



MEMORANDUM

February 12, 2016

**TO: Discipline Task Group
MHA Presidents
District Presidents
Board of Directors**

**FROM: Randy Henderson
Chair of the Board**

SUBJECT: Suspension Guidelines Clarification

This memo is intended to clarify the suspensions outlined in the Minor/Female Suspension Guidelines for penalties; 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.4, 8.2, and 8.4 where a five minute major and game misconduct have been assessed.

		RULE	PENALTY DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
MAJOR PENALTY & GAME MISCONDUCTS		6.2	Boarding	1 game or 7 Days
		6.2	Body Checking	1 game or 7 Days
		6.3	Charging	1 game or 7 Days
		6.4	Checking from Behind	1 game or 7 Days
		6.5	Head Contact	1 game or 7 Days
		6.6	Elbowing / Kneeing	1 game or 7 Days
		7.4	Slew Footing / Tripping	1 game or 7 Days
		8.2	Cross-Checking	1 game or 7 Days
		8.4	Slashing	1 game or 7 Days
		9.2	Harassment of Officials (When Game Misconduct is assessed)	2 Games or 10 Days
	ACCUMULATION SANCTIONS			
Player		Receiving two (2) Majors in the same season for any of the above infractions		2 Games or 10 Days
		Receiving three (3) Majors in the same season for any of the above infractions		4 Games or 15 Days
		Receiving four (4) Majors in the same season for any of the above infractions		Indefinite Suspension
		Receiving two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season		4 Games or 15 Days
		Receiving three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season		Indefinite Suspension
Coach		Team receives two (2) Majors in the same game for any of the above infractions		1 game or 7 Days
		For a 2 nd violation of the above		3 Games or 10 Days
		For a 3 rd violation of the above		Indefinite Suspension
		Coach whose team receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2		1 game or 7 Days
		Coach who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season		4 Games or 15 Days
		Coach who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under Rule 9.2 in a season		Indefinite Suspension

Due to inconsistent application, please use the following guidelines effectively immediately.

- 1st Offence – 1 game or 7 days
- 2nd Offence – 2 games or 10 days
- 3rd Offence – 4 games or 15 days

The application of Rule 4.6 (c) in regards to game misconducts assessed in the last 10 minutes of play is in addition to the above minimum suspensions.