



Misconduct/Match Penalties – A guide

This information sheet provides an overview on the steps that should be taken once you have called a Misconduct of Match penalty. Firstly, there is some general and important information on reporting a Misconduct of Match, followed by an in-game assessment guide to calling these ejection penalties. For formal descriptions and case studies, please consult the Ringette Canada Official Rules and Case Book (Section 16 and 18), and for information on Ringette Alberta's Policy on Suspension, see 15.0 Suspension Policy on www.ringettealberta.com/policies/.

Important information:

- Misconducts and Match penalties require that the officials complete an “Misconduct/Match Report” following the incident. If you do not have one of these sheets, please use the back of the “Official Game Report” or what is commonly called a game sheet, to avoid confusion it will be called a game sheet in this document).
 - Misconduct/Match Report are available for free from Ringette Alberta, you can also contact your Referee-In-Chief for some.
 - Fill in the Misconduct/Match Report using the game sheet to properly identify the offender.
 - On the bottom of the Misconduct/Match Report, there is a legend to what layer goes to what person. Please try to get copies to those people (might be at the rink).
- Ringette Alberta requires that any Misconduct/Match Report must be handed into our office by the **second business day at noon after the incident. Misconduct/Match Reports must have the game sheets included.**
 - During a tournament, officials must hand this into the tournament committee. In turn, the tournament will then hand it into Ringette Alberta, following the same timeline.
 - If this is any other type of game, the officials must provide these directly to the Ringette Alberta office.
 - Please use the following methods:
 - Email: lauren@ringettealberta.com (scanned or photo copies)
 - In person: 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3K6
 - Please contact your Referee-In-Chief asap as well, to let them know what is going on, in some associations, both officials are required to contact their association.
 - If you do not hand in an Misconduct/Match Report, you will be fined by Ringette Alberta.

Steps:

Assess Misconduct or Match	Report on Game Sheet	Fill out Misconduct/Match Report after the game	Distribute to people noted on the bottom of the Report
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Ringette Alberta will follow our policy, 15.0 – Suspensions, to assess game length following submission of the Reports.

In-game action items when calling Misconducts or Matches:

A. MISCONDUCTS (see rulebook rule 16.1)

Misconducts are for what players/coaches SAY on the ice. Such as swearing at the official, verbal abuse towards another player, or coach (16.1.a). May also be for an escalation from an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty where someone persists in disputing, or shows disrespect for the ruling of an on-ice official (16.1.b) or if a coach steps on the ice other than to attend to an injured player (16.1.c).

1. When a misconduct is assessed the player/coach is told to leave the playing area, and a signal of hands to the hips is conducted.
2. Any original penalties assessed are to be sat by another player. That player has to sit ALL of the penalties committed by the ejected player.
3. An **additional 2 minute unsportsmanlike** penalty must be sat for a Misconduct given to a PLAYER. Ensure that the player number is recorded with the unsportsmanlike and the Misconduct (served by will be a different number). If a *coach* is ejected, there is no additional unsportsmanlike penalty assessed.
4. Following the game, please fill out the Misconduct/Match Report and distribute to those listed at the bottom of the Officials Game Report. Retain a copy and a copy of the game sheet, forward these onto Ringette Alberta by the second business day at noon. Contact your Referee-In-Chief.
5. ****A misconduct carries an automatic suspension from the next scheduled game from Ringette Alberta, plus any other games that comes from policy 15.0.**

B. MATCH Penalties (see rule 18.1)

A MATCH penalty is assessed when a player commits a penalty infraction with intent to injure (18.1.a), fights (18.1.b); spears, butt-ends, or kicks an opponent (18.1.c); or a player or coach excessively abuses an on-ice official before, during, or immediately after a game(18.1.d) .

1. When a match penalty is assessed the player/coach is told to leave the playing area, and a signal of hands to the hips is conducted.

2. Any original penalties assessed to a PLAYER are to be sat by another player. That player has to sit ALL of the penalties committed by the ejected PLAYER.
3. An **additional 4 minute MAJOR** is assessed for a match penalty to a player. If you assessed a Misconduct FIRST, then another player will have to sit a 2 minute unsportsmanlike AND a 4 minute major for both penalties. If it is a *coach* being penalized, then there are no additional penalty minutes for the team.
- 4/5. Same as a misconduct, fill out the Misconduct/Match Report and distribute to those listed at the bottom of the Misconduct/Match Report. Retain a copy and a copy of the game sheet, forward these onto Ringette Alberta by the second business day at noon. Contact your Referee-In-Chief.
6. ****A Match penalty carries an automatic ONE game suspension from Ringette Canada, plus any other games that comes from policy 15.0. Any suspensions issued at the end of a season must be served the following year.**

*The only other kind of player/coach ejections are when a player accumulates 10 penalty minutes in one game, they must leave the playing area and another player must sit their last penalty; or when a team accumulates 30 minutes or more in penalties in one game, then the head coach must sit out the NEXT game. In regards to the player having to leave after 10 penalty minutes, you are responsible to adhere to that rule, whereas the coach sitting the next game is not your responsibility. In both cases, it is beneficial to contact your Referee-In-Chief.

If you ask a player/coach to leave, then you **MUST** assess a Misconduct or Match and submit a report. You may NOT ask someone to leave without attaching a penalty to the call. You may not assess a Misconduct or Match penalty after the fact, however you may send your concerns regarding someone to your Referee-In-Chief.

****We are not to inform players/coaches what their suspensions will be, that is up to the Ringette Alberta. The above is just a guideline for your information.**

For any other information on suspension, do not hesitate to contact me at lauren@ringettealberta.com.