



Dubai Sandstorm's Minor Hockey Club Minimum Suspension Guidelines 2008-2009 Season

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Reference: Dubai Sandstorm's Minor Hockey Club Constitution By-Law Two, Section 1 - Minimum Suspensions

Note: Games in which an infraction occurs, are not counted toward the serving of the suspension.

Note: Minimum suspensions cannot be appealed.

Note: Rule references include both the IIHF Rule book and the Hockey Canada Rule book as appropriate.

1.01 The following shall be the minimum suspensions for match penalties issued to players for

Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury [IIHF Rule 500] * Also reference HC Rule Book Rule 49:

Butt-ending [IIHF Rule 521] - 4 games

Grabbing facial protector [IIHF Rule 528 (h)] - 1 game

Hair Pulling [IIHF Rule 528 (h)] - 4 games

Head-butting [IIHF Rule 529)] - 4 games

Kicking [IIHF Rule 535] - 4 games

Spearing [IIHF Rule 550 (f)] - 4 games

Stick swinging [IIHF Rule 537] - 4 games

Deliberate attempt to injure [*not otherwise covered*] [IIHF Rule 500] - 4 games

Other Match Penalties:

Fighting and Roughing [IIHF Rule 528] - 4 games

Spitting [IIHF Rule 550,551] - 4 games

Checking From Behind [IIHF Rule 503,523] - 4 games

Checking to the Head [IIHF Rule 540]- 4 games

1.02 The following shall be the minimum suspensions issued to coaches for:

Coach identified as having the first player leave the player's or penalty bench during a fight or to

start a fight - 2 games

Coach identified as having players leave the player's bench or penalty bench simultaneously during a fight or to start a fight - 2 games

1.03 The following shall be the minimum suspensions issued to players, coaches and team

officials in Minor Hockey who receive the following penalties:

*Game Ejection/Game Misconduct, last 10 minutes of game [Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)]

1st and 2nd offence - 1 Game – Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)

3rd offence - 2 games + 1 game as per Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)

4th offence - 5 games + 1 game as per Hockey Canada Rule 4.6(c)

5th offence - Indefinite

Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct [Hockey Canada Rule 9.2]

1st offence - 2 games

2nd offence - 3 games

3rd offence - Indefinite

Fighting - at any time during games [Hockey Canada Rule 6.7]

1st offence - 1 game

2nd offence - 2 games

3rd offence - 3 games

4th offence – Indefinite

In addition to suspensions for fighting the following shall apply:

1st Instigator/Aggressor penalty [Rule 6.7(a)(1)] = 3 games

2nd Instigator/Aggressor penalty [Rule 6.7(a)(1)] = player shall be suspended indefinitely pending a hearing by the Sandstorms Divisional Operations.

Leaving Player's or Penalty Bench during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight [Rule 9.5] - 4 games

Incurring a second Major Penalty in one game [Rule 4.4] - 2 games

Joining a fight or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play [Rule 6.7(c)] - 4 games

Gross Misconduct [Rule 4.7]

1st and 2nd offence - 2 games

3rd offence - 3 games

4th offence - Indefinite

Major Penalties

All Major penalties except for fighting:

1st offence - 2 games

2nd offence - 3 games

3rd offence - Indefinite

Any player incurring an indefinite suspension, shall appear before Sandstorms Divisional Operations for a hearing.

1.04 Match penalties assessed under the following receive an INDEFINITE SUSPENSION pending a hearing by the Sandstorms Divisional Operations:

Abuse of Officials [Hockey Canada Rule 9.6]

Spitting at an Official [Hockey Canada Rule 9.7]

1.05 Any player, coach, manager, trainer or team official who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any games (League, playoff, exhibition or tournament) in any capacity (i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.) until such suspension has been served by regular league or play-off games or by pre-season or exhibition (including tournament) games approved by the league prior to the game in which the incident giving rise to the suspension occurred.

1.06 a) Should a player/team official be unable to complete his/her suspension at the conclusion of the current playing season (i.e. eliminated from competition), then UPON APPLICATION AND at the discretion of the Sandstorms Divisional Operations Chair, the suspended player/team official may be allowed to serve seven days for each game of the suspension.

b) The authority for rulings under Hockey Canada playing Rule 4.6(c) - where a participant has received a game misconduct in the last ten minutes of a game or overtime - is at the discretion of the Sandstorms Divisional Operations to determine the application of serving seven days for each game of the suspension.

c) Where a participant receives a penalty in the last ten minutes of a game or overtime that calls for additional suspensions, the Hockey Canada playing Rule 4.6(c) with respect to seven day minimum suspension is to be applied when there is a seven day break between games, at the discretion of the Sandstorms Divisional Operations.

1.07 It is the responsibility of team coaches and managers to ensure their player serves any suspension incurred. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD TO A SUSPENSION FOR THE HEAD COACH FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 GAMES.

1.08 **Any** coach, player, team official, league or Minor Hockey Association Executive who makes derogatory remarks in public or through the media regarding Hockey SANDSTORM'S, its members or its officials **may be fined and/or suspended**. (Minimum fine is 2000.00 dhs).

1.09 Any parent (*of a SANDSTORM'S player*) whose conduct in an arena is disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game, may be banned from such arena(s) as determined by the Branch or the appropriate Minor Hockey Association for a specified period of time and the player may also be suspended if the parent fails to comply with the ban imposed upon him or her.