



OTTAWA DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY  
ASSOCIATION  
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## Code of Discipline





## CODE OF DISCIPLINE

### 1.0 Regulations Governing Discipline

a) All minimum discipline shall be as outlined in this ODMHA Code of Discipline.

### 2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Discipline is to:

a) Ensure that Organization/Association/Club/Team Officials and Players are aware of the serious nature of the rule offences.

b) Apply a common minimum standard of Discipline across the Branch for offences of a similar nature.

c) Make Team and Association officials more aware of their responsibilities in keeping control of the conduct of their teams and in applying Discipline where warranted.

### 3.0 Definitions

Meaningful game - are league, playoffs, tournament and playdown games.

Exhibition and all-star games shall not be played or used for serving suspensions under any circumstances. Off-ice official - are officials who serve in such positions as timekeeper and score keepers. Offender – any player, team, team official(s), league official(s), association or its official(s), and ODMHA official(s).



4.0 Applying the Code of Discipline

**a) The Code of Discipline applies to all Minor Hockey Players, Team Officials, Game Officials, and Organization/ Association/Club Officials who are members registered with the ODMHA for all hockey related matters, and for all games (league, tournament, exhibition and playdown games) in the following game situations:**

<i>Game Misconduct</i>	<i>Fighting</i>	<i>Match Misconduct</i>
<i>Checking From Behind</i>		<i>Gross Misconduct</i>

b) A team playing in an out-of-branch tournament must abide by the out-of-branch Code of Discipline for the tournament duration. When the players or team officials have outstanding suspensions from the out-of-branch tournament or the ODMHA Code of Discipline, the more stringent of the two must be served immediately upon return to the Branch.

5.0 Authority

a) The District Chairperson or their delegate(s) administers the Code of Discipline and advises the appropriate District Chairperson for incidents resulting from tournaments and games when the offender is from another District.



#### 6.0. TYPES OF SUSPENSION

- a) **Game Specified** – the offender is removed from specified number of meaningful games.
- b) **Time Specified** – the offender is removed from all contact with organized hockey, including practices, exhibition games, etc., for a specified period of time.
- c) When there is a combination of a **TIME AND GAME SPECIFIED** suspension, meaningful games missed during the time suspension shall count as part of the game specified suspension. **MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS** (e.g. game misconduct + gross misconduct, etc.) must be served consecutively.

#### 7.0 SERVING SUSPENSIONS

- a) **Time Specified Suspension** result in the offender being suspended from all hockey activities immediately and the time specified period commences at twelve midnight of the day in which the suspension is assessed, e.g. match penalty assessed at 3:00 p.m., under suspension for rest of the day and the time suspension begins at twelve midnight.
- b) **Game Specified Suspension** results in the offender being suspended immediately from the game that the penalty was assessed and the game(s) specified shall begin with the team's next meaningful game.



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- c) Refer to your District Chairperson for serving carry over suspensions in the event that all league and tournament play is completed for the current season.
- d) Players and team officials serving suspensions from the previous season can participate in team tryouts including preseason exhibition games. The suspension would begin at twelve midnight of the day of the first meaningful game for the team the player is registered.
- e) Players and team officials receiving suspensions in preseason, tryout, or exhibition games, may have the suspension deferred to begin at twelve midnight of the day of the first meaningful game for the team the offender is registered. For the second or subsequent offence, a formal hearing must be held by the respective ODMHA official before any further deferrals are permitted.
- f) A player playing as an Affiliated Player serves their suspension with their registered team.
- g) During an out of branch tournament an AP (Affiliated Player) player is deemed to be a full member of that team during that tournament in order for him to serve suspensions with that team

#### 8.0 Minimum Suspensions

- a) The minimum suspensions listed in the Code of Discipline will be applied. If the District Chairperson or the District's Discipline and Appeals Committee finds that the offence warrants a more stringent suspension, they can change the suspension to suit. Suspensions can be increased but not decreased without the approval of the ODMHA Discipline and Appeals Committee.



b) The suspensions are described through the use of charts for ease of use.

To determine the suspension for an offence, refer to the appropriate chart.

**Note:** The following offences are set by the Discipline and Appeals Committee.

8.1 Player Game Misconduct, except for Fighting,  
Checking From Behind and Head Checking

First offence	Second offence	Third offence	Fourth & subsequent offences
↓	↓	↓	↓
Next Meaningful game	Next two Meaningful games	"Suspended a minimum of the next two meaningful games <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A."	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A



8.2 Fighting..

First Fight	Second Fight	Fourth Fight	Third Fight
↓	↓	↓	↓
Major Penalty plus Game Misconduct Next Meaningful game	Next two Meaningful games	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A	Suspended a minimum of the next two meaningful games <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A."

Instigator OR Aggressor	Instigator AND Aggressor
↓	↓
Next Meaningful game	Next two Meaningful games



8.3 Match Penalty, except for Physical Abuse of Officials

First offence	Second offence	Third offence
↓	↓	↓
Next Three Meaningful games	"Suspended a minimum of the next three meaningful games <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A."	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A

**NOTE:**

**All physical abuse of official calls are automatic suspensions (Rule 71) pending a formal ODMHA hearing.**

8.4 Checking From Behind

Minor Penalty plus Game Misconduct	Major Penalty plus Game Misconduct	Second Major Offence	Third Major Offence
↓	↓	↓	↓
Remainder of game**	Remainder of game plus the next Meaningful	Suspended a minimum of the next two meaningful	Suspended until a formal hearing at



	Game	games <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A	ODMHA D&A
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\*\* If received in the last 10 minutes, **The next meaningful game**. Any player receiving a Match Penalty resulting from a CFB penalty shall be sent the dressing room for the remainder of the game. In addition, the suspension is served according to the Match chart.

