

13.2 **MINOR HOCKEY SUSPENSION PROCEDURES**

**HOCKEY ALBERTA RESPONSIBILITIES**

13.2.1 The Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials, and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (ie. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games, and Programs of Excellence).

13.2.2 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations or designate by the Team.

13.2.3 In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament, or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA Bylaws 12.02 and 12.03.

13.2.4 When a suspension is incurred in exhibition play, Provincials, tournament play, and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (league, tournament, Provincial Play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.

When a suspension occurs during Provincials, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (Provincial, league, tournament play, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Event).

**Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for no more than one (1) game as outlined in 13.3, said official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for more than one (1) game as outlined in 13.3, said official will be permitted to officiate assigned games during the day immediately following the suspension. At the conclusion of that day, the On-Ice Official will be required to serve his suspension as outlined in 13.2.4.**

**Hockey Canada Bylaws Regulations O.6**

*Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official, who is under suspension by the Hockey Canada Branch League or Minor Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada sanctioned games. Any individual under such suspension who does participate in any Hockey Canada activities will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada, or the member Branch, League or Minor Hockey Association.*

13.2.5 If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate, must notify the LMHA President, or their designate, and the League Governor.

13.2.6 Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play exhibition Games while serving a suspension.

13.2.7 The Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify the following:

- i) Number of games.
- ii) Which games are to be served.  
i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events
- iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
- iv) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

13.2.8 Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach, on a referee or linesman (**Rule 9.6 & 9.7**), are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Co-ordinator.

- 13.2.9 No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room and within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.
- 13.2.10 Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered Team or affiliated Team, is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team. The Player and suspension must be listed on game sheets.
- 13.2.11 Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team, who incurs a suspension, is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.
- 13.2.12 Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.

### **LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 13.2.13 The league is responsible for issuing/monitoring suspensions for league play only.
- 13.2.14 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed to the appropriate league representative by the specified time given by the appropriate league.
- 13.2.15 When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events.

#### **Hockey Canada Bylaws Regulations O.6**

*Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official, who is under suspension by the Hockey Canada Branch League or Minor Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada **sanctioned games**. Any individual under such suspension who does participate in any Hockey Canada activities will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada, or the member Branch, League or Minor Hockey Association.*

- 13.2.16 If a suspension overlaps into, tournaments, Provincials, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the league representative must notify the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate.
- 13.2.17 Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play exhibition games while serving a suspension.
- 13.2.18 In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during League play, the League representative must notify the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA Bylaws 12.02 and 12.03.

- 13.2.19 The league representative will issue a suspension notice.  
A suspension notice must specify:
- i) Number of games.
  - ii) Which games are to be served.  
i.e. league play, tournament play, provincial play, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events
  - iii) The League Appeal process.
  - iv) The Player/team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

- 13.2.20 Any infractions that involve a Player/coach, on a referee or linesmen (**Rule 9.6 & 9.7**), are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Co-ordinator.
- 13.2.21 No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing rooms and within fifty (50) feet of the player's bench during the game.
- 13.2.22 If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President, or their designate, is responsible for notifying the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate.
- 13.2.23 Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered Team or affiliated Team is suspended from participating in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension is served with the Team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team.
- 13.2.24 Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team, who incurs a suspension, is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.
- 13.2.25 Suspended Player/Team Officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspensions.
- 13.2.26 **Early Seasons-End Suspensions**  
Any player who has not served a suspension from the current playing season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations to have that suspension served in an exhibition game(s) which it cannot be served in league, tournament or provincial play at seasons end.
- 13.2.27 **Carry-Over Suspensions**  
Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations to have that suspension deferred until the try-out portion of the Hockey Season is complete. Any suspension subsequently deferred by the Manager of Operations will be reported to Hockey Alberta for review after the one year period.
- 13.2.28 **Pre-Season Suspensions**  
Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game, may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations, to have such suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s). The Zone Manager of Operations may approve or deny such requests.
- 13.3 **Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions (See Attached Supplement)**

- 13.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the HA Executive.
- 13.6 Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game;
- (i) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the President from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.
  - (ii) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 13.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name, or having knowledge that same had been falsified, or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension
- 13.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the team may forfeit any games played using an Ineligible Player or official.

#### **14.0 COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

See **Section F** for Details