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2024-2025 OHF Minimum Suspension List – Junior B & C Hockey

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all OHF exhibition, league, and play-off games, during the current playing season for Junior competitive hockey. Note (1) that these suspensions are over and above any imposed by Hockey Canada rules.

Notice re: Clarifications

1. These are minimum suspensions. Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstance warrant.
2. Any other Suspension of fewer than 7 games shall be final and not appealable.
3. If a Supplemental Suspension is assessed in addition to the minimum Suspension, the supplemental Suspension is appealable directly to the league.
4. It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure their players sit out the appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact the league office.
5. If unable to contact the league office, sit player(s) in question until clarification can be obtained.
6. These suspensions are in addition to the game incurred.

| SECTION 1 – MALTREATMENT | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
| 11.1 (e) | Game Misconduct | Unsportsmanlike Conduct | n/a | n/a |
| 11.2(e) | Game Misconduct | Abusive Behavior - COACH | 1 st = 1 game + \$500 | 2 games |
| | | | 2 nd = 2 games + \$750 | n/a |
| | | | 3 rd = 2 games + \$1000 + Hearing | n/a |
| | | Abusive Behavior - PLAYER | 1 st = 2 games + \$150 | n/a |
| | | | 2 nd = 4 games + \$300 | n/a |
| | | | 3 rd = 6 games + \$450 + Hearing | n/a |
| 11.2(f) | Gross Misconduct | Abusive Behavior | 3 games | n/a |
| 11.3(c) | Match | Spitting | 5 games | n/a |
| 11.4 | Gross Misconduct | Discrimination | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine (Minimum 5 Games) | n/a |
| 11.5(c) | Match | Physical Harassment of Officials | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| 11.5(e) | Game Misconduct | Physical Harassment of Officials | 2 games | n/a |

| Progressive Suspensions – Player or Team Official | | | |
|---|--|---|-----------------|
| Rule # | Penalty | Suspension | Last 10 Minutes |
| 11.2(e) | Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season | 3 games | n/a |
| 11.2(e) | Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| 11.2(f) | Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| 11.4 | Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| 11.5(e) | Receives 2 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.5(e) in a season | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |



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SECTION 2 – MAJOR PENALTIES

| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|--|-------|--|---|-----------------|
| 7.1 (b) | Major | Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury | 1 game | 2 games |
| 7.2 (b) | Major | Boarding | 1 game | 2 games |
| 7.4 (b) | Major | Charging | 1 game | 2 games |
| 7.5 (b) | Major | Checking from Behind * | 2 games | n/a |
| 7.7 (b) | Major | Head Contact * | 2 games | n/a |
| 7.8 (b) | Major | Kneeing ** | 2 games | n/a |
| 8.5 (b) | Major | Interference with the Goaltender *** | 2 games | n/a |
| 8.7 (b) | Major | Clipping | 2 games | n/a |
| 9.2 (b) | Major | Cross-Checking | 1 game | 2 games |
| 9.3 (b) | Major | Slashing | 1 game | 2 games |
| 10.5 (b) | Major | Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object | 1 game | 2 games |
| 10.8 (b) | Major | Refusing to Start Play | See other (Section 5) | n/a |
| Progressive Suspension - Player | | | | |
| * A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for Checking from Behind & Head Contact in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent minor in the same season. | | | | |
| ** A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving their 3rd double minor penalty for Kneeing in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent double minor in the same season. | | | | |
| *** A player shall receive a 2 game suspension upon receiving his 3rd penalty for Goaltender Interference in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent Goaltender Interference Penalty in the same season. | | | | |
| Any player receiving 2 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions | | | 2 games | 3 games |
| Any player receiving 3 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions | | | 4 games | 5 games |
| Any player receiving 4 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions | | | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |

