

PAHL TEAM MANAGER UPDATE

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PENALTY RULE HIGHLIGHTS

Penalties that can be assessed during games include 2 Minute Minors, 5 Minute Majors, 10 Minute Misconducts, Game Misconducts, and Match Penalties. USAH game rules that dictate which penalty needs assessed in game situations are in the USAH 2017-2021 Rule Book. New Rule Books were distributed to your associations for your team.

The purpose of this update is to provide you with some basic information on game penalties. This update is in no way attempting to be all inclusive of penalty situations and discipline.

2 MINUTE MINOR PENALTIES

2 MINUTE MINOR PENALTIES ARE ASSESSED FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS THAT FALL UNDER THE CATAGORIES:

- Personal Fouls
- Body Contact Infractions
- Delay of Game Violations
- Goalkeeper Infractions
- Stick and Equipment Violations
- Bench Penalty Assessments

5 MINUTE MAJOR PENALTIES

- **5 MINUTE MAJOR PENALTIES ARE ASSESSED FOR VIOLATIONS THAT ARE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND THAT COULD HAVE INJURY POTENTIAL.**
- **5 MINUTE MAJORS CAN BE ASSESSED FOR SOME OF THE SAME INFRACTIONS THAT 2 MINUTE MINORS ARE ASSESSED FOR BASED ON INTENT AND INJURY.**
- **USAH RULE 411 WAS DESIGNED TO PENALIZE THE ACCUMULATION OF 5 MINUTE MAJORS BY PLAYERS.**
 - Rule 411 full implementation requires coordination between leagues as penalty accumulation follows the player on any/or all teams he/she plays.
 - PAHL will coordinate suspension tracking with PIHL
 - Rule 411 involves a specific list of 5 minute major aggressive penalties:
 - Boarding – Body Checking – Butt Ending – Charging – Checking from Behind – Cross Checking – Elbowing – Head Butting – Head Contact – High Stick – Kicking – Kneeing – Slashing – Spearing – Tripping/Clipping/Leg Checking – Unnecessary Roughness – Grabbing Facemask – Slew Footing
 - The progression of discipline is as follows:
 - Players receiving 3rd major are assessed a 3 game suspension
 - Players receiving 4th major are assessed a 5 game suspension
 - Players receiving 5th major suspended until a hearing is held
 - Team receiving 3 major penalties in a game results in Head Coach suspended for next game
 - Team receiving 3 or more majors in subsequent game results in H C suspended 3 games
 - Team receiving 3 or more majors in third game results in H C suspension until a hearing

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- **A 10 MINUTE MISCONDUCT CAN BE ASSESSED AS A STAND ALONE PENALTY FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT OR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS**
- **10 MINUTE MISCONDUCTS ARE COMBINED WITH 2 MINUTE MINORS (2 AND 10) UNDER CERTAIN AGGRESSIVE CONDUCT CATEGORIES.**
 - Boarding . . Charging . . Checking from Behind . . Head Contact
- **10 MINUTE MISCONDUCTS ALONE OR COMBINED WITH A 2 MINUTE MINOR DO NOT REQUIRE A PLAYER/COACH TO SERVE A SUSPENSION IN THE NEXT GAME WITH THAT TEAM**
- **HOWEVER, IF A PLAYER IS ASSESSED A SECOND 10 MINUTE MISCONDUCT IN A SINGLE GAME, A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY IS ASSESSED IN LIEU OF THE SECOND 10 MINUTE MISCONDUCT. THE PLAYER IS REMOVED FROM THE GAME AND MUST SERVE A SUSPENSION IN THE NEXT GAME WITH THAT TEAM.**

10 MINUTE MISCONDUCTS

- **A GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF A PLAYER/COACH FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME, PLUS A SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT GAME SCHEDULED FOR THAT TEAM.**
- **GAME MISCONDUCTS CAN BE COMBINED WITH 5 MINUTE MAJOR PENALTIES IN THE BODY CONTACT AND STICK INFRACTION CATEGORIES, AND MUST BE IF AN INJURY RESULTS.**
 - Body Checking . . Cross Checking . . Elbowing . . High Sticking . . Hooking . . Kneeing . . Slashing . . Tripping . . Avoidable Check . . Checking After the Whistle
- **5 MINUTE MAJORS CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS REQUIRE AN ACCOMPANYING GAME MISCONDUCT.**
 - Butt Ending . . Checking from Behind . . Fighting . . Head Butting . . Holding Facemask . . Push off Opponent with Skate . . Leaving the Bench in Altercation . . Spearing . . Boarding . . Charging . . Head Contact
- **ADDITIONAL SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF RULES OR CONDUCT MAY CAUSE A GAME MISCONDUCT TO BE ASSESSED AS A STAND ALONE PENALTY, OR COMBINED WITH A MAJOR PENALTY, TO REMOVE A PLAYER/COACH FROM THE GAME. THOSE VIOLATIONS INCLUDE:**
 - Five Penalties to the Same Player in Game . . Second Major Penalty in Same Game . . Second 10 Min Misc in Same Game . . Persisting in Unsportsmanlike Conduct . . Abuse of Officials . . First Player to Intervene in Altercation . . Player Interference with Spectator

PAHL RULES CONTAIN SPECIFIC PROGRESSION OF DISCIPLINE FOR THE ACCUMULATION OF GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES. SEE DETAIL FURTHER IN THIS UPDATE.

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MATCH PENALTY

- A MATCH PENALTY IS ASSESSED FOR VERY SERIOUS, ABUSIVE, AND/OR INJURY POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CONDUCT.
- A MATCH CAN BE CALLED FOR AGGRESSIVE VIOLATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.
 - Boarding . . . Butt Ending . . . Checking from Behind . . . Deliberate Helmet Removal in Altercation . . . Head Butting . . . Head Contact . . . Holding Facemask
- A MATCH MUST BE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS.
 - Cutting Opponent . . . Abuse of Officials . . . Deliberate or Attempt to Injure . . . Removing Helmet Prior to or During Altercation . . . Kicking . . . Refusal to Start Play
- A MATCH PENALTY REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE PLAYER/COACH AND SUSPENSION FROM ALL USAH ACTIVITIES, PRACTICES AND GAMES FOR ALL TEAMS (AMATEUR AND HIGH SCHOOL), UNTIL A HEARING IS CONVENED AND DISCIPLINE RENDERED. SUCH HEARING MUST BE WITHIN 30 DAYS.



COACHES AND OFFICIALS ON GAME DAY



- **Mutual Respect**
 - Both parties have a job to do on game day.
 - Respect and treat the other as you would want to be treated.
 - **Communication**
 - Introductions to start off.
 - Civil dialogues – no threatening or condescending comments are necessary.
 - Discuss scoring or penalty corrections after the game but before the score sheet is separated and have changes initialed – it is important to have the correct players with points or with penalty minutes.
 - **Evaluation**
 - Officials “evaluate” the game as it is played and reflect that “evaluation” in the penalties that are called on players and coaches.
 - Coaches “evaluate” the officials post game with written comments (good and bad) that are followed up by PAHL and USAH Referee Supervisors. PAHL Ref Eval form is available on the website.
- www.pahockey.com