

NB MINOR HOCKEY COUNCIL



MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DISCIPLINE

2020-2021 SEASON

Amended May 2020

1. **OBJECTIVES**

To establish a disciplinary protocol as per the HNB/NBMHC Code of Ethics and Fair Play that will clearly establish the role and responsibilities of all participants in the fair application of a disciplinary policy for infractions committed as per the Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and the NBMHC Code of Conduct and disciplinary policies.

MISSION STATEMENT OF HNB

Leader in Developing Positive Lifestyles, Inclusive Communities and Opportunities through Hockey.

VISION OF HNB

A Better New Brunswick through Hockey.

CODE OF FAIR PLAY

Refer to the HNB Fair Play Policy
[Hockey New Brunswick - Fair Play Code](#)

The NBMHC Executive Committee shall administer all infractions under the code of fair play for non-game or non-ice conduct arising from a game.

2. **CODE OF ETHICS Authority: HNB Constitution By-Law 15**

All participants and members of HNB sanctioned programs and activities shall use the Code of Ethics as the guiding principle for their conduct and in discharging their responsibilities under the mandate of HNB. Infractions under the Code of Ethics shall be administered as per HNB By-Law 15. The District Directors, the NBMHC Chair or the President of Hockey New Brunswick as deemed necessary, shall administer infractions to the Code for activities under the NBMHC.

3. **PRINCIPLES**

The code of discipline should emanate from the Code of Fair Play philosophy and should be developed and applied in a fair, timely, and consistent manner.

As such, disciplinary decisions should be a constructive tool in modifying the participants' behavior and not be viewed as solely as a punishment for their action. For discipline to be effective, the imposition of any suspension must be based on available facts.

The on-ice officials have a responsibility to impose penalties as per the Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules. In a case of serious infractions, the report should disclose the necessary information for the reader to form an opinion as to the mitigating factors involved in the penalty. The HNB Game Incident Report information surrounding the infraction should be clear, concise, and objective and provide sufficient information for the reader to form an opinion of the issues related to the incident. All officials need to be properly informed and trained, free from any form of bias and held accountable for their decisions.

The person who has the responsibility to impose a suspension as per the standards should be able to inquire from other sources about the infraction. In serious cases, the Disciplinary Committee, formed at the discretion of the governing body, should be able to request a written report from the teams' officials, all on-ice officials, and other credible witnesses.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The HNB Suspension Coordinator and **U15** AAA and **U18** AAA League Presidents shall use the Minimum Standards for Discipline in the administration of discipline within New Brunswick. The masculine gender is used without prejudice to facilitate reading.

These standards are amended to agree with Hockey Canada's Official Rulebook **2020-2022** edition in effect for the **2020-2021** season.

a. **COACHES**

- i. Coaches are primarily responsible to control the behavior of their players on and off the ice.
- ii. Be knowledgeable of the Hockey Canada rules.
- iii. Be knowledgeable of the NBMHC disciplinary suspension standards.
- iv. Provide information, when required, to members of the Disciplinary Committee.
- v. Ensure that players are not allowed to play until a formal decision on the suspension has been rendered.
- vi. Explain the suspension to the player and encourage the player to modify his/her behavior.
- vii. Ensure that the player serves suspension.

b. **OFFICIALS**

- i. Maintain control of the game under his authority.
- ii. Ensure that the play evolves in a safe environment.
- iii. Impose the required penalty as per the Hockey Canada rule to both team players objectively.
- iv. Consult, when necessary, with other on-ice and off-ice officials.
- v. Prepare clear and concise HNB Game Incident Report reports on all Game Misconducts, Major, Match or Gross misconduct penalties.
- vi. Forward these reports within 24 hours to the NBHOC-ROC Referee in Chief or regional game incident report coordinator.

c. **NBHOC - ROC REFEREE-IN-CHIEF**

- i. Receives all GIR's from officials under his jurisdiction.
- ii. Reviews all GIR's for inconsistencies, errors or omissions.
- iii. Amend all GIR's before forwarding to the HNB Suspension Coordinator within 24 hrs. of the infraction.
- iv. E-mail to suspensions@hnb.ca or Fax to 506-830-6773

d. **HNB SUSPENSION COORDINATOR AND DIRECTORS**

- i. The HNB Suspension Coordinator shall have jurisdiction over all infractions concerning majors, match penalties, game misconducts and gross misconducts. NBMHC District Directors shall have jurisdiction over Fair Play Policy and the Code of Ethics infractions. The **U15** AAA and **U18** AAA provincial league presidents will handle the infractions occurring in these leagues for minimum imposed suspensions. Serious infractions requiring a case review must involve a member of the NBMHC Executive Committee.
- ii. The HNB Suspension Coordinator is to render suspension decisions based on the NBMHC Minimum Standards for Discipline. The NBMHC Executive Committee

may increase the suspension to the individual based on the seriousness of the infraction and/or if a serious injury resulted from the infraction. Repeated offenders may have their suspension increased accordingly.

- v. Association Presidents are responsible to notify coaches of infractions from exhibition and tournament games played within a community club, coaches must abide by the NBMHC Minimum Standards for Discipline and it is the coach's responsibility to know of prior suspensions to impose amplification suspensions as per NBMHC Minimum standards of Discipline.
 - vi. The HNB Suspension Coordinator will endeavor to render a decision within 48 hours.
- e. **U15 AAA AND U18 AAA LEAGUE PRESIDENT**
- i. **U15** AAA and **U18** AAA League Presidents are required to administer the disciplinary action of their leagues consistently with the NBMHC Minimum Standards for Discipline.
 - ii. Any discipline *above the NBMHC Minimum Standards for Discipline* given by a League President will be discussed with the NBMHC Director associated with that league.
 - iii. The **U15** AAA and **U18** AAA League Presidents are to render suspension decisions based on the NBMHC Minimum Standards for Discipline. The League President in consultation with a member of NBMHC Executive Committee may increase the suspension to the individuals based on the seriousness of the infraction and/or if a serious injury resulted from the infraction.
 - iv. On all suspensions of 4 games or less, the League President will endeavor to render a decision within 72 hours (no hearing required).

