



# MMHA REGULATIONS

## 1. MMHA EXECUTIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

### 1.1 2006-02-13 (amended 2024-05-14)

The Discipline Committee is to be set prior to the beginning of the season. The Executive shall appoint a committee to deal with all matters relating to discipline.

The Discipline Committee will inform the MMHA Treasurer of any fines and any Association incurring a fine will have 30 days from the time of notification to pay this fine

### 1.2 2023-05-09

The style of playoffs will be determined prior to the start of the season.

### 1.3 2014-11-04 (amended 2024-05-14)

Any associations not having a representative at a scheduled MMHA meeting will be fined at \$150 for the 1st meeting, \$300 for the 2nd meeting missed, and \$450 for the 3rd meeting missed. Fines will continue to go up in \$150 increments within the season. All fines must be paid within 30 days of the meeting.

Community Representatives shall be a member appointed by their local association which will have at least one team participating in the upcoming season. In the event that the representative cannot attend, a member of the local association's Executive will attend in place. The names of these persons shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association by June 30 of each year. Only these named persons shall be entitled to attend the Executive Meetings of the Association and to exercise executive powers.

**1.4 2023-05-09**

All community arenas will have the same admission charge for all Minor Hockey games through the year. The fee will be set at the beginning of each hockey season. Game Bench staff will not be charged a fee to enter the game.

**1.5 1995-06-02**

Community Association fees payable to MMHA shall be based on a per team basis and determined annually by the Executive on or before October 1st of each season.

**1.6 2007-05-08**

All teams registered with the OWHA can 'ice' a team in a particular division. When an OWHA representative feels they would not be competitive, the MMHA will allow the team to play down a division in the league with the understanding the OWHA team will not compete in playoffs. Points accumulated during the regular season stand as is.

## **2. START OF SEASON: ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES**

**2.1 1995-06-02 (amended 2024-08-13)**

Community Associations must provide the MMHA Secretary with the following data and information on, or before, the dates indicated:

**June 1st:** the names and contact information of executive members  
(Contact information = telephone, e-mail, mailing address)

**June 30th:** the names address and telephone numbers of their representatives to the Executive

**October 1st:** a list of each team playing in the upcoming season showing the name and telephone number of a team representative plus the names of at least six players. A schedule of community ice times for games and practices of each participating team.

**November 1st:** a complete list of teams.

**2.2 1995-06-02 (amended 2024-08-13)**

All associations must ensure that players on each team are properly registered and insured through the Northern Ontario Hockey Association office before the player is permitted to play in any league games. Roster sheets must be sent to the MMHA Secretary before playing in league games.

Affiliated players within the same association will have to be added to the roster within the HCR for NOHA approval. U7 and first year U9 players are the exception and cannot affiliate to an upper division.

Affiliated players from another association will have to be approved by NOHA before any participation.

Any player not listed as approved on the HCR roster can be reported to the NOHA.

Teams may only select Affiliated Players from a lower Division

No AP Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list at any given time during the Season.

Affiliate Players may participate in a maximum of ten (10) games per season, except as approved by the NOHA Board. Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or playoff games, are excluded from the maximum number of games.

Goaltenders may affiliate to more than one (1) Team upon approval of the Minor Hockey Association and of the District Council Director.

From U9 to U18, Teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may select nineteen (19) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) Affiliated Players must be Goaltenders.

ALL AP Players may participate in practices however you may only skate up to a max nr of 12 Players per game, excluding goalies.

**2.3 2004-08-31**

All teams registering must have an equal number of 1st and 2nd year players in the association if icing two teams in the same division.

**2.4 2017-04-11**

Social Media Policy must be signed for each registered player each year prior to registration.

**2.5 2023-05-09 (amended 2024-08-13)**

Local Associations are required to keep the same colour for all teams. All teams are required to have a light and dark jersey.

### **3. GAME and SEASON STRUCTURE:**

**3.1 2004-08-31**

The official rules of hockey Canada will be used for all Manitoulin Minor Hockey games.

**3.2 2004-08-31**

Game durations shall be:

U11 through U18: 3 x 15 minute stop periods.

**3.3 2004-08-31(amended 2024-08-13)**

In all divisions the ice shall be flooded once during the game unless otherwise agreed upon by both coaches and the game officials. It is essentially the visitors call NOT to flood. An exception can occur when there is a mechanical failure with Arena Equipment i.e Zamboni

**3.4 2023-11-14**

U9 half-ice games will have two minute shifts for two 24 minute periods. Clock doesn't stop. No score kept.

U7 games will be 2 minute shifts for two 20 minute periods. Clock doesn't stop. No score kept.

U9 full-ice games will follow the same rules as U11 full-ice games.

**3.5 2007-02-13**

After a seven-goal differential in the third period of a game, the time will be straight. If a team regains a five-goal differential, stop time will be reinstated for the remainder of the 3rd period.

**3.6 2004-08-31**

No game shall be scheduled before 6:30 pm on a weeknight for any team, unless with the permission of both teams.

## **4. PLAYOFFS:**

**4.1 2011-04-11 (amended 2024-08-13)**

Outstanding fines/monies are to be paid to MMHA prior to Association being allowed to participate in playoffs. The Final Date for payment is February 15th.

