



Minimum Suspensions for Coaches Policy

Policy Number:

Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

IHNZ recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi as Aotearoa New Zealand’s founding document. IHNZ is committed to upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of Partnership, Protection and Participation.

Purpose.

The purpose of the Minimum Suspensions for Coaches Policy is to establish clear and consistent guidelines for the imposition of suspensions in Inline Hockey New Zealand (IHNZ) games. This policy aims to ensure that disciplinary actions are applied uniformly across all levels of play, upholding the principles of fairness and accountability.

Application.

All Game Misconducts issued to coaches or Team Officials should be reviewed by a Disciplinary Panel.

Rule 8.2.

As per Rule 8.2, any Player or Team Official who, in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/ her dressing room, is assessed any infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League / Playoff / Pre-Season / Tournament Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by Inline Hockey New Zealand Minimum Suspensions.

Minimum Suspensions.

<i>Rule</i>	<i>Infraction</i>	<i>Suspension</i>
3.1.1 5.1 8.1	Ineligible Players/ Team Officials: Any 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 and/ or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench.	1 game.

3.1.1 5.1 8.1	Ineligible Players/ Team Officials: Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench who is under suspension.	1 game.
6.4.19	Pre/ Post Game Altercations: Coach of the Team whose Player(s) are assessed Majors, Game Misconducts or Match Penalties during an altercation prior to or after the game.	Disciplinary Panel required (2 games minimum).
6.4.19	Pre/ Post Game Altercations: Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl	Disciplinary Panel required (2 games minimum).
6.4.9 6.4.29 6.4.27	Abuse of Officials/ Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Verbal Abuse of Officials or Unsportsmanlike Conduct when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 games.
6.4.9 6.4.29 6.4.27	Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	Disciplinary Panel required (3 games minimum).
6.4.9 6.4.29 6.4.27	Leaving Bench Infractions: The Coach of the team whose player is penalized for leaving the players bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games.
6.4.9 6.4.29 6.4.27	Leaving Bench Infractions: The Coach of the team whose player left the players bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting but was not identified as the first to leave during the altercation.	1 game.
6.4.28	Physical Abuse of Officials (Match): Physical Harassment of Official (Match). Threaten or attempt to strike an Official.	6 games.
6.4.28	Physical Abuse of Officials (Match): Intentionally touches, holds or pushes an Official.	12 games.
6.4.28	Physical Abuse of Officials (Match): Intentionally strike, trip or body check an Official.	1 year minimum. Starting point for suspension determined by Disciplinary Panel.
8.1	Refusing to start play.	1 game.
	Spitting (Match): Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official.	4 games.
	Spitting (Match): Spitting on or at an Opponent.	3 games.

Accumulation Sanctions.

Coaches that are assessed multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will also be assessed additional suspensions in accordance with the following listing.

The Coach whose team receives a combination of 3 Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	1 game.
The Coach whose team commits a second or subsequent violation of receiving a combination of Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	3 games.
Any Coach who receives 2 Game Misconducts under rule 6.4.9 or 6.4.29 (Abuse of Officials) in a season.	4 games.
Any Coach who receives 3 Game Misconducts under rule 6.49 or 6.4.29 (Abuse of Officials) in a season.	Disciplinary Panel required (6 games minimum).

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