5. **GENERAL NBMHC DISCIPLINE ADMINISTRATION**

- a. All discipline suspensions will be given in games, unless otherwise noted in the following standards. Games counting towards suspensions are regular scheduled league games and tournament games, which were scheduled before the infraction occurred, proof that the games were scheduled must be provided to the District Directors or League Presidents jurisdiction. Exhibition games sanctioned prior to a game, in which a suspension is issued, will count toward the serving of a suspension.
- b. All persons receiving a suspension under the jurisdiction of Hockey Canada, HNB or its member Branches shall be deemed ineligible from participating at any level of hockey, including officiating, in any competition under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick until the suspension has been served or length of suspension has elapsed from within the league and/or Council in which it was given.
- c. The HNB Suspension Coordinator or League President must receive game reports within 48 hours of the infraction.
- d. Members incurring suspensions in excess of Minimum Standards of Discipline or an indefinite suspension shall be permitted a hearing by the responsible authority. All hearings must follow Section 6.2 of the NBMHC Operation Manual.
- e. Further appeals of this decision may be made to the HNB Appeals Committee (attention HNB Executive Director) under HNB Regulation 110.
 - i. Appeals will only be entertained when they are higher than the minimum suspension, or when they are concerning rule interpretation or player eligibility. Official (s) judgement is not appealable.
- f. Strict enforcement of the Code of Ethics for coaches being assessed misconduct and game misconduct penalties are to be adhered to.
- g. Players and/or team officials conduct while under suspension

- i. Players
 - a. Can practice with the team while under suspension
 - b. Cannot play exhibition, tournament or league games while under suspension
 - c. Anyone carrying a suspension from a previous season can try out and is permitted to play exhibition games prior to the start of the season.
- ii. Coaches
 - a. During, before and after games, coaches cannot be in the dressing room while under suspension
 - b. During, before and after games, coaches cannot be near the players' bench
 - c. Coaches cannot coach league, exhibition or tournament games while under suspension
- h. Abuse of officials will not be tolerated (see below).
- i. Severe penalties are to be assessed to community clubs and/or coaches who allow suspended players to play (see below).
- j. For use of an ineligible player as defined in NBMHC Operation Manual Section 12.1 the minimum suspension is 5 games.
- k. Pictures, video or any equipment visual electronic, digital or otherwise, shall not be used to determine or to change the result of a ruling or game. When available, the use of such images and equipment is valid only for information such as:
 - i. To review situations which have led to line brawls or bench-clearing incidents.

6. **NBMHC MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DISCIPLINE ABUSE OF OFFICIALS**

- a. Abuse of officials may be handled in 2 manners: Hockey Canada Rule 9.2 outlines the various penalties or abuse of officials and Rule 4.7 with regard to making a travesty of the game may also be used to control the abuse of officials.
- b. Any physical abuse of referees or other game officials by players, coaches, team officials, or parents shall be subject to a suspension to be determined by the NBMHC Executive Committee under the discipline format.
- c. PLAYERS - A player who abuses an official by swearing and carries on with abusive language to the point that he receives a gross misconduct penalty shall receive a minimum 4 game suspension for the first offence. The suspension is to be doubled for each successive gross misconduct penalty incurred by the player at fault.
- d. TEAM MANAGEMENT - A coach, manager, trainer or team official who receives a gross misconduct penalty shall be handled under the Code of Ethics section of the NBMHC Regulations by the NBMHC Executive Committee. For a first offence, the suspension shall be a minimum of 6 games. Repeat offenders will be suspended as deemed necessary.
- e. Suspensions will be issued to:
 - Any coach whose team engages in two or more fights in a game
 - Any coach whose team receives 2 Matches in same game
 - Any team that receives 2 Major penalties in the same game
 - Any coach whose player left the player or penalty bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty

7. **AFFILIATION**

If an affiliated player is invited without the consent of the Association President, EDZA President, League President or designate, sanctions will be handed out. For the first offence, a written warning will be issued to the higher division or category. For the second offence, the affiliation agreement for the said player to the higher division or category will be annulled for the remainder of the season.

8. TRAVEL PERMITS

Minimum 6-month suspension to a coach, manager, team official for traveling without a proper travel permit.

9. U7 and U9 HOCKEY MODEL PROGRAM

- a. **It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to follow Hockey New Brunswick rules related to U7 / U9 programming.**
- b. **The structure for U7 / U9 programming is outlined in Section 15.11 of the Hockey New Brunswick Minor Operations Manual.**
- c. **Failure to follow section 15.11 will result in the following sanctions – the sanctions will be issued and at the discretion of the respective Hockey New Brunswick District Director.**
1st offense – Head Coach will be suspended for two weeks
2nd offense – Head Coach will be released from roster and suspended for duration of season.

Any community club violating the maximum number of games for **U7 and U9** will be suspended from all provincial play-off play in all age divisions.

10. PLAYERS/COACHES, ETC. PARTICIPATING WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION OR AWAITING DECISION ON MATCH OR GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

Players, coaches or team officials and associations that participate in games or team functions contrary to the attached MSD will be dealt with in a severe manner by the NBMHC Executive Committee.

11. RECOMMENDED SUSPENSION FOR USE OF AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- a. For use of ineligible player - Refer to Section 12.1 of the NBMHC Operation Manual.
- b. An ineligible player may also be defined as any player deemed suspended, not properly rostered, or affiliated with his team or not having met the requirement of the NBMHC Operation Manual.
- c. If a team participates with a player deemed ineligible all games played shall be declared a forfeit and the team shall be denied any participation in provincial playoffs during the current season.

12. SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SUSPENSIONS

- a. NOTE: Additional game suspensions may be given if the participant receives subsequent penalties of the same nature (second offence) or if the infraction resulted in a serious injury to the other player. Suspensions may double with each subsequent offence.
- b. For a full description of the infraction, the reader should refer to the Hockey Canada Official Rule Book.
- c. These suspensions will be served in addition to the penalty imposed by the on-ice officials during the hockey game. For example, a fighting major with a game misconduct within the last 10 minutes of the last period (overtime), would result in an additional 2 game suspension (1 game + 4.6.c).

13. NBMHC GAME INCIDENT REPORT CRITICAL PATH

- a. HNB Suspension Coordinator receives the Game Incident Reports (GIR) by e-mail or fax from the designated NBHOC representative for the District/ROC. (The designated NBHOC representative receives all the GIR's for the District/ROC).
- b. The HNB Suspension Coordinator reviews the incident report. If there are questions the HNB Suspension Coordinator contacts the designated NBHOC representative for the information
- c. The HNB Suspension Coordinator renders the appropriate discipline.
- d. The HNB Suspension Coordinator issues the suspensions to the designated person for each association and copies the appropriate District Director
- e. Any major suspensions that require a hearing will be forwarded to the appropriate District Director.
- f. If a hearing is required, the District Director or League President calls the offending party and explains the process, outlines what the GIR contains and asks if they have anything to add.
- g. Once the District Director or Designate feels there are no issues with the incident report, the District Director fills out the "Notice of Suspension".
- h. District Director or Designate sends the notice of suspension to the appropriate Association President, HCR or HNB and designated NBHOC representative.
- i. This process should be completed in 24 hours or less.



Game Incident Report



Game Information

Date:	_____	Time:	_____	League:	_____	Division:	_____
Home Team:	_____			Visiting Team:	_____		
Home Coach:	_____			Visiting Coach:	_____		
Home Manager:	_____			Visiting Manager:	_____		

Officials Information For Questions about Incident Report. Contact the Incident Coordinator ONLY

Referee:	_____						Zone Incident Coordinator	
Referee:	_____							Name:
Linesman:	_____						Phone:	_____
Linesman:	_____						Email:	_____

Penalty Summary

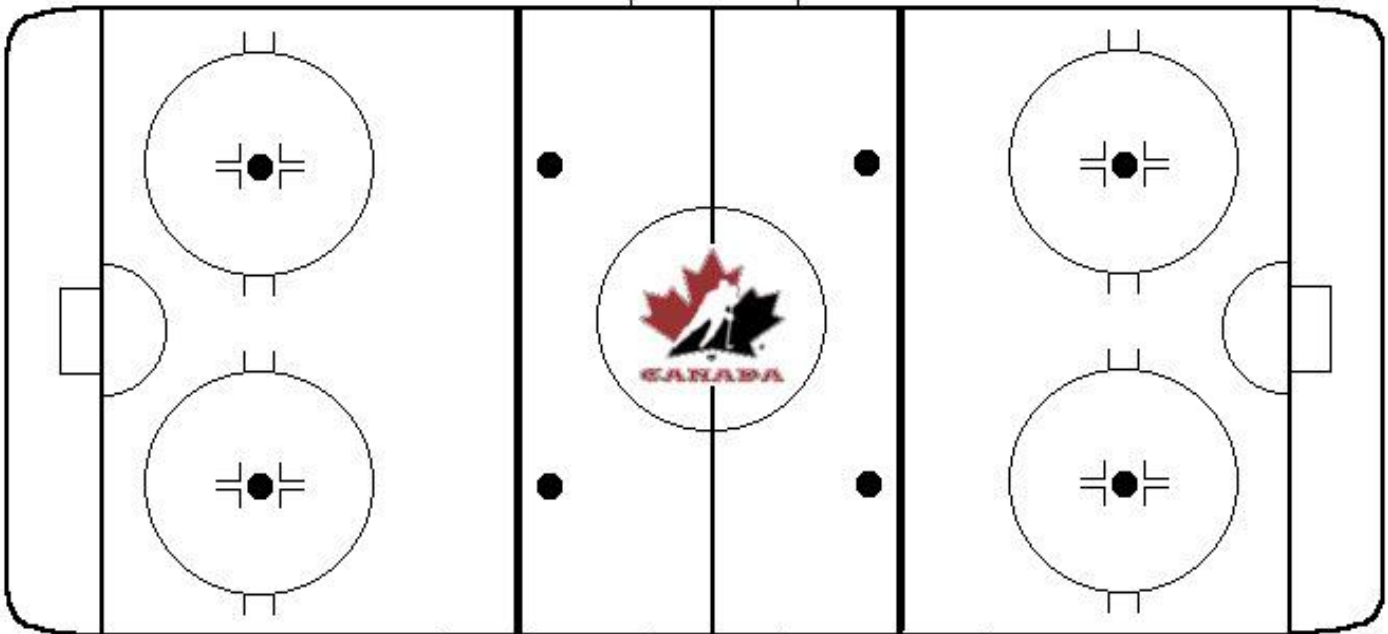
Player Name	No.	Team H/V	Period	Time Left In Period	Penalty ¹	Rule Reference	Recorded properly on sheet	Injury?

1. For a molesting/physical abuse of an official penalty a detailed report is required. Include in the report as much detail as possible such as the people involved, the actions, the intent, any witnesses and positions of the people involved. Forward a copy of this report to Brad Jenkins - NBHOA Technical Director, email: bradjenkins@bellaliant.net
2. If an injury occurs than a detailed report must be written describing who was injured, the type of injury and all relevant details.
3. Please include all relevant information including the penalty call, any events which may of lead up to the incident and any events which occurred after the incident.

