



IHNSW SUSPENSION LIST

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The new IIHF Rule Book has made comprehensive changes to penalties. IHNSW is working to implement these changes into our suspension list.

Suspensions are graded on 16-25 game season.

Proper Authorities are deemed IHNSW Executive Board.

The following additional rules apply in NSW:

There is no appeal to 1 game suspension

This document is subject to change

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1. Application and Scope

- 1.1 This document forms Schedule H of the IHA Competition Disciplinary, Tribunal & Suspension Regulations.
- 1.2 This document is aligned to the IIHF Official Rulebook 2023/24.
- 1.3 All Game Misconduct penalties assessed during a sanctioned IHA National League (AWIHL, AJIHL) or National Championship (Ginsberg, DeFris, Tange, Brown, Boxall) will be reviewed by a Match Review Committee. The Match Review Committee will review reports from the Game Official and audio-visual footage from an official broadcast or live stream (if available) and may use whatever processes deemed necessary or desirable to investigate the alleged breach. The Match Review Committee will render a determination as follows:
 - 1.3.1 No further action required.
 - 1.3.2 Player will be assessed the automatic suspension.
 - 1.3.3 Player will be referred to a tribunal (Disciplinary Measures rule will be applied).

2. Suspensions

- 2.1 Suspension should be served in the competition equivalent (or higher) to the competition that gave reason for the suspension of the player concerned.
- 2.2 Subject to Clause 2.4, players who are eligible to play in a competition in another age category, should serve the suspension in the youngest category for which they are eligible, even if the suspension results from a violation in an older age category.
- 2.3 Graded and automatic suspensions listed in this document do not apply to international games operated under IHA jurisdiction. Disciplinary matters occurring during international games not operated under IIHF jurisdiction shall be dealt with by the respective Member National Association, except for exhibition games which occur within seven (7) days of an IIHF Championship. All disciplinary matters occurring during exhibition games within seven (7) days of an IIHF Championship shall be dealt with by the Directorate Chairman of the respective Championship on an expedited basis. The Directorate Chairman shall have the right to refer the matter to the respective Championship Disciplinary Panel for review and sanctioning. For all suspensions rendered due to incident in an exhibition game, the suspension shall be served during the remaining exhibition period and/or during the Championship immediately following the exhibition period.
- 2.4 The suspension will be considered fulfilled if the player does not play in the game(s) for which they had been disqualified regardless of whether the player was entered in the competition concerned.
- 2.5 Subject to Clause 2.4, suspensions for games beyond the competition in which the player is suspended should be imposed during a competition of the following season. The suspension will be considered served if the conditions under Clause 2.4 have been fulfilled and will expire at the end of that following season unless the respective team does not take part that season in an equivalent competition for which the suspension was assessed, in which case the suspension is carried forward for one (1) more year.

2.6 Any suspension applied due to a tribunal called for Supplementary Discipline, if upheld, will detail the total suspension applied to a player, and may, or may not, include graded and automatic suspensions listed within this document.

3. Graded Suspensions

“Competition” is based on the number of games played by the team and not the overall number of games in the competition.

Competition	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3
3-5 Game Round Robin (National Championship)	Tribunal	1 Game	1 Game
1-15 Game Season	Tribunal	2 Games	1 Game
16+ Game Season	Tribunal	3 Games	2 Games

4. Table of Suspensions

Rule	Suspension
RULE 20 MAJOR PENALTIES	
20.4. AUTOMATIC GAME MISCONDUCT – only applies if associated with second major penalty or second misconduct penalty assessed to player during the same game) – assessed at any time	1 Game
RULE 21 DANGEROUS ACTIONS	
22.1. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
21.2 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 28 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE	
28.1. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE	GRADE 1
RULE 39 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS	
39.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY	
(I), (II), (IV), (VI) – assessed at any time	1 Game
(III) – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
(VIII) – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
RULE 40 PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS	
40.1. GAME MISCONDUCT – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
40.2. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY I – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
40.3. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY II – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
40.4. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY III – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
40.7. COACH OR NON-PLAYING TEAM PERSONNEL – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
RULE 41 BOARDING	
41.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Non-Body Checking League) – assessed at any time	1 Game
41.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Body Checking League) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
41.5. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1

Rule	Suspension
RULE 42 CHARGING	
42.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Non-Body Checking League) – assessed at any time	1 Game
42.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Body Checking League) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
42.5. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 43 CHECKING FROM BEHIND	
43.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT – assessed at any time	1 Game
43.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 44 CLIPPING	
44.3. MAJOR AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Non-Body Checking League) – assessed at any time	1 Game
44.3. MAJOR AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – (Body Checking League) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
44.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 45 ELBOWING	
45.4. MAJOR AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
45.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 46 FIGHTING	
46.1. FIGHTING / FIGHTER – WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT AND CONTINUING TO FIGHT	
GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	1 Game
46.3. INSTIGATOR / INITIATOR	
Instigator- Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+5'+GMP) – assessed at any time	1 Game
Instigator and Aggressor - Minor Penalty + Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+2'+5'+GMP) – assessed at any time	1 Game
46.4. AGGRESSOR	
Aggressor - Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+5'+GMP) – assessed at any time	1 Game
Instigator and Aggressor - Minor Penalty + Minor Penalty + Major Penalty + Game Misconduct Penalty (2'+2'+5'+GMP) – assessed at any time	1 Game
46.5. DANGEROUS PUNCHER – “SUCKER PUNCH” (unsuspecting opponent) – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
46.7. THIRD PLAYER IN – assessed at any time	GRADE 3
46.9. FIGHTING OTHER THAN DURING THE PERIODS OF THE GAME – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
46.11. FIGHTING OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
RULE 47 HEAD-BUTTING	
47.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 2
47.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1

Rule	Suspension
RULE 48 ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK	
48.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 3
48.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 49 KICKING	
49.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 2
49.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 50 KNEEING	
50.3. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
50.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 51 ROUGHING	
51.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	1 Game
51.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 52 SLEW-FOOTING	
52.2. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
52.3. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 53 THROWING EQUIPMENT	
53.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
53.6. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 1
53.9. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 55 HOOKING	
55.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
55.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 56 INTERFERENCE	
56.5. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
56.9. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 57 TRIPPING	
57.5. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
57.7. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 58 BUTT-ENDING	
58.5. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 2
58.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1

Rule	Suspension
RULE 59 CROSS-CHECKING	
59.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Non-Body Checking League) – assessed at any time	1 Game
59.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY (Body Checking League) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
59.5. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 60 HIGH-STICKING	
60.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
60.5. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 61 SLASHING	
61.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
61.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 62 SPEARING	
62.3. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 2
62.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 69 INTERFERENCE ON THE GOALKEEPER	
69.8. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 70 LEAVING THE PLAYERS' BENCH OR PENALTY BOX	
70.6. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY – assessed at any time	GRADE 3
70.10. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 75 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	
75.5. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY	
(I) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
(II), (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII)	GRADE 1
(III) – if assessed in the last half of the third period/overtime	1 Game
75.6 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES	GRADE 1
RULE 101 WOMEN'S HOCKEY – SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES	
101.1. ILLEGAL HIT IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY	
(II) Major Penalty (5') and automatic Game Misconduct Penalty – assessed at any time	1 Game