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DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURES



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Lower Lakes Female Hockey League

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- A) The OWHA Suspension Procedures as laid out in the OWHA Handbook Appendix D (4-6) and the minimum suspensions are to be followed as outlined per the OWHA.
- B) The Lower Lakes Female Hockey League (LLFHL) has the following **ADDITIONAL** suspensions.

PURPOSE:

The LLFHL operates under the jurisdiction of the OWHA and follows the code of conduct as laid out under the OWHA. The League is built upon promoting safe and fun hockey for females of all ages. However, while having fun there are rules that must be followed. The intent of this policy is to provide guidelines by which the League expects its players and coaches to follow. This policy lays out the policies and procedures that will be applied and enforced when in the eyes of the on ice officials or per the Discipline Policy the boundaries of the rules are crossed. Failure to play within these guidelines will result in Disciplinary action. This policy represents minimum suspension and discipline policies applied by the League. All discipline actions taken is to be applied to the next OWHA sanctioned game, regardless of venue, as per LLFHL Rules & Regulations. The use of exhibition games for the serving of suspensions is prohibited. This policy is in effect for all League play. The one exception to this policy will be the termination of the Team and Player Penalty Minutes portion during League playoffs and League Championship games.

DEFINITIONS:

Minor: Any 2 minute penalty assessed to a player

Major: Any 5 minute penalty assessed to a player

Misconduct: any 10 minute penalty assessed to a player

Suspendable Penalty: any game misconduct, any gross misconduct, or any match penalty

League Play: will consist of all regular season games and any playoff, quarter-final, semi-final and championship or consolation games.

Bench Staff: Any team staff member who is listed on the game sheet; Any bench minor penalty assessed to a bench team staff is considered as belonging to the bench team staff regardless of how many individual people actually receive the penalty

Discipline Chair: will be the spokesperson for Discipline Committee

POLICY APPLICATION:

Players

1. Any player who receives any combination of misconducts or suspendable penalties totaling 2 (two) per above definitions in League play will receive a written warning.
2. Any player who receives any combination of misconducts or suspendable penalties totaling 3 (three) per above definitions in League play is automatically suspended one extra game above the Suspension assessed by the OWHA.
3. Any player who receives any combination of misconducts or suspendable penalties totaling more than 3 (three) per above definitions in League play is automatically suspended two extra games above the Suspension assessed by the OWHA, and will be required to attend a league disciplinary hearing. No player will return to play until they have attended a League hearing and been cleared by the Discipline Chair.

Bench Staff

1. If the Bench Staff receive 2 (two) suspendable penalties in League play, the head coach will receive a written warning.
2. If the Bench Staff receive 3 (three) suspendable penalties in League play, the head coach will automatically be suspended for one extra game above any Suspension that may be assessed by the OWHA.
3. If the Bench Staff receive more than 3 (three) suspendable penalties, the head coach will be automatically be suspended for two games above any suspension that may be assessed by the OWHA and will be required to attend a League disciplinary hearing. The Head Coach will not return to duty on the bench until he/she has attended the League hearing and has been cleared by the Discipline Chair to return.

TEAM PENALTY MINUTES

Bantam and Above

1. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 30% of their total season game minutes will be issued a written warning about their behaviour.
2. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 35% of their total season game minutes will be issued a one game suspension to be served by the head coach.
3. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 40% of their total season game minutes will be issued a minimum two game suspension to be served by the head coach. The Head Coach will be required to attend a League disciplinary hearing. The Head Coach will not return to duty on the bench until he/she has attended the League hearing and has been cleared by the Discipline Chair to return.

Peewee

1. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 20% of their total season game minutes will be issued a written warning about their behaviour.

2. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 25% of their total season game minutes will be issued a one game suspension to be served by the head coach.
3. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 30% of their total season game minutes will be issued a minimum two game suspension to be served by the head coach. The Head Coach will be required to attend a League disciplinary hearing. The Head Coach will not return to duty on the bench until he/she has attended the League hearing and has been cleared by the Discipline Chair to return.

Novice, Atom

1. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 15% of their total season game minutes will be issued a written warning about their behaviour.
2. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 20% of their total season game minutes will be issued a one game suspension to be served by the head coach.
3. Any team whose penalty minutes exceed 25% of their total season game minutes will be issued a minimum two game suspension to be served by the head coach. The Head Coach will not return to duty on the bench until he/she has attended the League hearing and has been cleared by the Discipline Chair to return.

10/10/12 Games

# of games	Total Minutes	Novice & Atom			Peewee			Bantam and Above		
		15%	20%	25%	20%	25%	30%	30%	35%	40%
18	576	86	115	144	115	144	173	173	202	230
20	640	96	128	160	128	160	192	192	224	256
22	704	106	141	176	141	176	211	211	246	282

12/15/15 Games

# of games	Total Minutes	Peewee			Bantam and Above		
		20%	25%	30%	30%	35%	40%
18	756	152	189	227	227	265	302
20	840	168	210	252	252	294	336
22	924	185	231	277	277	323	370

PLAYER PENALTY MINUTES

Peewee and Above

1. Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 5% of their total season game minutes will be issued a written warning about their behaviour.
2. Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 7% of their total season game minutes will be issued a one game suspension.

- Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 9% of their total season game minutes will be issued a minimum two game suspension. The player will be required to attend a League disciplinary hearing. The player will not return to play until she has attended the League hearing and has been cleared by the Discipline Chair to return to play.

Novice & Atom

- Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 3% of their total season game minutes will be issued a written warning about their behaviour.
- Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 5% of their total season game minutes will be issued a one game suspension.
- Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 7% of their total season game minutes will be issued a minimum two game suspension. The player will be required to attend a League disciplinary hearing. The player will not return to play until she has attended the League hearing and has been cleared by the Discipline Chair to return to play.

10/10/12 Games

# of games	Total Minutes	Novice & Atom			Pewee and Above		
		3%	5%	7%	5%	7%	9%
18	576	17	29	40	29	40	52
20	640	19	32	45	32	45	58
22	704	21	35	49	35	49	63

12/15/15 Games

# of games	Total Minutes	Novice & Atom			Pewee and Above		
		3%	5%	7%	5%	7%	9%
18	756	23	38	53	38	53	68
20	840	25	42	59	42	59	76
22	924	28	46	65	46	65	83

ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS:

At all times suspendable offences occurring in league play are subject to review by the OWHA and further suspensions may be levied.

At all times the League reserves the right to issue additional suspensions under LLFHL Rules & Regulations.

At all times the League reserves the right to refer any disciplinary matter directly to the OWHA for action.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

LEAGUE GAMES:

For any League game in which a possible suspension exists it must be reported to the League Discipline Chair within 24 hours of the event occurring or prior to the next League game being played, whichever is soonest. The same offences must also be reported to the OWHA within 48 hours. Failure to follow will result in additional suspension(s) being handed out to the Head Coach. It is the responsibility of the offending team to report suspendable offences.

METHODS OF REPORTING SUSPENDABLE OFFENCES IN LEAGUE GAMES:

- 1) Fax the front and back (if available) of the game sheet to 905-282-0499.
- 2) If a fax is not available scan and e-mail the front and back (if available) of game sheet to stats@owha.on.ca
- 3) If no fax or scanner is available, send an e-mail to the discipline chair at discipline@llfhl.ca outlining details of offence and then follow up by faxing or scanning & emailing the game sheet with 48 hours of infraction.

Note: Never attempt to fax the original pink copy of a game sheet. It will not be legible when received. Make a photo copy and fax the photo copy.

NON LEAGUE GAMES

For any non league game in which possible suspension(s) exist they must be reported to the League discipline chair prior to playing the next League game; failure to report will result in additional suspension(s) being handed out to the Head Coach.

SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS

- 1) The game sheet will be clearly marked showing SUSPENSION game X of X. The game sheet must not be signed by the suspended person and the player's name should not be crossed out.
- 2) It is the responsibility of the suspended person's team management to submit copies of game sheets to their OWHA Regional Director and the League Discipline Chair as the games are served. If games are served in a tournament they must be submitted to the League Discipline Chair prior to playing the next League game.
- 3) A suspension is not considered to have been served until copies of all game sheets are in the possession of their OWHA Regional Director and the League Discipline Chair and clearance to return to play has been granted by the both the OWHA Regional Director and the League Discipline Chair.
- 4) Where a League imposed suspension results in a hearing having to be held the suspended person cannot return to play until they have attended the hearing and clearance to return to play has been granted by the League Discipline Chair.

OWHA FORFEITURE POLICY

A GAME IS FORFEITED WHEN:

- 1) A Team does not appear for that game.
- 2) When a game is declared forfeited due to the non-appearance of the team (Hockey Canada rule 10.14d), the team in attendance shall be declared the winner and the score recorded as 5-0. The incident shall be reported to the OWHA President to taken any further actions as may be authorized in the organization's Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations.
- 3) Team refuses to start play (Hockey Canada Rule 10.14).
- 4) When a game is declared forfeited in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule 78c, the non-offending team shall be declared the winner and the score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the OWHA President.
- 5) A Team is unable to continue play due to having insufficient players (fewer than a goaltender and three (3) other players). When a game is declared forfeited due to a team having insufficient players to continue play, either through injury and/or penalties, the non-offending shall be declared the winner and the score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the OWHA President.
- 6) Both teams are unwilling or unable to continue the game.
- 7) When a game is declared forfeited due to both teams being unwilling or unable (insufficient players) to continue the game, the score shall be recorded as 0-0 with no points awarded either team. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the OWHA President.
- 8) A Team played a game with one (1) or more ineligible participants.
- 9) When a game is declared forfeited due to a team playing with one (1) or more ineligible players, the non-offending team shall be declared the winner and score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. Should the game in question be part of a tournament, the offending team shall automatically be relegated to the final position in any preliminary round robin series (if applicable) or to the final position in the tournament standings. The use of an ineligible player shall be reported to the OWHA President.

OWHA GLOSSARY:

"TEAM" – Within the jurisdiction of the OWHA, a team is a group of players and staff registered with the OWHA as a competitive team or a house league team according to Regulation Three.