**4.2 2006-03-07(amended 2024-08-13)**

A player may only be eligible for participation in playoffs providing said player has played at least 50% of his/her teams regular season games. (Special circumstances, i.e.: illness, relocation, safety issues, or other justifiable cause, may be approved by a committee composed of the MMHA President and two Executive members). For players playing in two divisions, said player may only play for both divisions/ teams during playoffs if the player has played at least 50% of both teams regular season games. Exception to the rule is the U9 division and AP Players.

**4.3 2004-08-31**

4.3.1 Post season: (U11-U18) If teams are tied at the end of the regular season the tie breaker will be 1) most wins 2) head to head 3) goal average

4.3.2 Postseason overtime: 10-minute period with sudden death. Teams do not change ends. If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced and teams will change ends and will play a full period with sudden death.

**5. ON and OFF ICE OFFICIALS:**

**5.1 2012-03-20**

Home associations are responsible to provide approved on and off ice officials for NOHA sanction games. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fine for each occurrence.

**5.2 2006-02-13**

MMHA utilises a three man official system for U15 and U18 divisions.

**5.3 2000-04-13**

Referees shall be remunerated at the NOHA prescribed rates.

**5.4 2000-10-24**

Game Officials are to be paid at the end of the second period.

**5.5 2018-09-11 (amended 2023-05-09)**

Game officials must report all potential suspendable infractions to the Discipline Committee within 24 hours of the game conclusion , as per OHF minimum suspension codes. MMHA repeat offender system is in place.

**6. GAME SHEET MANAGEMENT:**

**6.1 2023-05-09**

Game sheets must be sent to MMHA by uploading the data within 24 hours of the game being played. The home team is responsible for uploading the game score sheet. Visiting teams should have the opportunity to review and confirm game details before it is uploaded. Failure to adhere to this policy will be \$100 fine to the association with an additional \$100 each time it happens within a season.

**6.2 2023-05-09/ 2024-01-16**

Team Manager/Coach, between the 2nd and 3rd period are to ensure accuracy of both their player and their bench staff rosters on the game sheet.

**6.3 2024-01-16**

Teams failing to list suspended players/team officials on the game sheet will not be able to count those games towards the suspended person's game total.

**6.4 2024-05-14**

Affiliated players must be listed as such within the lower section of the game sheet.

## **7. GAME CANCELLATIONS AND LATENESS:**

**7.1 2023-05-09**

Rescheduling must occur 10 days prior to the original game date and the new date for the game should be within 10 days of the original date. Weather conditions will be the only reason accepted for a second cancellation, One copy must be forwarded to each of the following persons: Opposing team manager, division convenor and the MMHA secretary. No team is to forfeit a game.

**7.2 2010-05-18 (amended 2023-05-09)**

A levy will be assessed against any team that fails to show up for a scheduled game without giving the opposing team a minimum of a two hour notification. This levy will be based upon the actual costs incurred by the offended team for ice charges and payment of officials, and will upon collection by the MMHA, be paid to the team incurring the loss.

**7.3 2023-05-09**

Game lateness under normal weather conditions: if a team fails to ice the minimum number of players as required by Hockey Canada within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the game is forfeited, unless agreed upon by both teams to go ahead with the game beyond the 15 minute deadline.

**7.4 2006-12-12**

When an official does not arrive within 15 minutes of the assigned start time of a game, the visiting team will be awarded the game. The Referee in Chief will be notified by the home association.

## **8. BENCH STAFF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**8.1 2005-02-07 (amended 2024-08-13)**

Any team official on the bench without an approved VSSC through the OHF Centralised Process will be suspended until they provide required

documentation and are declared approved in the HCR. The offending Association will be fined \$100.00.

**8.2 1995-09-29**

All communities shall adhere to the policy of fair play for all players in all divisions.

**8.3 2000-04-13**

Should it be brought to the MMHA's attention that any team official is operating in a manner contrary to the basic concepts of sportsmanship, gentlemanly conduct, and fair play, the MMHA shall investigate and request that the local association take disciplinary actions as appropriate for the circumstances. If no action is taken, then the MMHA may take disciplinary actions.

**8.4 2000-04-13**

Team officials shall be responsible for supervising and controlling the conduct of players before, during and after each game. (For example, dressing room vandalism, bench brawls, lobby and parking lot, altercations, etc.) Infractions shall result in the suspension and/or other disciplinary actions to the player(s) and Team Official(s) responsible. In addition, the cost of any damages will be assessed against the responsible team.

**8.5 2004-08-31**

No players will be allowed on the ice surface without the direction of the officials. Failure to do so will result in a 2 minute minor penalty.

**8.6 2017-09-12 ( Amended 2024-11-12)**

Teams will only affiliate players from the lower division if they have less than 10 skaters (goalie is excluded) and may only affiliate up to a max of 12 skaters. If there is a violation the head coach will be assessed a 3 game suspension and the game will be forfeited. \*\*The goalie is the only exception\*\*

**8.7 2006-03-07 (amended 2024-08-13)**

In the case of a winning team being found to have an ineligible player, this team forfeits the points and the losing team will be awarded these points.

