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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 in the following situations:

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



- b) The Code of Discipline applies to all games (League, Tournament, Playdown or Exhibition) that ODMHA Players and Team Officials are participating.
- c) 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 Suspensions

- a) The offender is removed from a number of specified meaningful games.
- b) The offender is suspended immediately from the game that the penalty was assessed and the suspension shall begin with the team's next meaningful game.

7.0 Serving Suspensions

- a) Any person under suspension shall not participate in any game(s) including exhibition game(s) and Branch League All-Star games until such suspension has been served in full. All suspensions must be served consecutively.
- b) 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.



- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) A player playing as an Affiliated Player serves their suspension with their registered 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 meaningful Game	Next three meaningful games	Suspended Until formal hearing by ODMHA D&A

8.2 Fighting.

First Fight	Major Penalty Plus Game Misconduct	Second Fight	Third Fight	Fourth Fight
	↓	↓	↓	↓
	Next Meaningful game	Next two Meaningful games	Suspended until formal hearing by District D&A	Suspended until formal hearing by ODMHA 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 until formal hearing by District D&A	Suspended until formal hearing by ODMHA D&A

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 next Meaningful game	Suspended until formal hearing by District D&A	Suspended until formal hearing by ODMHA D&A

** 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 formal hearing by ODMHA D&A

8.6 Team Official Game Misconduct

First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence
↓	↓	↓
Next Meaningful games	Suspended until formal hearing by District D&A	Suspended until formal hearing by ODMHA D&A

8.7 Team Official Gross Misconduct.

First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence
↓	↓	↓
Next three Meaningful games	Suspended until formal hearing by District D&A	Suspended until formal hearing by ODMHA D&A



8.8 Head Checking

Minor Penalty Plus misconduct	Major Penalty Plus Game Misconduct	Second Major Offence	Third Fight
	↓	↓	↓
	Remainder of game plus Next Meaningful game	Suspended until formal hearing by District D&A	Suspended until formal hearing by ODMHA D&A

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 Behaviour Detrimental to Hockey

a) Any person found guilty of any incident or behaviour 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 (formerly CHA), 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

The Referee:

- 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.

d) League Official's Role

The League Official:

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

e) Player's Role

The Player:

- i) Serves their suspension as described by this Code of Discipline.
- ii) Does not participate in any game(s).

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 within 72 hours of the infraction. Appeals of this nature must be forwarded to the Chairperson, ODMHA Discipline and Appeals with the \$150 appeal fee.
- 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 ODMHA within four days (96 hours) after being advised of the



decision of the ODMHA Discipline and Appeals Committee. The appeal must be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the ODHA.

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