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SUBJECT: Hockey Canada Minor/Female Hockey Minimum Suspension Chart

The following minimum suspensions are not to be reduced; Branches, Association and Leagues may strengthen any of the listed offenses at their discretion.

RULE 11 – MALTREATMENT AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
11.1	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1 Game
11.2	Game Misconduct	Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behavior	2 Games
11.3	Match	Spitting	3 Games
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing (any suspension must be at least five games).
11.5	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

Accumulation Sanctions – Player or Team Official	
Receives two Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	2 Games
Receives three or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	Indefinite
Receives two Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	4 Games
Receives three or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite
Receives two or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
6.2	Major	Boarding	1 Game
6.2	Major	Body Checking	1 Game
6.3	Major	Charging	1 Game
6.4	Major	Checking from Behind	1 Game
6.5	Major	Head Contact	1 Game

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6.6	Major	Kneeing	1 Game
8.2	Major	Cross-Checking	1 Game
8.4	Major	Slashing	1 Game
Accumulation Sanctions - Player			
Any player receiving 2 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			2 games
Any player receiving 3 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			4 games
Any player receiving 4 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.
Accumulation Sanctions - Coach			
Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 Majors penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.			1 Game
For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 Major penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.			3 Games
For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 Major penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.			Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
6.1	Match	Attempt to Injure	3 Games
6.1	Match	Butt-Ending	3 Games
6.1	Match	Grabbing Face Mask	3 Games
6.1	Match	Hair Pulling	3 Games
6.1	Match	Kicking	3 Games
6.1	Match	Kneeing	3 Games
6.1	Match	Spearing	3 Games
6.1	Match	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite pending a hearing.
6.2	Match	Boarding	3 Games
6.2	Match	Body Checking	3 Games
6.3	Match	Charging	3 Games
6.4	Match	Checking from Behind	4 Games
6.5	Match	Head Contact	4 Games
7.4	Match	Slew Footing	3 Games
Accumulation Sanctions			
In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 in same season for any of the above infractions			4 Games
In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties under 6.4, 6.5 in same season for any of the above infractions			5 Games
Any player receiving 3 Match penalties for any of the above infractions			Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

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FIGHTING SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty	Minimum Suspension
6.7	Fighting Major penalty First Offence in the season	1 Game
6.7	Fighting Major penalty First Offence in the season last ten minutes	2 Games
6.7	Third player in a fight	2 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.	2 Games
6.7	Player identified as first to leave the players' bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games
6.7	Leaving the penalty box as above	4 Games
6.7	Coach of a team whose player is penalized under the above two points.	3 Games
6.7	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 Game
6.7	Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight	
	First Offense	Game Misconduct (GM)
	Second Offense	GM plus 2 Games
	Third Offense	GM plus 3 Games
6.7	Pre/Post Game Altercations	
	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	2 Games
	Coach of team whose players are so penalized.	Indefinite suspension
	Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite suspension
Accumulation Sanctions - Player		
	Fighting Major Penalty Second Offence in the season	2 Games Last 10 Mins. - 3 games
	Fighting Major Penalty Third Offence in the season	4 Games Last 10 Mins. - 5 games
	Fighting Major Penalty Fourth Offence in the season	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