SECTION 3 – MATCH PENALTIES

| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|----------|-------|--|---|-----------------|
| 7.1 (c) | Match | Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| 7.2 (c) | Match | Boarding | 3 games | n/a |
| 7.4 (c) | Match | Charging | 3 games | n/a |
| 7.5 (c) | Match | Checking from Behind | 3 games | n/a |
| 7.7 (c) | Match | Head Contact | 3 games | n/a |
| 7.8 (c) | Match | Kneeing | 3 games | n/a |
| 8.5 (c) | Match | Interference with the Goaltender | 3 games | n/a |
| 8.7 (c) | Match | Clipping | 3 games | n/a |
| 8.8 (c) | Match | Slew Footing | 3 games | n/a |
| 9.1 (c) | Match | Butt-Ending | 3 games | n/a |
| 9.2 (b) | Match | Cross-Checking | 3 games | n/a |
| 9.3 (b) | Match | Slashing | 3 games | n/a |
| 9.4 (c) | Match | Spearing | 3 games | n/a |
| 10.5 (c) | Match | Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object | 3 games | n/a |

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| Progressive Suspension - Player | | |
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| Any player receiving 2 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions | 5 games | n/a |
| Any player receiving 3 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |

| Progressive Suspension Continued– Player - Game Misconducts | | |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
| 6 th offence | 1 game + \$500 | n/a |
| 7 th offence | 2 games + \$750 | n/a |
| 8 th offence | 3 games + \$1000 | n/a |
| 9 th offence | 4 games + \$1250 | n/a |
| 10 th offence and thereafter | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |

SECTION 4 – FIGHTING PENALTIES

| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| 7.10 (b) | Major | Fighting - Third (3 rd) Offence | 1 game | 2 games |
| | | Fighting - Fourth (4 th) Offence | 2 games | 3 games |
| | | Fighting – Fifth (5 th) Offence | 3 games | 4 games |
| | | Fighting – Sixth (6 th) Offence and thereafter | Indefinite Suspension- League to determine | n/a |
| 7.10 (b) | Pre/Post Game Altercations | | | |
| | Major + GM | Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed. | 2 games | n/a |
| | Major + GM | Coach of team whose players are penalized | 3 games | 4 games |
| 7.10 (c) | Match | Fighting – wearing rings or tape to inflict punishment. | 3 games | n/a |
| 7.10 (e) | Game Misc. | Player who joins in a fight or acts as a peacemaker. | 2 games | n/a |
| 7.10 (e) | Game Misc. | Player who takes part in another or secondary fight during the same stoppage of play. | 2 games | n/a |

| Rule 7.10 - Staged Fights | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Incident | | | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
| Players participating in staged fight (No Instigator) | | | 3 games | n/a |
| 2nd occurrence in the same game (No Instigator) | | | 3 games minimum to players involved. Coaches shall be ejected + \$600 | n/a |
| Staged fight where an instigator is identified | | | 2 games minimum to Coach + \$600 | n/a |
| Staged fight where an instigator is identified | | | 5 games minimum to offending Player | n/a |

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Rule 7.10 - Pre-Game Fights or End or beginning of period

| Who is Penalized: | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Instigating player(s) | 5 games | n/a |
| Instigating coach (if identified) | 3 games + \$1500 | 4 Games |

Rule 7.10 - Fights Involving Goaltenders

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Any fights between goaltenders | 3 games | n/a |
| Goaltender travels down the ice inside the other club's blue line to fight opposing goalkeeper | 5 games | n/a |
| 2nd offence with an opposing goalkeeper | 6 games | n/a |
| Goaltender who leaves the crease to engage in a fight with any player other than a goaltender | 2 games | n/a |

| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|----------|------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| 7.11 (a) | Instigator of a Fight | | | |
| | Minor | First Offense | 1 game | n/a |
| | Minor | Second Offense | 3 games | n/a |
| | Minor | Third Offense | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| | NA | The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor. | 3 games | n/a |

Rule 7.11(a) Note: If a player is assessed both penalties in the same altercation, they would be suspended for both offences.

