



# **DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURES**



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# Lower Lakes Female Hockey League

## Discipline Policy and Procedures

- A. The OWHA Suspension Procedures as laid out in the OWHA Handbook 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

**Suspendible 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 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 suspendible 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 suspendible 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 suspendible 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) suspendible penalties in League play, the head coach will receive a written warning.
2. If the Bench Staff receive 3 (three) suspendible 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) suspendible 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.
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 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. <sup>1</sup>
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%
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%
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.
3. 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**

1. Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 3% of their total season game minutes will be issued a written warning about their behaviour.
2. Any player whose penalty minutes exceed 5% of their total season game minutes will be issued a one game suspension.
3. 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			Peewee and Above		
		3%	5%	7%	5%	7%	9%
22	704	21	35	49	35	49	63

### **12/15/15 Games**

# of games	Total Minutes	Novice & Atom			Peewee and Above		
		3%	5%	7%	5%	7%	9%
22	924	28	46	65	46	65	83

### **ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS:**

At all times suspendible 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 suspendible offences.

#### **METHODS OF REPORTING SUSPENDIBLE OFFENCES IN LEAGUE GAMES:**

1. Scan and e-mail the front and back (if available) of game sheet to [stats@owha.on.ca](mailto:stats@owha.on.ca)
2. It is permissible to photograph the front and back of the game sheet and email from your phone to [stats@owha.on.ca](mailto:stats@owha.on.ca)
3. If no scanner or camera phone is available, send an e-mail to the Discipline Chair at [discipline@llfhl.ca](mailto: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:** Scanning the original pink copy of a game sheet will not be legible when received. Make a photo copy and send 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 OWHA Regional Director.
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.

### **LLFHL Forfeitures**

A complete regular season must be played. A team not completing a full scheduled season renders a team ineligible for post-season play. There are no forfeitures of games in the regular season schedule. All games must be played.

