

Hockey Canada National or Regional Championships or OHF Championships (see **Regulation 4.1 d**)).

7.3 Eligibility For Championships

- a) Players registered on teams eligible for Hockey Canada National or Regional Championships, or OHF Championships may participate as an affiliated player for no more than five (5) games after January 10 to maintain eligibility for the team to which he is registered. No new registration is required or shall be issued for players so advancing, and such players are not numbered among the higher team's nineteen (19) registered players, twenty (20) for Midget AAA; twenty-five (25) for all Juvenile.

NOTE : Tournament and exhibition games shall not count as part of the five games.

- b) Refer to **Regulation 4.1d**)

8.0 SUSPENSIONS

8.1 General Information

- a) The Regional Executive Member and or Board shall have the power to suspend or discipline any OMHA coach, manager, player, trainer, referee or other official connected with any OMHA Centre or Zone.
- b) When a hearing is requested on behalf of the suspended individual, such request shall be made in writing, signed by the President and Secretary of the Minor Hockey Association, to the Regional Executive Member assessing the suspension. Such hearing will be held within four weeks from receipt of the request.
- c) A player or team official under suspension as a result of a match penalty shall be suspended for a number of OMHA games or calendar days, and shall not take part in any games, including exhibition or tournament games, during the term of suspension. Exhibition and tournament games do not count towards the games to be served as a result of a match

penalty. The team's Centre contact shall be notified by midnight of the fourteenth day following the infraction (match) as to the total number of games or calendar days received. If the OMHA fails to notify the team's Centre contact of the terms of suspension by midnight of the 14th day following the infraction, the match penalty suspension will be considered served, and the said player or team official will be eligible to return to play. The player may participate in team practices while he is serving a match penalty suspension. An official under a match penalty suspension shall not travel with his team, enter their dressing room, or carry on any of the duties of his office, nor shall he participate in any other OMHA capacity for which he may be eligible during the full term of the suspension.

- d) A player under suspension shall not play with his team, nor shall he participate in any other OMHA capacity for which he may be eligible during the term of his suspension. The player's name shall be recorded on the game sheet as suspended until the appropriate number of games have been served.
- e) Any team official(s) under suspension shall not participate, communicate or associate with the team, within the confines of any arena, nor shall he participate in any other OMHA capacity for which he may be eligible during the term of his suspension.
- f) The coach of any OMHA team whose team accumulates more than the allowable minutes in penalties in any game shall be automatically suspended from the next OMHA game, but shall be allowed to take part in exhibition games played by his team. The allowable amount for Pee Wee and below is 26 minutes and for Minor Bantam and above is 36 minutes. (Including penalties in minutes assessed in any or all overtime periods)

NOTE: For the purpose of the Regulation the time of misconducts, gross misconducts and game

misconducts assessed to players shall not be counted, but any such penalties assessed to team officials and the five minutes charged to a player for a match penalty shall be counted. Any misconduct, game misconduct or gross misconduct penalty assessed to team officials will automatically add ten (10) minutes to the team's penalty minutes in each case.

- g) Any team official under suspension, registered to more than one team shall be suspended from all game related duties for any team until the suspension has been served as part of the staff of the team with which the suspension was incurred. The team official's name shall be recorded on the game sheet as suspended until the appropriate number of games have been served.
- h) Any team which fails to comply with the **Regulations 6.1d)iii) and 6.1d)iv)** in any game, shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- i) Any player or team official whose name appears on the official game report and/or participates in the game and is ineligible for any reason will cause their team to forfeit the game regardless of the score of the game. The non-offending team shall be awarded the two points for the game. In OMHA Playdowns, the points will be awarded and the series will continue as per the contract. The Coach shall be suspended for three (3) games, in addition to any other suspension he might receive in the game. The ineligible player shall be required to fulfill the balance of any suspension that made him ineligible. The ineligible team official shall be required to fulfill the balance of any suspension that made him ineligible and shall also have two (2) games added to his suspension. Any team official who participates a second time during the current season while ineligible or in a second game while using an ineligible player shall be suspended for the balance of the current season.

- j) Any player or team official who incurs a penalty at any time before, during or after a game when an offence is committed on or off the ice, shall be assessed at least the minimum suspension(s) contained in the Suspension List - Minor Hockey as adopted by the OHF Board of Directors.

8.2 Serving Suspensions

- a) Any team official or player who is assessed a penalty in an OMHA (group) Playdown game which calls for one, two or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension will serve it/them in the next OMHA (group) Playdown game(s) his team plays. They may participate in league, league playoffs, tournament or exhibition games that are played before his next OMHA Playdown game. If his team is eliminated from OMHA Playdowns but is still eligible for league play and/or league Playoffs, his suspension will be served in the first of such games his team plays.
- b) A player, affiliated player or team official who is suspended in a tournament game shall commence serving the suspension in the next following tournament game. If the suspension is fully served before the tournament is over, the player, affiliated player or team official may participate in any remaining tournament games and there will be no carryover of the suspension in league play. Any remaining unserved game suspensions shall then be carried over to and served with the team to which the player first registered in that team's first scheduled game following the tournament, whether league, league Playoffs, or OMHA (group) Playdowns. Any team official or player assessed a one, two, or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension, as a result of penalties incurred in an exhibition game, shall commence his suspension in his team's first scheduled game whether league, league playoff, or OMHA (group) Playdown.

