matters occurring during exhibition games within seven (7) days of an IIHF Championship shall be dealt with by the Directorate Chairman of the respective Championship on an expedited basis. The Directorate Chairman shall have the right to refer the matter to the respective Championship Disciplinary Panel for review and sanctioning. For all suspensions rendered due to incident in an exhibition game, the suspension shall be served during the remaining exhibition period and/or during the Championship immediately following the exhibition period.
- 2.4 The suspension will be considered fulfilled if the player does not play in the game(s) for which they had been disqualified regardless of whether the player was entered in the competition concerned.
- 2.5 Subject to Clause 2.4, suspensions for games beyond the competition in which the player is suspended should be imposed during a competition of the following season. The suspension will be considered served if the conditions under Clause 2.4 have been fulfilled and will expire at the end of that following season unless the respective team does not take part that season in an equivalent competition for which the suspension was assessed, in which case the suspension is carried forward for one (1) more year.
- 2.6 Any suspension applied due to a tribunal called for Supplementary Discipline, if upheld, will detail the total suspension applied to a player, and may, or may not, include graded and automatic suspensions listed within this document.

3. Graded Suspensions

“Competition” is based on the number of games played by the team and not the overall number of games in the competition.

Competition	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
3-4 Game Round Robin	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
5 Game Round Robin	2 Games	1 Game	1 Game
10-15 Game Season	3 Games	2 Games	1 Game
16-25 Game Season	4 Games	3 Games	2 Games
25+ Game Season	5 Games	4 Games	3 Games

4. Table of Suspensions

Rule	Suspension
RULE 20 MAJOR PENALTIES	
20.4. AUTOMATIC GAME MISCONDUCT – only applies if associated with second major penalty or second misconduct penalty assessed to player during the same game)	1 Game
RULE 28 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE	
28.1. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE	Tribunal
RULE 39 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS	
39.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY	
(I) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
(II) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
(III) – assessed at any time	Tribunal
(IV) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
(VI) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
(VIII) – assessed at any time	Tribunal
RULE 40 PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS	
40.1. GAME MISCONDUCT	2 Games
40.2. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY I	Tribunal
40.3. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY II	GRADE 1
40.4. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY III	GRADE 2
40.7. COACH OR NON-PLAYING TEAM PERSONNEL	Tribunal
RULE 41 BOARDING	
41.4. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
41.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	1 Game
41.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 42 CHARGING	
42.4. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 3
42.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
42.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal



Rule	Suspension
RULE 43 CHECKING FROM BEHIND	
43.4. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
43.5. GAME MISCONDUCT – assessed at any time	1 Game
43.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 44 CLIPPING	
44.4. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
44.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
44.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 45 ELBOWING	
45.4. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
45.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
45.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 46 FIGHTING	
46.1. FIGHTING / FIGHTER – WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT AND CONTINUING TO FIGHT	
GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 3
46.3. INSTIGATOR / INITIATOR	
Instigator- Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+5'+GMP)	GRADE 3
Instigator and Aggressor - Minor Penalty + Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+2'+5'+GMP)	Tribunal
46.4. AGGRESSOR	
Aggressor - Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+5'+GMP)	GRADE 2
Instigator and Aggressor - Minor Penalty + Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+2'+5'+GMP)	Tribunal
46.5. DANGEROUS PUNCHER – “SUCKER PUNCHER”	Tribunal
46.7. THIRD PLAYER IN	GRADE 3
46.9. FIGHTING OTHER THAN DURING THE PERIODS OF THE GAME	Tribunal
46.11. FIGHTING OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE	Tribunal
46.13 JERSEYS	GRADE 3
RULE 47 HEAD-BUTTING	
47.4. MATCH PENALTY	Tribunal
47.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
RULE 48 ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK	
48.5. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
48.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 49 KICKING	
49.3. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
49.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal



Rule	Suspension
RULE 50 KNEEING	
50.4. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
50.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
50.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 51 ROUGHING	
51.3. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
51.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 52 SLEW-FOOTING	
52.2. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
52.3. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 53 THROWING EQUIPMENT	
53.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
53.6. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
53.9. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 55 HOOKING	
55.4. GAME MISCONDUCT – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
55.7. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 56 INTERFERENCE	
56.5. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
56.6. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
56.9. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 57 TRIPPING	
57.4. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
57.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
RULE 58 BUTT-ENDING	
58.4. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
58.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	1 Game
58.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 59 CROSS-CHECKING	
59.4. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
59.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
59.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal



Rule	Suspension
RULE 60 HIGH-STICKING	
60.4. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 3
60.5. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 61 SLASHING	
61.4. MATCH PENALTY	2 Games
61.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
61.8. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 62 SPEARING	
62.4. MATCH PENALTY	GRADE 1
62.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	1 Game
62.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 69 INTERFERENCE ON THE GOALKEEPER	
69.8. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 70 LEAVING THE PLAYERS' BENCH OR PENALTY BOX	
70.6. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY	GRADE 3
70.10. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	Tribunal
RULE 75 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	
75.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY	
(I) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
(II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII)	Tribunal
RULE 101 WOMEN'S HOCKEY – SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES	
101.1. ILLEGAL HIT IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY	
(II) Major Penalty (5') and automatic Game Misconduct Penalty – assessed at any time	1 Game
(III) Match Penalty (MP)	Tribunal