The Players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned.

Any incidents of ineligible players shall be reported to the MMHA Discipline Committee.

Ineligible players would include: a suspended player, and overage player, or player from a higher division, or an affiliated player above the maximum number.

**8.8 2024-01-16**

If a team is found to have played a suspended player/or had a suspended team staff person on the bench / scoresheet, the following consequences will be levied:

- a) The Head Coach will receive a 3 game suspension,
- b) the team will forfeit any points to the opposing team
- c) the team will be fined \$100.00, paid immediately to MMHA.

The suspended player/team official in fault must still serve the remainder of their suspension.

If this happens a second time, the suspension and fine will double and notification to NOHA will be made.

A third occurrence will result in the Head Coach being suspended indefinitely until a hearing of the MMHA Executive is held.

**9. DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENSIONS:**

**9.1 2007-05-08**

The MMHA Discipline Committee requires notification from local community representatives within forty eight (48) hours of any suspendable altercations or infractions incurred in off island tournaments sanctioned by the NOHA. The MMHA Discipline Committee will make a decision consistent with existing MMHA policies and procedures.

**9.2 2024-01-16**

The MMHA Discipline Committee requires notification from local community representatives within forty eight (48) hours of any player(s) or team staff, who served suspensions while attending off island tournaments sanctioned by the NOHA. A copy of the game sheet or screenshot showing the suspension served will suffice.

**9.3 2010-05-18 (amended 2018-01-01)**

Any player receiving a 4th penalty in a game providing the first three are not stick infractions or 3 head contact penalties (a double minor for head contact counts as one penalty in regards to this) will automatically receive a game ejection. After a second offence, the division statistician will report the player to the Disciplinary Committee for review.

**9.4 2012-05-08 (amended 2024-08-13)**

A player or team official who receives an identical suspendable infraction code in the same season will be subject to an additional game suspension for each occurrence by the MMHA discipline committee. In addition, all players who receive a game ejection will, on their 2nd occurrence, receive a one



game suspension and an additional game for each subsequent infraction. The MMHA discipline committee will rely on the current OHF suspension list when adding additional games for the same infraction.

#### **9.5 2019-10-08 (amended May 9, 2023)**

All disciplinary actions will be based on Hockey Canada Playing Rules, the OHF Minimum Suspension List and MMHA Additional Sanctions. Bench staff should have a copy of the OHF Minimum Suspension List for reference.

#### **9.6 2019-10-08 (amended 2023-05-09 )**

##### **MMHA Additional Sanctions:**

**9.6.1 Misconducts** – any player receiving 2 infractions (as per OHF List) will receive 1 game suspension.

- 3rd infraction = 2 games
- 4th infraction = 3 games
- 5th infraction = Board Hearing

**9.6.2 Game Ejections** – any player receiving 2 game ejections (as per OHF List for 3 head contact or stick infractions and/or MMHA 4 penalty rule) will receive 1 additional game suspension. Additional GE's will result in 1 game suspensions for each offence.

##### **9.6.3 Game Misconducts/Match Penalties/Gross**

**Misconducts/Maltreatment Penalties** - any player/team official receiving a combination of GM/MP/GRM/Maltreatment adding up to 2 will receive additional 2 league games suspension. After that, 1 additional game for each infraction (Checking from Behind Minor not included).

**9.6.4 Checking from Behind** – Minor – A player receiving a 2nd Checking from Behind Minor will receive 2 additional league games. After that 1 additional game for each infraction.

**9.6.5 Fighting** – any player receiving a suspension for fighting will receive additional 1 league game suspension.

##### **9.6.6 Coach Suspensions – (amended 2024-08-13)**

- U15 and U18 – head coach is suspended 1 game if the team receives 40 minutes in penalties.
- U13 and under – head coach is suspended 1 game if the team receives 25 minutes in penalties.
- 2nd infraction = 1 game
- 3rd infraction = 2 games

Will be monitored and revisited if needed.

**9.6.7 Repeat Offenders** – any player accumulating 6 games or team official accumulating 4 games, will be brought before MMHA Executive Members for Discipline Hearing.

**9.7 2006-12-12**

Suspensions of players will hold regardless if the score sheet is filled out correctly by officials.

**9.8 2004-08-31**

Any appeals or protests will follow the same format and procedures as set out in the NOHA Constitution.

## **APPENDIX: ACTIONS WITH MMHA ENFORCED PENALTIES**

### **FINES:**

#### **1.3 2014-11-04 (amended 2023-05-09)**

Any associations not having a representative at a scheduled MMHA meeting will be fined.

#### **5.1 2012-03-20**

Failure of Home Team to provide on and off ice officials will result in a \$100.00 fine for each occurrence.

#### **6.1 2023-05-09**

Failure to upload the game sheet within 24 hrs will be a \$100 fine to the association, with an additional \$100 each time it happens within a season.

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## **SUSPENSIONS OF TEAM OFFICIALS:**

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## **FORFEITURE OF GAME:**

**Following the OHF, when a game is declared forfeited, 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.**

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