



## Minimum Suspensions for Players 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 Players Policy is to establish clear and consistent guidelines for the imposition of suspensions following match penalties 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 Match penalties shall be reviewed by a disciplinary panel. For Game Misconducts, unless otherwise noted in this policy, automatic suspensions may be issued for penalties occurring in all games where a disciplinary panel would not be practical. Alternative disciplinary measures should not be used in substitution of the minimum number of games specified in this policy.

## Minimum Suspensions.

<i>Rule</i>	<i>Infraction</i>	<i>Suspension</i>
6.4.19	<p>Removing Helmet Infractions: Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two minute minor penalty and a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>If the player removes his/ her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight. Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	1 game.
6.4.19	<p>Pre/Post Game Altercations: Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.</p> <p>Any Team involved in a pre- or post-game brawl.</p>	Disciplinary Panel required (2 games minimum).
6.1.5 8.2	<p>Game Misconduct: Game Misconduct in the last 5 minutes of regulation time or during overtime.</p>	1 game.
6.4.10 6.4.15 6.4.17	<p>Attempt to Injure (Match): Can include but not limited to the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment</li> <li>• Head Butting</li> <li>• Kicking</li> <li>• Kneeing</li> <li>• Use of Blocker as a weapon</li> <li>• Use of Facial Protector as a weapon</li> </ul>	3 games.
6.4.13 6.4.35	<p>Boarding and Body Checking: Boarding or Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	1 game.
6.4.13 6.4.35	<p>Boarding and Body Checking: Boarding or Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 games.
6.4.12	<p>Charging: Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	1 game.
6.4.12	<p>Charging: Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 games.
6.4.26	<p>Checking from Behind:</p>	1 game.

	Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	
6.4.26	Checking from Behind: Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.	4 games.
6.4.35 6.4.10 6.4.15	Head Contact: Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game.
6.4.35 6.4.10 6.4.15	Head Contact: Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.	4 games.
6.4.17	Elbowing and Kneeing: Elbowing or Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed	1 game.
6.4.19	Fighting: Any player who engages in their 1st fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game.
6.4.19	Fighting: Any player who engages in their 2nd fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed	2 games.
6.4.19	Fighting: Any player who engages in their 3rd or subsequent fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	Disciplinary Panel required (3 games minimum).
6.4.19	Fighting: Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Offence</li> <li>• Second Offence</li> <li>• Third or subsequent Offence.</li> </ul>	First Offence = 1 game. Second Offence = 2 games. Third or subsequent Offence = Disciplinary Panel required (3 games minimum).
6.4.19	Fighting: Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/ her hands who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/ or injury shall be assessed a Match Penalty in addition to any other penalties he/ she may incur.	2 games.
6.4.19	Fighting: Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.	2 games.
6.4.19	Fighting: Any Player receiving a fighting major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 games.

6.4.33	Tripping: Tripping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game.
6.4.31 6.4.15	Butt Ending: Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed	3 games.
6.4.14 6.4.15	Cross Checking: Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed	1 game.
6.4.30	Slashing: Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game.
6.4.30	Slashing: Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 games.
6.4.31	Spearing: Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 games.
6.4.9 6.4.29	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	Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 games.
6.4.27	Leaving Bench Infractions: Leaving a bench for the Purpose of Fighting. Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games.
6.4.27	Leaving Bench Infractions: Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	4 games.
6.4.28	Physical Abuse of Officials (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.
	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.

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

Any player accumulating 2 Major penalties in the same season for a violation any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.4.13 Boarding</li><li>• 6.4.35 Body Checking or Head Contact</li><li>• 6.4.12 Charging</li><li>• 6.4.26 Checking from Behind</li><li>• 6.4.14 Cross-Checking</li><li>• 6.4.17 Elbowing or Kneeing</li><li>• 6.4.30 Slashing</li><li>• 6.4.33 Tripping</li></ul>	2 games.
Any player accumulating 3 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.4.13 Boarding</li><li>• 6.4.35 Body Checking or Head Contact</li><li>• 6.4.12 Charging</li><li>• 6.4.26 Checking from Behind</li><li>• 6.4.14 Cross-Checking</li><li>• 6.4.17 Elbowing or Kneeing</li><li>• 6.4.30 Slashing</li><li>• 6.4.33 Tripping</li></ul>	Disciplinary Panel required (4 games minimum).
Any player accumulating 4 or more Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.4.13 Boarding</li><li>• 6.4.35 Body Checking or Head Contact</li><li>• 6.4.12 Charging</li><li>• 6.4.26 Checking from Behind</li><li>• 6.4.14 Cross-Checking</li><li>• 6.4.17 Elbowing or Kneeing</li><li>• 6.4.30 Slashing</li><li>• 6.4.33 Tripping</li></ul>	Disciplinary Panel required (6 games minimum).
Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.4.15 Deliberate Injury</li></ul>	4 games.
Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.4.26 Checking from Behind</li></ul>	5 games.
Any player accumulating 3 or more Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.4.15 Deliberate Injury</li><li>• 6.4.26 Checking from Behind</li></ul>	6 games.
Any player who receives 2 or more Game Misconducts under rule 6.4.9 or rule 6.4.29 (Abuse of Officials) in a season.	4 games.

Any player who receives three or more Game Misconducts under rule 6.4.9 or rule 6.4.29 (Abuse of Officials) in a season.	Disciplinary Panel required (6 games minimum).
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