Referees Report (Please write a detailed report, more room on back page)

Referees Report Continued

Penalty Box



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Visitor

HC - F22	Ineligible Player - Player or Team Official	3 Years (falsifying a birth certificate or using an assumed name)
2.2	Ineligible Player - Team Official	5 games (Using a player not rostered, affiliated or under suspension)
4.4	All Major Penalties	1 game (applies to all Game Misconduct penalties)
4.5 b	Second misconduct in the same game	1 game (last 10 minutes)
4.6 C	Game Misconduct – Last 10 minutes	1 game (applies to all Game Misconduct penalties)
	If players undo their own or each other's chin straps and/or remove their own or each other's helmets before or during a fight.	Gross Misconduct + Game + any other penalties incurred.
4	Gross Misconduct – Discriminatory Grounds	2 games
4.7 B	Gross Misconduct - Travesty of the Game – Player	1 st – 2 games 2 nd – 5 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games) ** for team officials, an extra 2 games for each offense
4.8	Match Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for any infractions	5 Games
6.1	Attempt to Injure / Deliberate Injury Match Penalties	
	Deliberate Injury Match Penalties	Indefinite Suspension
6.1 A	In any manner - Not otherwise covered	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
6.1 B	Head-Butting	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)

6.1 C	Kicking	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
6.1 D	Pulling hair or grabbing facial protector	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
6.1 E	Uses facial protection as weapon	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
6.1 F	Slash, High Stick, Cross Check, Spearing, Butt-end,	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for any of the above infractions	5 Games
6.2 A	Boarding - Major Penalty	1 st – 2 games 2 nd – 3 games 3 rd – indefinite when major penalty is accessed.
6.2 B	Body Checking – Non-Checking Major	1 st – 2 games 2 nd – 3 games 3 rd – indefinite when major penalty is accessed
6.3 A	Charging – Major Penalty	1 st – 1 game 2 nd – 2 games 3 rd – 3 games
6.3 B	Charging Goaltender – Major Penalty	1 st – 1 game 2 nd – 2 games 3 rd – 3 games 4 th – indefinite
6.3 C	Charging – Match Penalty	1st – 3 games 2nd – 6 games 3rd – indefinite
6.4 A	Checking from behind - Major Penalty	1 st – 2 games 2 nd – 4 games 3 rd – indefinite
6.4 A	Checking from behind – Major Penalty (non-checking game)	4 games Subsequent infractions – suspension doubles each time

6.4 B	Hit in any manner from behind –Match Penalty	1 st – 4 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
6.5 B	Head Contact – (Major only)	1st – 2 games 2nd – 3 games 3rd – indefinite
6.5 E/F	Head Contact - Major Penalty	1st – 2 games 2nd – 3 games 3rd – indefinite
6.5 G	Head Contact - Match Penalty	1st – 4 games 2nd – 6 games 3rd – indefinite
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.4,6.5, in the same season for any of the above infractions	5 Games
	Any Player receiving 3 Match penalties for any of the above infractions	Indefinite
6.6 A/B	Kneeing - Major Penalty	1 st – 1 game 2 nd – 3 games 3 rd – 4 games 4 th – indefinite
6.6 C	Kneeing- Match Penalty	1st – 3 games 2nd – 6 games 3rd – indefinite
6.7	Fighting and Roughing	
6.7 A/B/C	Fighting - Major Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite
	Any coach whose team engages in two or more fights in a game	1 Game (2 Games In the last 10 min)
	For subsequent violation where the team engages in two or more fights in a game, Coach receives	3 Games (4 Games In the last 10 min)
	3 rd violation of team having two or more fights in a game, Coach receives	Indefinite suspension
	Any coach whose team receives 2 Matches in same game for any of the above infractions	1 Game
	For Subsequent violation where the team takes 2 Match penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, Coach receives	3 Games
	For a 3 rd violation meaning a team receiving 2 Match penalties in the same game for the above infractions, Coach receives	Indefinite Suspension
6.7 B (1&2)	Instigator or aggressor of a fight	1 st – 3 games

		2 nd – Indefinite
6.7 E	Wearing material to inflict injury – Match Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games
6.7 G	Off Ice Fighting – Major Penalty	1st – 3 games 2nd – 6 games 3rd – indefinite
6.7	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
6.7 H	Third man in a fight	4 games
6.7 I	A Gross Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player or team official who fights with a team official, joins in a fight involving a team official or intervenes as a peacemaker in a fight involving a team official.	1st – 3 games 2nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games) ** for team officials, an extra 2 games for each offense
7.3 A / B	Interference / Protection of the goaltender- Major Penalty	1 game
7.3 E	Interference - Major Penalty	1st – 3 games 2nd – 6 games 3rd – indefinite
7.4 A	Tripping - Major Penalty	1 game
7.4 B	Slew footing- Match	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite
8.1	Butt-Ending	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
8.2 A/B/C	Cross-checking - Major Penalty	1 st – 1 game 2 nd – 3 games 3 rd – 4 games 4 th – indefinite
8.2 D	Cross-checking - Major Penalty/ injury occurred	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games
8.2 E	Cross-checking - Match Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)

8.3 A / B	High-stick - Major Penalty	1 game
8.3 C	High-stick - Match Penalty	1 st - 3 games 2 nd – 6 games
8.4 A/B	Slashing - Major Penalty	1 game
	Any player receiving 2 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	2 Games
	Any player receiving 3 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	4 Games
	Any player receiving 4 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	Indefinite Suspension
	Any team that receives 2 Major penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, coach receives	1 Games
	For a 2 nd violation of a team receiving 2 Major penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, coach receives	3 Games
	For a 3 rd violation of a team receiving 2 Major penalties in the same game for the above infractions, coach receives	Indefinite Suspension
8.4 D	Slashing - Match Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games
8.5	Spearing – Match Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for any of the above infractions	5 Games
9.2 A	Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Player/Coach /Team official (game misconduct only)	1 st – 2 games 2 nd – 4 games 3 rd - Indefinite (minimum 10 games)
9.2 B	Harassment / Abuse of officials – players/Coach/Team Official (Game misconduct only)	1 st – 2 games 2 nd – 4 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games)
9.2 A /B	Gross Misconduct	1st– 4 games 2nd – 8 games 3rd – indefinite
9.2 F	Gross Misconduct - Discriminatory Grounds	1 st - 2 games (Plus an investigation by the HNB District Director) 2 nd – Indefinite suspension
9.5 A	Leaving bench or penalty bench for purpose of a fight	Player – 5 games Coach – 5 games
9.5 B	Leaving bench or penalty bench during a fight	4 games for purpose of a fight.