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| 7.11 (a) | Aggressor of a Fight | | | |
| | Minor | First Offense | 1 game | n/a |
| | Minor | Second Offense | 3 games | n/a |
| | Minor | Third Offense | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| | NA | The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor. | 3 games | n/a |

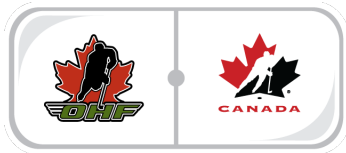
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Instigator & Aggressor – Rule 7.11

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|--|---|-----------------|
| 2nd offence (Instigator or Aggressor) | \$500 | n/a |
| 3rd offence (Instigator or Aggressor) | \$750 | n/a |
| 4th offence (Instigator or Aggressor) | \$1000 | n/a |
| 5th offence (Instigator or Aggressor) | \$1250 | n/a |
| 6th offence and thereafter (Instigator or Aggressor) | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |

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| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|----------|--------------|---|------------------|-----------------|
| 10.4 (e) | Game Misc. | Player identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting. | 6 games + \$1500 | n/a |
| 10.4 (e) | Game Misc. | Any player identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight. | 6 games + \$1500 | n/a |
| 10.4 (e) | Game Misc. | The Coach of a team whose player is penalized under the above two points | 2 games + \$500 | 3 games |
| 10.4 (e) | Game Misc. | 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 | 2 games |
| 10.4 (e) | Game Misc. | Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (assessed to Coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game) | 2 games | |
| 10.6 (f) | Gross Misc. | Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight. | 2 games | 3 games |
| 10.6 (f) | Gross. Misc. | If a player removes their helmet and releases their chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former will be assessed an additional two-minute Minor penalty. | 2 games | 3 games |
| 10.6 (f) | Gross Misc. | Any player who removes an opponent's helmet or releases an opponent's chinstrap before or during a fight. | 2 games | 3 games |

Removing Equipment to Fight – Rule 10.6

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Removal of equipment on bench | 1 game min. to Player 1 game min. to Coach | n/a |
| 2nd occurrence – Coach and Player | 2 games | n/a |

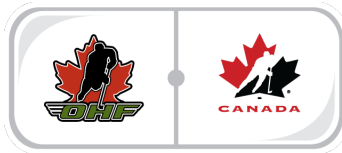
Two Fights on the same stoppage:

Players involved in the second fight shall be subjected to an automatic suspension.

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 minutes |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| No instigator in 2nd fight | 1 game minimum to each Player | n/a |
| Instigator in 2nd fight | 2 games minimum to Instigating player. The non-instigating Player shall not be suspended + \$500 fine | n/a |

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Three or More Fights on the same stoppage:

When three or more fights occur during the same stoppage of play, players involved in the second fight and all subsequent fights shall be subjected to an automatic suspension.

If a team is identified as the instigator of the multiple fight situation, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 minutes |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Instigating player(s) | 5 games | n/a |
| All players from instigating team who participated in multiple fight situation | 2 games | n/a |
| Coach of the instigating team | 1 game | n/a |
| Instigating Team | \$1000 | n/a |

If it is clear by the evidence that the multiple fights were instigated by one team, players from the non-instigating team shall not be suspended.

If an instigator is not identified, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| All participating players | 2 games | n/a |
| Coach from each team | 1 game | n/a |

Each team also receives \$1,000 Fine

Players involved in the initial fight shall not be subject to the multiple fight penalties and suspensions.

Fighting Last 10 minutes of Game

| Incident | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|--|--|-----------------|
| First fight (last 10 mins of game) | Warning delivered to both benches | n/a |
| 2nd fight (last 10 mins of game) | 1 game suspension to each player | n/a |
| 2nd fight (last 10 mins of game with Instigator) | 2 games minimum to instigating player The non-instigating player shall not be suspended | n/a |

SECTION 5 – OTHER

| Rule # | Type | Penalty | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
|---------|------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4.8 (c) | Game Misc. | 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. Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.8(c) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines. | 1 game | n/a |

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| 4.9 (b) | Gross Misc. | 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. Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines. | 1 game | n/a |
| 4.9 | Gross Misc. | Any gross misconduct assessed to a player or team official not otherwise covered within these guidelines | 3 games | 4 games |
| 10.4 (f) | Gross Misc. | Any player or team official who, having been removed from the game due to a Game Ejection, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalty, returns to the ice surface or becomes involved with or disrupts the game in any way. | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| 10.8 | n/a | Refusing to start Play | Indefinite Suspension – League to determine | n/a |
| Coaches and Team Officials | | | | |
| Incident | | | Suspension/Fine | Last 10 Minutes |
| Team official making public derogatory remarks with respect to the Federation, any Director, Team Official or game official of the OHF or its Divisions | | | League to determine suspension + \$1000 (min. fine) | n/a |

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