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SELF GOVERNING OF PENALTIES

Background

At the 1994 PCAHA Annual General Meeting, the PCAHA automatic suspension rules were amended and simplified to the extent that each Association would be responsible for the conduct of its players, teams, and team officials. This is to enable Association Presidents to act on disciplinary problems. The message has been made loud and clear by PCAHA and BC Hockey that the increase in hockey violence and the increase in major penalty suspensions are on the rise, and to correct this increase, the Associations must take a leading role in reversing this trend.

The PCAHA tolerance levels that shall apply according to the rules and regulations set by PCAHA.

Policy

Team Penalty Minutes in Excess of PCAHA Tolerance Levels

NDMHA will govern their teams to ensure they stay within the PCAHA tolerance levels. In order to do this, copies of game sheets must be sent to the Division Manager.

Teams that are showing patterns of exceeding PCAHA tolerance levels shall be subject to review. This review is designed as a hearing to determine the reason and what steps can be taken to correct the situation.

This review process shall take place in the following manner:

- First review to take place with Team Head Coach and Division Manager.
- Second review to take place with Team Head Coach, Division Manager and Association Head Coach.

Teams that continue to show patterns of exceeding PCAHA tolerance levels after having been reviewed shall be called before the NDMHA disciplinary committee for review. This review shall be conducted with the Team Head Coach, Team Manager, and Assistant Coaches in attendance.

After a review by the disciplinary committee, action may be taken in accordance with NDMHA disciplinary committee guidelines.

Players with Excessive Penalty Minute Patterns

All players playing within the NDMHA shall abide by the fair play code. Players that show a pattern of excess penalty minutes, and show disregard for the fair play code shall be subject to review.

This review process is designed as a hearing to determine the reason and what steps can be taken to correct the situation. This review process shall take place in the following manner:

- First review to take place with player and head coach of the team.
- Second review to take place with the player, team head coach, division manager, and association head coach.



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Players that continue to show excess patterns of penalty minutes and disregard for the fair play code after having been reviewed shall be called before the NDMHA disciplinary committee for review. This review shall be conducted with the player, team head coach, team manager, and assistant coaches in attendance.

After a review by the disciplinary committee, action may be taken in accordance with NDMHA disciplinary committee guidelines.

Players Receiving Serious Penalties

NDMHA will not tolerate abuses under Hockey Canada rules.

Players taking penalties under Hockey Canada rules shall be subject to review. This review is designed as a hearing to determine the reason and what steps can be taken to correct the situation.

This review shall take place in the following manner:

- The first review shall take place with the player and the team head coach. A summary of this review shall be filed with the Division Manager.
- The second review shall take place with the player, team head coach, division manager and association head coach. A summary of the review shall be filed with the appropriate Vice-President.
- The third offense review shall take place in front of the NDMHA disciplinary committee. This will take place after disciplinary action has been taken by the Managing Director PCAHA. This review shall be conducted with the head coach, team manager, and assistant coaches. After this disciplinary hearing has been conducted, recommendations for further disciplinary action will be made to the President NDMHA.

Serious Penalty Policy Management

Copies of all game sheets are to be turned into the appropriate Division Manager on a weekly basis. A summary of player excess penalty minutes and serious penalties should be kept by the Division Manager.

Failure to provide game sheets to the appropriate Division Manager in a timely manner will result in disciplinary action.

Division Managers will be responsible for the management of player and team penalty patterns as well as advising team head coaches of reviews. Divisional summaries shall be made available to the appropriate NDMHA Vice Presidents on a monthly basis.