	The coach of the team whose player is penalized for being the first to leave the players bench or penalty bench during a fight or start a fight.	3 Games
9.5 C	Any player who leaves his players' bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty for his actions shall also incur an automatic Game Misconduct penalty.	3 games
9.5 C	Any player who leaves the penalty box during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty for his actions shall also incur an automatic Game Misconduct penalty.	4 games
	The coach whose player left the player or penalty bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty	3 games
	The coach whose player left the player or penalty bench but is not identified as the first to leave the bench during an ice altercation. [Rule 9.5 (c)]	1 Game
	The coach of a team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor	3 Games
9.5 F	Team Official Getting On the Ice – Game Misconduct	3 games
9.5 I	Game Misconduct - Coach fails to hold bench at end of Game when penalties are being called	1 Game
9.6	Physical Abuse of Officials - Match Penalty	
9.6 A	Threatens or attempts to strike on-ice or minor official	Indefinite (Min 3 Games)
9.6 B	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes an on-ice official	Indefinite (Min 6 Games)
9.6 C	Deliberately strikes, trips, or body checks on-ice or minor officials	Indefinite (Min 1 Year)
	Molesting Officials	Indefinite Suspension
9.7	Spitting - Match Penalty	1 st – 3 games 2 nd – 6 games (makes contact)
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for any of the above infractions	5 Games
10.14 A	Fails to return and start play - Team officials	Up to 1 year
10.14 C	Fails to return and start play - Second time in same game	Up to 1 year
10.14 D	Fails to present themselves at a game for playoff provincials	6 games
10.14 E	Refusal to leave area after game misconduct assessed	Minimum of 1 year
	Not completing game or series	Indefinite
	Any team involved in a pre or post-game brawl	Indefinite Suspension
	Any player, manager, coach, trainer, or stick boy using obscene and/or profane language: - first infraction - second infraction (same game)	10 minute misconduct Game Misconduct

(26.1) Ops. Manual	It is mandatory that all NBMHC coaches and on ice personnel wear a CSA approved helmet while on the ice during practice.	1 st – warning issued 2 nd – 1 week suspension 3 rd – indefinite
406 HNB Const.	Executive Committee Powers – Code of Conduct	Indefinite Suspension pending HNB Minor Council Hearing (3 members of which one must be Minor Chair or Vice-Chair)
	Violation against the Play Fair Policy	1 st – Written warning issued 2 nd – 1 game min - 3 game max suspension 3 rd – Dismissal from coaching position and removal from roster

NBMHC SUSPENSION CASEBOOK

The purpose of this Casebook is to provide detailed examples and explanations for the application of Suspensions. This casebook is to provide additional documentation and education to our membership. We highly recommend that coaches and managers keep a copy of this document and become familiar with it, to better work within the rules and regulations of hockey in New Brunswick.

SUSPENSIONS

The following is a Minimum Standards of Discipline (MSD) for the suspensions of team members. Leagues may extend the basic suspension(s), however they shall not reduce the New Brunswick Minor Council Minimum Standards of Discipline.

Example:

1. The suspension for a Match Penalty for kicking (Rule 6.1 C) is a minimum of 3 games. A league may choose to make the suspension more severe by choosing any number of games over 3; however, they cannot reduce the suspension to less than 3 games.
2. The minimum suspension for a fight and a Game Misconduct in the last 10 minutes of a game, is the next scheduled league, tournament, exhibition or provincial playoff game. A league may impose additional games for the actual fight or accumulation of fighting majors.

These MSD are to be applied to hockey played in Minor. The game, in which any penalties assessed fall under NBMHC Minimum Standards of Discipline, shall not be counted in the length of the suspension.

Example:

1. A player receives a 2 game suspension for a Gross Misconduct (Rule 9.2 F) they received in the first period of a game. The game he received the Gross Misconduct in does not count in the length of the suspension; they must sit their next 2 scheduled league, tournament, provincial playoff or previously scheduled exhibition games.

It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure team member(s) sit out their appropriate suspension. When in doubt as to the relevant suspensions, do not play the suspended player until a decision is rendered or contact the appropriate league division director. Leagues often apply additional games for repeat offenses.

Example:

1. If a player is removed from a game but the offence is not written down on the game sheet, it is the responsibility of the team manager and/or the coach to discover what the offence was that removed the player from the game. If it was for an offence that calls for a suspension, ensure the player sits out the minimum number of games as outlined in the NBMHC Minimum Standard of Discipline guideline and make every effort possible to contact the League Division Director to find out the exact length of suspension.
Each team manager and/or coach cannot assume that if they do not hear from the league or regarding a suspension, that the suspension of a player wasn't warranted. Again, it is the team manager and/or coach's responsibility to discover the suspension and ensure the player sits out the appropriate length of games.
2. The District Director has the option to impose a time limit on suspensions in special circumstances. For example, a player receives a Match Penalty for Checking from Behind and the player who was hit sustains an injury that prohibits him from playing the game for 2 months. The District Director has the option of simply applying a specific number of "games" suspension or a time suspension (i.e.: 2 months).

The following MSD will be applied to all suspensions that involve a length of time.

1. A team official receives a 1-year suspension for a Match Penalty (Rule 9.6 B) –Example: Physical Abuse of Officials on February 1, 2020. They will be suspended until January 31, 2021.

