



# TOURNAMENT SUSPENSION MATRIX

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Aligned with the International Street & Ball Hockey Federation



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## MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

Offense	Minimum Games
• Throwing a stick over the boards	0
• Refusing to surrender stick for measurement	0
• Player interference/distraction during a penalty shot	0
• Goalkeeper interference/distraction during a penalty shot	0
• Equipment/facemask worn incorrectly	0
• Disputing a call of an official	0
• Unsportsmanlike conduct	0
• Failure to go to players bench or neutral area	0
• Failure to go directly to penalty box	0

## MATCH PENALTIES

**Suspended for remainder of the event and will be investigated / determined upon review by a USABH neutral panel**

Offense	Minimum Games
• Attempt to injure	5
• Head Butting	5
• Threatening an official	5
• Physical abuse of an official	Next 4 Events
• Spitting	5
• Deliberate injury	Next 4 Events
• Butt ending	5
• Spearing	5
• Hair Pulling	5
• Kicking	5
• Kneeing	5
• Checking from Behind	5
• Head Contact	5
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Match Penalty	Next 4 Events

## SERVING A SUSPENSION

Suspensions are subject to carry over from one USA Ball Hockey sanctioned event to the next.

A player may not serve their suspension down a level of play but may serve their suspension up a level.

All cross-tournament suspensions will be under review.

## GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

Offense	Minimum Games
• Verbal abuse of a game official	2
• Interference from the bench	1
• Fighting (1 <sup>st</sup> offense)	Remainder of event + review
• Fighting (2 <sup>nd</sup> offense)	Remainder of event + minimum next event & review
• Fighting (self defense) instigator called on opponent	1
• Leaving the players bench/penalty box during altercation, but not joining	1
• Leaving the players bench/penalty box during altercation to join/additional penalties	3
• Instigator	1
• Aggressor	1
• Checking from behind (minor + game)	1
• High Sticking (major + game)	1
• Cross Checking (major + game)	1
• Slashing (major + game)	1
• Boarding/Body checking (major + game)	1
• Elbowing/Kneeing (major + game)	1
• Charging (major + game)	1
• Verbal Abuse/Gestures/Taunting	1
• Tripping (major + game)	1
• Interference (major + game)	1
• Roughing (major + game)	1
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> game misconduct in the same event	2 = review
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> game misconduct in the same event	3 + review
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> person-in during a fight	2
• Obscene Gesture	1

## GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

Offense	Minimum Games
• Travesty of the game	2
• Discriminatory slur (racism, homophobia, etc.)	Next 4 Events
• Playing while suspended	Suspension doubles
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> gross misconduct	Suspension doubles + review
• Refusing to start play	1