

SMHA Disciplinary Policy

When a discipline issue arises this is the process that will be followed by the Association. All attempts will be made to come to a quick and fair resolution.

Stage 1 - Resolved within the Division

All team disciplinary issues will be addressed within the division first. Issue escalation will be as follows:

1. Meeting with coach – if unresolved
2. Meeting with Division Coordinator – if unresolved
3. Meeting with Vice President of the Division – if unresolved

Stage 2 - Referred to Discipline Committee

Players, parents and coaches can be removed until the Discipline Committee meeting at the discretion of the First Vice President or President.

None team issues involving parents or fans are resolved by the Division Coordinators, VP or President and are effective immediately with or without a meeting.

1. Disruptive in the stands – Warning or 1 game (that player is playing in)
2. Disruptive with foul language – 2 games (that player is playing in)
3. Disruptive with foul language and approached bench/coach during or after a game – 3 games (that player is playing in) Must use 24 hour rule.

Suspensions:

The Head Coach has the authority to suspend a player for one (1) game only. Parent and player must be given twenty four (24) hours notice.

The Division Coordinator has the authority to suspend a parent to the maximum of three (3) games. Incident must be documented and copied to the First Vice President.

The Vice President of Hockey for a Division has the authority to suspend a coach and/or parent up to three (3) games. Incident must be documented and copied to the First Vice President.

The First Vice President or President can suspend a player, coach or parent up to three (3) games. Incident must be documented and copied to file to be held by First Vice President.

Only the Discipline Committee and/or executive can suspend any of the above for more than three (3) games or issue time suspensions.

Stage 3 - Appeals

Any party can appeal the Discipline Committee's Decision by paying a \$50.00 deposit to the association secretary. The President will hold a meeting with the executive to review the appeal. This is the final decision. If the suspension is reduced or waived, the \$50.00 will be returned.