OTHER FOULS

a. Ineligible Players

NBMHC Operation Manual Section 12.1

- i) Any player proven guilty by his Branch, or HC of falsifying a birth certificate, association application form or forging and playing under an assumed name, or of having knowledge that same has been falsified, or of playing on other than his own birth certificate, shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with the HC for a period of up to three years from the date of his suspension.
- ii) Any team official, executive member of a team, club or association, proven guilty after a proper hearing by his Branch or HC of having been party to, or having knowledge of playing of an ineligible player, shall be suspended for a period of not less than three years from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with HC.
- iii) An ineligible player may also be defined as any player deemed suspended, not properly rostered or affiliated with his team or not having met the requirement of the NBMHC Operations Manual and shall be immediately suspended until dealt with by the Executive Committee.

2.2 c	Team Official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team.	5 Games
2.2	Team Officials who is party to or had knowledge of playing under suspension.	5 Games
2.2	Coach who allows game participation of an Improperly Registered or Suspended player or Team Official.	5 Games
2.2	Player who participates in a game as an Improperly Registered or Suspended player or Team Official.	5 Games

- iv) a team participates with a player deemed ineligible, all games played with the ineligible player shall be declared a forfeit and the team shall be denied any participation in provincial playoffs during the current season.

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If an affiliated player is invited without the consent of the coach, sanctions will be handed out. For the first offence, a written warning will be issued to the higher division or category. For the second offence, the affiliation agreement for the said player to a higher division, category is annulled for the remainder of the season.

b. Game Misconduct**Game Misconduct Penalty (GM)**

4.6 C – In Minor, any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular scheduled league, tournament, exhibition or provincial playoff game. A total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against the penalized player for a Game Misconduct.

Example:

- i) A Minor player receives a Game Misconduct for a 5 minute major with 8 remaining in the game. They receive the following: [Minimum of 1 game for the Fight - Rule 6.7 A/B – 1 game for receiving the GM in the last 10 minutes. Total suspension is a minimum of 2 games.]
- ii) A Minor player receives a 5 minute major for Checking to the Head with 6 minutes remaining in the game. They receive the following: [Minimum of 1 game for the CTH - Rule 6.5 B – 1 game for receiving the GM in the last 10 minutes. Total suspension is a minimum of 2 games.]
- iii) A Minor Coach receives a Rule 9.2 A Misconduct with 5 minutes remaining in the game. There is no suspension as it was not a “Game” Misconduct.
- iv) A player receives a 9.2 A Game Misconduct with 4 minutes remaining in a game which was tied at the end of regulation time and which was decided 13 minutes into the second overtime period. They receive the following;
 - 1 game for a GM in the last 10 minutes.
 - Overtime does not eliminate this!
 - 1 for the 9.2 A) GM Offence
 - Total suspension is a minimum of 2 games
- v) A Male player receives a Game Ejection with 9 minutes remaining in the game for his fourth stick infraction. There is no automatic suspension as a Game Ejection is not equal to a Game Misconduct.
- vi) A Minor Coach receives a 9.2 B Misconduct in the first period and then a 9.2 A Misconduct at the beginning of the third period. As a result of receiving a second misconduct in the same game they automatically receive a Game Misconduct. They receive the following;
 - 1 game suspension.
- vii) If players undo their own or each other’s chin straps and/or remove their own or each other’s helmets before or during a fight.
 - Gross Misconduct & Game
 - Plus any other penalties incurred

c. Gross Misconducts

Rule #	Description	Minimum
4.7 B	Gross Misconduct - Travesty of the Game - Player	[1 st – 2 games] [2 nd – 5 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
For Team Officials add [extra 2 games for each offence]		
4.7 B	Gross Misconduct – Abusive Language	[4 games for player / 6 games for team official]

d. Match Penalties

Rule #	Description	Minimum
6.1	Deliberate Injury Match Penalties	Indefinite Suspension
6.1 A	Attempt to injure	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
6.1 B	Head butting	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
6.1 C	Kicking	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
6.1 D	Hair pulling / Grabbing the facemask	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
6.1 E	Uses facial protection as a weapon	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
6.1 F	Slash, High Stick, Cross Check, Spearing / Butt-ending	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.1,6.2,6.3 in the same season for any of the above infractions	5 Games

e. Body Contact

Rule #	Description	Minimum
6.2 A	Boarding - Major Penalty	[1 st - 2 games] [2 nd - 3 games] [3 rd - Indefinite]
6.2 B	Body checking – Non Checking Major	[1 st - 2 games] [2 nd - 3 games] [3 rd - Indefinite]

f. Charging

Rule #	Description	Minimum
6.3 A	Charging Major	[1 game]
6.3 A	Charging Goaltender Major	[1 game]

g. Checking from Behind / Check to head

Rule #	Description	Minimum
6.4 A	Major and a Game Misconduct – CFB	[1 st - 2 games] [2 nd - 4 games] [3 rd - Indefinite]
6.4 A	Non-Checking – CFB major	[1 st - 4 games] [Subsequent Infractions – suspension doubled each time]
6.4 B	Match- Hit in Any Manner from Behind	[1 st - 4 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd - Indefinite] (min 10 games)
6.5 B	Head Contact - Major and a Game Misconduct	[1 game] apply Rule 4.6 C
6.5 E	Head Contact - Match Penalty	[1 st - 4 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd - Indefinite]
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.4,6.5, in the same season for any of the above infractions	5 Games

h. Elbowing / Kneeing

Rule #	Description	Minimum
6.6 B	Elbowing – Kneeing Major	[1 st - 1 game] [2 nd - 3 games] [3 rd – 4 games] [4 th – Indefinite]

i. Fighting

Rule #	Description	Minimum
6.7 A/B/C	Fighting – Major Penalty	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite]
	Any player receiving 2 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	2 Games
	Any player receiving 3 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	4 Games
	Any player receiving 4 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	[Indefinite Suspension]
	Any team that receives 2 Major penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, coach receives	[1 Games]
	For a 2 nd violation of a team receiving 2 Major penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, coach receives	[3 Games]
	For a 3 rd violation of a team receiving 2 Major penalties in the same game for the above infractions, coach receives	[Indefinite Suspension]
6.7 B (1&2)	Instigator or aggressor of a fight	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - indefinite]
6.7 C	Any player that continues to retaliate with a blow or attempted blow after having being struck, shall be assessed a major penalty and a game misconduct penalty.	[4 games]
4.11 D	When a Goaltender leaves her goal crease to join in a fight, act as a peacemaker, or take part in another fight, during the same stoppage of play, shall receive a Game Misconduct penalty, plus any other penalties she incurs.	[4 games]

