



SOUTH DELTA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

20. SELF GOVERNING OF PENALTIES (revised April 2013)

In accordance with our mission and mandate it is the intent of this policy to provide direction in terms of self-regulating excessive penalty minutes.

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 Executive councils to act on disciplinary problems.

It is the responsibility of the Team Head Coach and the Team Manager to be fully aware, of ALL automatic suspension rules/regulations based on the penalties- including but not limited to Game, Gross and Match misconducts-- that members of their team received in each game. Execution of these suspensions, without notice from any other person or governing body, is mandatory and effective immediately.

20.1 **The SDMHA tolerance levels are those established by PCAHA.** Specific information can be found in the PCAHA Rules and Regulations Section H Penalties and in the Addendum Sections #4 and #5. SDMHA will govern to ensure our Association meets all tolerance levels.

20.2 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.

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

20.4 Division Managers will be responsible for the management of player and team penalty patterns as well as advising team head coaches of reviews.

20.5 Divisional summaries shall be made available to the appropriate SDMHA Vice President on a monthly basis.

20.6 **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:

20.6.1 First review to take place with Team Head Coach and Division Manager.



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20.6.2 Second review to take place with Team Head Coach, Division Manager, Association Head Coach and the appropriate Vice President

20.7 Teams that continue to show patterns of exceeding PCAHA tolerance levels after having been reviewed shall be called before the SDMHA Disciplinary Hearing Committee for review.

20.7.1 After a review by the Disciplinary Hearing Committee, action will be taken in accordance with SDMHA Disciplinary Hearing Committee recommendations.

20.8 **Players** with Excess Penalty Minute Patterns, or players who show disregard for the HC Fair Play Code or the SDMHA Player Code of Conduct for the applicable age of the player, shall be subject to review.

20.8.1 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:

20.8.2 First review to take place with player and head coach of the team.

20.8.3 Second review to take place with the player, players' parents or guardians, team Head Coach, Executive appointee, and Association Head Coach.

20.8.4 Players that continue to show excess patterns of penalty minutes or disregard for the HC fair play code or the SDMHA Player Code of Conduct after having been reviewed for the second time, shall be called before the SDMHA Disciplinary Hearing Committee for review.

a) After a review by the Disciplinary Hearing Committee, action will be taken in accordance with SDMHA Disciplinary Hearing Committee recommendations.

20.9 **Players Receiving Penalties under HC Serious Penalty Category**—these include, but are not limited to, HC Rules 33, 49, 53, and 71. SDMHA will not tolerate abuses under these HC rules.

20.9.1 Players taking penalties under these HC rules shall be subject to first *review immediately following the game*. This review is designed as a hearing to determine the reason and what steps can be taken to correct the situation.

a) First offense The first review shall take place with the player, the player's parent or guardian and the team head coach, immediately following the game. i.e. before leaving the arena. A summary of this review shall be filed with the Division Manager.



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- b) Second offense The second review shall take place in front of the SDMHA Disciplinary Hearing Committee. A summary of the review shall be filed with the appropriate Vice-President. Appropriate recommendations will be taken.
- c) Third offense This will take place after disciplinary action has been taken by the Managing Director PCAHA. This review shall be conducted with the player and his /her parent or guardian, the Head Coach, Team Manager, and Executive Appointee. After this disciplinary hearing has been conducted, recommendations for further disciplinary action will be made to the SDMHA Executive board.