

STRATFORD ROTARY HOCKEY RULES



Penalty Point System

1. Minor bantam or major peewee players accumulating 20 points according to the point system below are suspended for one game. All other Rotary Hockey players accumulating 15 points are suspended for one game.
2. Players may continue to participate in the game in which they reach or surpass their season point limit unless they have been ejected from that game for any other reason.
3. Players suspended for passing their point limit will sit out the next game, unless otherwise directed by the executive.
4. When the suspended player resumes play their penalty point total will be 10 points less than their total when suspended (e.g., a player with 22 points will return to play with 12).
5. Upon reaching 10 points (minor bantam and major peewee) or 9 points (all others), a player and his/her coach will meet with the convener to discuss changing their style of play and the players' parent/guardian will be given a written notice. At 15 points (minor bantam and major peewee) and 12 points (all others), a second meeting will be held with the convener and at least two members of the discipline committee and an action plan introduced to reward penalty-free play.
6. In the following cases, a player will be suspended until he or she and a parent and/or coach appear before a panel of no fewer than three executive members on the date of the next executive meeting. The executive will hand out an appropriate suspension.
 - a. A player reaches the point limit a second time in the same season
 - b. A player receives a match penalty.
 - c. A player fights on the ice or inside any arena during his or her scheduled Rotary Hockey ice.
7. Any player accumulating six (6) penalty points in any single game will immediately be ejected from that game and spend the remainder of the game on the team bench where they are the responsibility of team coaches. He or she will participate in handshakes following the game.
8. Any player receiving a match penalty will be ejected from that game and go to the team bench where he/she will be the responsibility of the coaches.
9. Players receiving one-game suspensions must attend the game and sit in the vicinity of their team's bench. Players receiving longer suspensions are not required to attend subsequent games.
10. A coach who has a player with 20 penalty points will be interviewed by the convener to discuss action to ensure the problem does not continue. The executive may hand out a one-game suspension to any coach who has a player on his team who reaches 20 points a second time in a season.
11. If an extra playoff game, or games, is necessary to determine Final Day pairings, the penalty point limit for all eligible players involved in those games will increase by two points (i.e., from 20 to 22, or from 15 to 17). Players who have already reached 20 points once in the season will not have their limit increased.

Penalty Points

FIVE (5) Point Major or Match Penalties

Kicking (Match)

Spearing (Match)

Butt-ending (Match)

Any penalty with intent to injure (Match)

Checking to the Head (Major)

Checking from Behind (Major)

Fighting (Major)

Any Misconduct (10 minute, Game or Gross)

Any Major penalty

Penalty Points (continued)

THREE (3) Point Penalties

Boarding
Body Contact
Charging
Cross-Checking
Elbowing
High Sticking
Roughing
Slashing
Spearing (Double Minor)
Butt-ending (Double Minor)
Checking to Head (Minor or Double Minor)
Checking from Behind (Minor)

TWO (2) Point Penalties

Holding
Hooking
Interference
Kneeing
Tripping
Unsportsmanlike Conduct
Throwing stick
Holding Stick
Playing with broken stick

These rules contain all amendments passed by the Board up to and including the AGM held in May, 2015.

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