8.5 Player Gross Misconduct

First offence	Second offence	Third offence
⇩	⇩	⇩
Next Three Meaningful games	Next Six Meaningful games	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A

8.6 Team Official Game Misconduct

First offence	Second offence	Third offence
⇩	⇩	⇩
Next Meaningful game	Suspended a minimum of the next meaningful game <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A



8.7 Team Official Gross Misconduct..

First offence	Second offence	Third offence
↓	↓	↓
Next three Meaningful games	Suspended a minimum of the next three meaningful games <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A

8.8 Head Checking

Minor Penalty plus Misconduct	Major Penalty plus Game Misconduct	Second Major Offence	Third Major Offence
	↓	↓	↓
	Remainder of game plus the next Meaningful Game	Suspended a minimum of the remainder of the game plus the next meaningful game <u>and</u> until a formal hearing by the District D&A	Suspended until a formal hearing at ODMHA D&A



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Any player receiving a Match Penalty for head checking will be sent to the dressing room for the remainder of the game. In addition, the above suspension is served according to the Match Penalty chart.

8.9 Any Incident or Behavior Detrimental to Hockey

- a) Any person found guilty of any incident or behavior detrimental to hockey can be suspended from all hockey activities.

8.10 Physical Abuse of Officials (Rule 71 a, b and c)

- a) The offender shall be automatically suspended from all Hockey activities under the jurisdiction of Hockey Canada, ODHA, and ODMHA until a decision has been rendered by ODMHA Discipline and Appeals Committee.

9.0 Reporting Suspensions

- a) All game sheets are to be signed by a Hockey Canada registered team official and such signature shall certify that all players and team officials agree to abide by Hockey Canada, ODHA and ODMHA Constitutions, Bylaws, Regulations and Playing Rules.

*b) Referee's Role*

- i) Ensures that the incident is fully written up on the ODMHA Official Game Incident Report. All penalties listed under the Code of Discipline are to be written up.
- ii) Faxes the Game Incident Report and game sheet

**Immediately** to the following locations:



ODMHL "AA", "A" and "B" to the **ODMHA hockey**

**office Fax Number: 613-224-GOAL (4625)**

House league teams as determined by the Association President

iii) Forwards the game sheet along with the official report immediately (post-marked within 24 hours) to the responsible ODMHA person from within their area.

*c) Coach's Role*

The head coach is responsible for ensuring without further notice from anyone that the player(s) and/or team official(s) serve the minimum suspension outlined in this code. The head coach shall advise the District Chairperson or designate and league official within 24 hours of any offences under the code of Discipline suspensions.

An automatic 5 meaningful game suspension (first offence) for a coach who has permitted a player to play a game while under suspension. If there is a second and/or further occurrence the Coach is suspended until the results of his hearing before the ODMHA D&A Committee. The Head Coach is responsible for all administrative tasks and actions for his team members

*d) League Official's Role*

The League Official:

- i) Provides monthly reports of suspensions to the District Chairperson.
- ii) Records and tracks all suspensions.



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iii) Administers suspensions outlined by the District Chairperson if it is different from the Code of Discipline.

iv) Make available copies of game sheets and Game Incident

Reports to the District Chairperson upon request.

v) All Leagues within the ODMHA must act on appeals and protests in a timely manner during the regular season and playoffs. If such appeals or protests occur immediately preceding or during any playoff situation, the League must act by investigating and making a decision before the next playoff game to ensure fairness

*e) Player's Role*

i) Serves their suspension as described by their Code of Discipline.

ii) Does not participate in any game(s) while under suspension.

9.1 Directives for Game Sheet

a) League Games - To the League President or their delegate.

b) Tournament Games - To the District Chairperson. In addition, game sheets with suspendable offences must be faxed to the ODMHA office at 613-224-GOAL (4625) within 24 hours.

c) Exhibition Games - To the District Chairperson or delegate of the home team by the home team.

10.0 Discipline and Appeals

a) Appeals of the suspension arising from the Code of Discipline shall be made in writing



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within 72 hours of the infraction. Appeals of this nature must be forwarded to the Chairperson, ODMHA Discipline and Appeals with the \$150.00 appeal fee. Appeals to the ODMHA for transfers/tryouts will be \$250.00.

- b) When the decision of the ODMHA Discipline and Appeals Committee is in the favour of the appellant, one half of the appeal fee will be returned. In the event that the appeal is not won, the appeal fee will be retained by the ODMHA.
- c) All appeals from the ODMHA Discipline and Appeals Committee decisions must be submitted, in writing, to the First Vice President ODHA within four days (96 hours) after being advised of the decision of the ODMHA Discipline and Appeals Committee. A fee prescribed by the ODHA must accompany the appeal.
- d) Hearings will be set by the ODMHA Official(s) responsible within a reasonable time.
- e) After holding an appeal hearing for an appellant, the Discipline and Appeals Committee may at their discretion suspend an offender even though there were improprieties with the recording of such infractions