6.7	Any player receiving a fighting major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	[3 games]
6.7 E	Wearing material to inflict injury - Match	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games]
6.7 G	Off ice Fighting – Major Penalty	[1st – 3 games] [2nd – 6 games] [3rd – Indefinite]
6.7 H	Any player joining in a fight, acting as a peacemaker or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play, will be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty plus any other penalty the offender incurs under the rules.	[1st – 3 games] [2nd – 6 games] [3rd – Indefinite]
6.7 I	A Gross Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player or team official who fights with a team official, joins in a fight involving a team official or intervenes as a peacemaker in a fight involving a team official.	1st – 3 games 2nd – 6 games 3 rd – indefinite (min 10 games) ** for team officials, an extra 2 games for each offense

i. Tripping or Slew Footing

Rule #	Description	Minimum
7.4 A	Tripping- Major	1 game
7.4 B	Slew Footing - Match	1 st – 3 games 2 nd - 6 games 3 rd - Indefinite

k. Cross Checking

Rule #	Description	Minimum
8.1	Butt-Ending	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite](min 10 games)
8.2	Cross-Checking Major Penalty	[1 st - 1 game] [2 nd - 3 games] [3 rd – 4 games] [4 th – Indefinite]

8.2 D	Cross-Checking Major – Injury occurred	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games]
8.2 E	Cross-Checking Match Penalty	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (Min 10 games)

I. High Sticking

Rule #	Description	Minimum
8.3 A / B	High Stick – Major Penalty	[1 st - 1 game] [2 nd - 2 games] [3 rd – 3 games] [4 th – Indefinite]
8.3 C	High Stick – Match Penalty	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games]

m. Slashing

Rule #	Description	Minimum
8.4 A/B	Slashing – Major Penalty	[1 st - 1 game] [2 nd - 2 games] [3 rd – 3 games] [4 th – Indefinite]
	Any player receiving 2 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	[2 Games]
	Any player receiving 3 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	[4 Games]
	Any player receiving 4 Major penalties in the same season, for any of the above infractions	[Indefinite Suspension]
	Any team that receives 2 Major penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, coach receives	[1 Games]
	For a 2 nd violation of a team receiving 2 Major penalties in the same game for any of the above infractions, coach receives	[3 Games]
	For a, 3 rd violation of a team receiving 2 Major penalties in the same game for the above infractions, coach receives	[Indefinite Suspension]
8.4 D	Slashing – Match Penalty	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games]

8.5	Spearing – Match Penalty	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd - 6 games] [3 rd – Indefinite](min 10 games)
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n. Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct / Misconduct / Gross Misconduct

Rule #	Description	Minimum
9.2 A	Unsportsmanlike Conduct- Player/ Coach/ Team Official (Game Misconduct Only)	[1 st - 2 game] [2 nd - 4 games] [3 rd – Indefinite- Minimum 10 games]
9.2 A	Gross Misconduct - Coach, manager, trainer or team official who receives a gross misconduct penalty shall be handled under the Code of Ethics section of the NBMHC Regulations by the NBMHC Executive Committee.	[6 game minimum]
9.2 B	Harassment/ Abuse of Official – Player/ Coach/ Team Official (Game Misconduct Only)	[1 st - 2 games] [2 nd - 4 games] [3 rd – Indefinite] (min 10 games)
9.2 F	Gross Misconduct – Discriminatory Grounds	[1 st - 2 games] Plus an investigation by the HNB District Director [2 nd - indefinite]
<p><i>Example:</i></p> <p>i) A player receives a 9.2 A Game Misconduct in the first 5 minutes of a game. They must sit out the team's next 2 games.</p> <p>ii) A player receives a 9.2 B Game Misconduct in the second period of a game. The player must sit out the team's next 2 games and the coach must sit out the team's next 4 games.</p>		

o. Leaving a Bench

Rule #	Description	Minimum
9.5 A	Leaving bench or penalty bench for purpose of a fight – Player/coach	[5 games]
9.5 B	Leaving bench or penalty bench during a fight	[4 games for purpose of a fight]
	The coach of the team whose player is penalized for being the first to leave the players bench or penalty bench during a fight or start a fight.	[3 Games]
9.5 C	Any player who leaves his players' bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty for his actions shall also incur an automatic 3 Games.	[3 games]

9.5 C	Any player who leaves the penalty box during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty for his actions shall also incur an automatic Game Misconduct penalty.	[4 games]
	The coach whose player left the player or penalty bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty	[3 games]
	The coach whose player left the player or penalty bench but is not identified as the first to leave the bench during an ice altercation. [Rule 9.5 (c)]	[1 game]
	The coach of a team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor	[3 Games]
9.5 F	Team Official Getting On the ice – Game Misconduct	[3 games]
9.5 I	Game Misconduct - Coach fails to hold bench at end of Game when penalties are being called	[1 Game]

p. Physical Abuse of Officials - Match

Any player, coach, manager, trainer or stick person assessed a penalty under Rule 9.6 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book is to be indefinitely suspended until the case is reviewed by the delegated body.

