

STRATFORD ROTARY HOCKEY RULES



Rules for Senior Division

1. MISCONDUCTS

1.1 A player receiving a misconduct will serve 10 minutes in the penalty box. A second misconduct in the same game results in an automatic game ejection.

1.2 Players receiving a second misconduct penalty during the season will be subject to a review by the convener and executive to determine if a suspension is warranted.

2. GAME MISCONDUCTS

2.1 A player receiving a game misconduct is ejected from the game and suspended for their team's next scheduled game.

2.2. A second game misconduct in the same season will result in a two-game suspension.

2.3 A player receiving more than two game misconducts in a season will be suspended indefinitely until a review by the convener and executive.

3. GROSS MISCONDUCTS

3.1 A player receiving a gross misconduct is ejected from the game and suspended for their team's next three (3) scheduled games.

3.2. A player receiving more than one gross misconduct in a season will be suspended indefinitely until a review by the convener and executive.

4. MATCH PENALTIES

4.1 A player receiving a match penalty is suspended until review by the convener and executive to determine length of suspension.

5. FIGHTING

5.1 All fighting infractions will be dealt with by the convener and executive on an individual basis. A report by the referee and both coaches are required by the convener in order to reach a decision. Players may be required to appear before convener, coaches and referee for a hearing.

5.2 First infraction in a season for fighting will result in a three (3) game suspension. A player determined to be the instigator of a fight or the aggressor will receive a three (3) game suspension and may have further games added to the suspension.

5.3. Second infraction in one season for fighting will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season with no refund of registration fees.

6. PRE-GAME AND OFF-ICE BEHAVIOUR

6.1 Any infraction during handshakes will result in a five (5) game suspension.

6.2 Conveners have the authority to issue suspensions to individual players for disrespectful or unsportsmanlike conduct off the ice while inside the arena during scheduled Rotary Hockey ice times. This includes, but is not limited to, profanity, wilful damage to property or altercations with other players, coaches, referees, Rotary Hockey officials and/or spectators.

6.3 If any player leaves the playing area (bench, ice surface) of their own accord for their dressing room before their game has officially ended, can be suspended upon review by the convenor and Rotary Board.

7. ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

7.1 There is zero tolerance for abuse of officials. A minor penalty and a game misconduct will be assessed, along with a one-game suspension (as in 2.1). This applies to players and any person on the team bench.

7.2 Suspensions will be doubled for subsequent offences.

8. PENALTIES

8.1 Any player receiving 3 penalties in one game will result in an automatic game ejection. No suspension unless rules specifically account for penalty (ie Misconduct). A second occurrence will be an automatic 1 game suspension and any further occurrences will be an indefinite suspension until convenor and Rotary board review the penalties.

9. CHECKING FROM BEHIND

9.1 All checking from behind penalties that result in a five (5) minute penalty and game misconduct will incur a three (3) game suspension. A minor penalty and game misconduct will incur a one (1) game suspension.

9.2 Checking from behind penalties where injury is a result will be reviewed by the convener and executive to see if further punishment is warranted.

10. BODY CHECKING

10.1 Intentional body checking is an automatic game ejection. If a five (5) minute major is called an automatic two (2) game suspension will occur. If a minor penalty is called, on a first occurrence a review by the convener and executive will occur. A second infraction will carry a two (2) game suspension.

11. PENALTY CARRY-OVERS

11.1 Suspensions which cannot be served in the current season will carry over to the following season. A carry-over suspension will be served once the regular season begins, NOT during any part of the exhibition season.

11.2 Penalties or suspensions which occur in the player's final game of one season will carry over and be counted as the first infraction in the following season. (Example: a fight in the final game of a season is the first infraction against the player in the following season. Any fight in the subsequent season would then be the second infraction and result in the appropriate punishment - ie, ejection from league).

12. TIE-BREAKERS

12.1 If two teams have the same number of points at the end of the playoff round-robin to determine the A or B Division finalists, the tie will be broken with a single playoff game if Rotary Hockey has ice time available. If no ice time is available, the team advancing to the final will be the one with the fewer penalty minutes in the playoff round.

12.2 If a playoff game is tied at the end of regulation time, an overtime period of no more than 10 minutes will be played (based on available ice time). If the score remains tied following the overtime, the teams will advance to a shootout as per junior division rules (Rule 8.6).

12.3 The executive will determine a tie-breaking format for ties involving more than two teams.

13. SERVING OF PENALTIES

13.1 If a player receives a penalty which calls for their removal from the game, then no player will be required to serve the time penalty in the penalty box. The time will be put on the clock and the team will play shorthanded. The coaches, referees and game timekeeper will monitor when the team is allowed to get a skater back.

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

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