NOTE: IN NO CASE WILL A TEAM BE ALLOWED TO

SCHEDULE A GAME AFTER A SUSPENSION HAS BEEN ASSESSED IN ORDER TO LESSEN THE SEVERITY OF A SUSPENSION.

Example: Re-schedule a group game prior to a playoff game so that the player serves his suspension and is eligible for the playoff game. THIS IS NOT PERMITTED. All sections of **Regulations 8.2** shall apply to team officials as well as players.

- c) Any team official or player assessed a one, two, or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension, as a result of penalties incurred in a league game or league Playoff game, shall commence his suspension in the next scheduled league or league Playoff game his team plays. He may play in OMHA Playdowns, exhibition, or tournament games his team plays before his next scheduled league, or league playoff game. If his team is eliminated or withdraws from league and/or league Playoff games but is still eligible for OMHA Playdowns his suspension will be served in the first of such games his team plays.
- d) If an affiliated player receives a suspension with either his registered team or his affiliated team, the player will serve the suspension with the team to which he is registered and will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

Exception 1 : In the event the team to which the player is registered has been eliminated from OMHA Playdowns and all League Playoffs, the suspended player may serve the balance of the suspension with his affiliated team in its OMHA Playdowns or group playoffs. The player's name must be recorded on the official game report of his affiliated team as a suspended player. This player would now become a member of his affiliated team and forfeit the right to play for the team to which he is registered for the balance of the current season.

Exception 2: When an affiliate player receives a suspension in a tournament game they shall

commence serving the suspension in the next following tournament game. If the suspension is fully served before the tournament is over, the affiliate player may participate in any remaining tournament games and there will be no carryover of the suspension. Any remaining unserved game suspensions shall be carried over from the tournament and served with the team to which the player is registered. The suspended player will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

NOTE: In this situation the affiliate player does not forfeit the right to play for the team to which he is registered for the balance of the current season.

- e) A player on a rostered select team receiving any suspension, as a result of penalties incurred with either his registered team or his rostered select team will serve the suspension with the team to which he is registered and will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

Exception: A rostered select player suspended in a tournament game shall commence serving the suspension in the next following tournament game. If the suspension is fully served before the tournament is over, the rostered select player may participate in any remaining tournament games and there will be no carryover of the suspension. Any remaining unserved game suspensions shall be carried over from the tournament and served with the team to which the player is registered. The suspended rostered select player will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

8.3 Refusing to Start Play

In any application of Hockey Canada Playing Rule 10.14 - Refusing to Start Play, the person registered in that game as Head Coach shall be immediately suspended until the matter has been reviewed by the OMHA and

an ultimate decision rendered. The team officials and/or players of the team may be suspended for one year or more.

8.4 Falsifying Documents

- a) Any player proven guilty by his Branch or Hockey Canada of falsifying a birth certificate, electronic registration, or forging and playing under an assumed name, or of having had the knowledge that same had been falsified, or of playing on other than his own birth certificate or electronic roster, shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with Hockey Canada for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of his suspension.
- b) Any officer, executive member of a team, club, union or Association, proven guilty by his Branch or Hockey Canada of having been a party to, or having had such knowledge of such falsification, shall be automatically suspended from playing or holding office with any team, club, union or Association affiliated with Hockey Canada for a period to be determined by the OMHA Executive.
- c) Falsifying a Hockey Canada coaches or assistant coaches certification when the person has not completed the appropriate NCCP program and has not properly registered the proof of valid certification with the OMHA, shall cause that person to be ineligible to be registered on an electronic roster in the OMHA for that season.
- d) Falsifying a trainer's Hockey Canada certificate, when the person has not successfully completed the appropriate HTCP program and has not properly registered the proof of valid certification with the OMHA, shall cause that person to be ineligible to be registered on an electronic roster in the OMHA for that season.

9.0 OVERTIME

9.1 Odd Game Series

- a) Any odd game series shall be decided on a points system, two points for a win, one point for a tie.
- b) Where the score is tied at the end of regulation time in any game in such a series, there shall be a rest period after which the teams will not change ends and will play one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period, unless further overtime is ordered through the OMHA Executive Director. If further overtime is ordered, there shall be a rest period prior to each extra overtime period. The teams will change ends before playing each extra overtime period.
- c) All overtime periods shall be sudden victory, stop time, and shall be 10 minutes in length.
- d) Not more than three overtime periods will be played in any game.

9.2 Home / Home Series

- a) No overtime shall be played in the first game of a home and home series.
- b) When overtime is necessary in a two game home and home series, it shall be played as follows:
 - i) There shall be a rest period at the end of full time, after which the teams will not change ends and will play a ten-minute Sudden Victory overtime period.
 - ii) If the score remains tied, ends shall be changed and another ten-minute period played.
 - iii) If, at the end of two overtime periods the score remains tied, the teams will change ends and play a third ten-minute period.
 - iv) If at the end of three overtime periods the score is still tied, the responsible officers of the two teams will decide, by toss of a coin, the home ice for the deciding game.