Rule #	Description	Minimum
9.6 A	Threaten or Attempt to strike on-ice or minor official	[Indefinite]
9.6 B	Intentionally touches, holds, or pushes on-ice or minor official	[Indefinite]
9.6 C	Deliberately strikes, trips or body checks on-ice or minor official	[Indefinite]
	Molesting Officials	[Indefinite]

q. Spitting

Rule #	Description	Minimum
9.7A	Match Spitting on a player, official, team official or spectator	[1 st - 3 games] [2 nd or Makes Contact 6 games]

r. Removing Team From Game

Rule #	Description	Minimum
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10.14	Coach whose team is removed from the game prior to the game conclusion	
10.14 A	Fails to return and start play – Team Officials	[Up to 1 year]
10.14 C	Fails to return and start play – Second time in same game	[Up to 1 year]
10.14 D	Fails to present themselves at a game for playoff provincials	[6 games]
10.14 E	Refusal to leave area after game misconduct assessed	[Minimum of 1 year]
	A team or management failing to complete a game or series without the permission of the Executive Committee	[Minimum of 1 year]
	Pre or Post Game Incidents where Major penalty and Game Misconducts are assessed	[Indefinite]
	Coach of team whose players are penalized for Pre or Post Game Altercations	Indefinite Suspension
	Any team involved in a pre or post-game brawl	Indefinite Suspension

s. Helmets

Bench staffs that do not wear CSA approve helmets while on the ice [1st – Warning issued, 2nd – 1 week suspension, 3rd – Indefinite suspensions.

t. Travel Permits

A Minimum 6 month suspension will be assessed to coach, manager, and team official for traveling without a proper travel permit.

u. HNB U7 and U9 Hockey Model Program

Any community club violating the maximum **U7 and U9** game rules will be suspended from all provincial play-off play in all age divisions.

Application of Suspensions from the Minimum Standards of Discipline

- a. Suspensions by HNB if any registered referee, player, coach or team official may include a suspension that will not allow such suspended person to participate in the game of hockey in any capacity. The following MSD apply;
 - i) The suspensions from all aspects of hockey would apply to all suspensions issued for breach of HNB By-Laws or Regulations, as well as all suspensions issued under Hockey Canada/HNB Playing Rule 2.2 C, 9.6 C.

Example: If a player has received a one year suspension for a 9.6 C infraction on December 15, **2020**, he would be suspended until December 14, **2021**. He would be

eligible to practice with his team for the remainder of the **2020-2021** season, unless otherwise instructed, and be eligible to try out for a team in the fall of **2021**, however he would not be able to play in any type of game or be on the player's bench in any type of capacity until his suspension is served.

- ii) All persons receiving a suspension under the jurisdiction of Hockey Canada, HNB or its member Branches shall be deemed ineligible from participating at any level of hockey in any competition under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick until the suspension has been served or length of suspension has elapsed from within the league and/or Council in which it was given.

Example: If a team official or player received a suspension during a game they are unable to officiate any type of game until his suspension is served.

- b. While a team official is serving his suspension, he cannot coach league, exhibition or tournament games. The team official cannot be present in his/her team's dressing room prior to during or following the game(s) they are suspended from or near the player's bench.

Example:

A Minor Hockey Coach receives a 1 game suspension. While serving that suspension the coach cannot enter his teams dressing room prior, during or following the game he is suspended from. If he does, he can be reported to the District Director for further disciplinary action. The coach also cannot have any contact with his team's bench or team officials on the bench while serving the suspension. If they are using hand signals; verbal signals; walkie-talkies; cell phones; text messaging; or any communicative device or action in any fashion with the bench or dressing room, they can be reported to the District Director for further disciplinary action.

- c. A suspended player cannot be present on the player's bench.
- d. A player/team official is suspended from all hockey until the suspension is served with the team where the infraction occurred (registered or affiliate team). If the team where the infraction occurred has played its last game then the suspension may be completed with the other team. The player suspension must be listed on game sheet. The official player/team official shall not be included as one of the maximum number of players.

Example:

- i) A **U15** player receives a match penalty and a 3 game suspension while playing with his **U15** team. He cannot play with the **U18** team he is affiliated with until he has served the 3 game suspension.
- ii) A **U15** player receives a match penalty and 3 games suspension while playing with the **U18** team he is affiliated with. He cannot play any games with either his **U15** team or the **U18** team until he serves the 3 game suspension with the **U18's**. It is the **U18** team's games that count against the suspension, not the **U15** team's games as he was playing with the **U18's** at the time of the infraction
- iii) A **U18** player playing as an affiliate with a junior team and receives a fighting major in the last ten minutes of the Junior A game. He is not suspended from the next game as the game Misconduct in the last 10 minutes of Regulation does not apply in Junior Hockey which is what Division he was playing with at the time.

- iv) A **U13** player receives a 1 game suspension from an infraction during the last game of the season. The **U15** team he is affiliated with has a season ending tournament that he intended on playing in. He must serve the suspension during the **U15** team's first game of the tournament.
- e. Suspensions may only be served in regular scheduled league games, HNB playoff games or league playoff games, and exhibition and sanctioned tournaments where entry or scheduling is made prior to suspension.

Example:

- i) A **U13** player receives a 3 game suspension from an infraction in a game held on Sunday afternoon. The team does not have any scheduled games for 10 days and therefore the Manager schedules an exhibition game for the following weekend. The suspended player cannot participate in the exhibition game and the game will not count against the suspension as the exhibition game was not scheduled before the infraction took place.
- ii) If in the above example, the team had entered a tournament prior to the infraction the first 3 games of the tournament will count toward the player's suspension.
- f. Suspensions for violations of Hockey Canada/HNB rules and regulations must be served in the next game or games the player/team official participates in.
- g. All District Directors, League Presidents or Designates must abide by the NBMHC Minimum Standards of Discipline suspensions.
- h. Any coach who allows either of the goalkeepers to play in any position other than goal, **U15** division and above, shall be immediately suspended until dealt with by the Executive Committee.
- i. **Releasing a Suspended Player**
A suspended player, at the discretion of the Branch and HC, may be authorized to be released provided it is arranged with the Branch(s) that the player will serve his suspension with the new club, team, association, Branch.