

NGHA Suspension Policy

Statement of Purpose	<p>The NGHA operates under the jurisdiction of the OWHA and follows code of conduct and the minimum suspension guidelines set annually by the OWHA Executive Committee.</p> <p>This policy is intended to provide guidelines of the actions that will be taken when a suspendable action occurs.</p>
Suspension Reporting Responsibilities	<p>It is the responsibility of the offending team to report suspendable offences.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to report and suspendable penalties received by his/her player(s) and/or team official(s) during League, tournament, playdown, league playoff or exhibition games to both the OWHA and the ODWHA.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure his/her player(s) and/or team official(s) serve their suspensions and report the served games to both the OWHA and the ODWHA.</p>
Suspension Reporting Timelines	<p>Suspensions must be reported to the OWHA, Discipline Director and NGHA within 24 hours of game completion and prior to the next game (whichever occurs first) regardless of game type (league, exhibition, tournament).</p> <p>Failure to report within the timeline guidelines may result in additional suspension(s) being handed out to the Head Coach and a \$100 fine.</p> <p>Any Misconduct (ex. M20, M21) received in the final 10 mins. of the 3rd period of a League game must be reported to the Discipline Director within 24 hours of the event occurring or prior to the next League game being played, whichever is soonest. Failure to report within the timeline guidelines shall result in a \$100 fine.</p> <p>When a suspension occurs, the white copy of the game sheet stays with the officials.</p>
Suspension Reporting Process	<p>Officials are to be provided with a “postage ready” envelope addressed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OWHA Stats 225 Watline Avenue Mississauga ON L4Z 1P3</p> <p>** Failure to provide a properly addressed or stamped envelope will result in a team fine being assessed.</p> <p>Envelopes are to be used for all league (regular season and playoff) games and exhibition games but not for tournament or playdown games. Envelopes are only for Game sheets; do not include call-up forms.</p> <p>Call-up forms are to be forwarded to the divisional statistician by the home team.</p>

Consult with OWHA Regional rep re: process for other leagues or situations.

Contents of Reporting Email

Reporting email goes to:

suspension@ngha.ca
odwha-discipline@odwha.org
stats@owha.on.ca

Email contents must include:

1. Player and number or Team official name and position incurring the suspendable penalty
2. Team name (Association and Level)
3. Game date and time
4. Suspension code as recorded on game sheet
5. Good quality photo or scanned copy of the yellow or pink copy of the game sheet. Game and infraction details must be clearly legible.

List above applies to reporting suspensions and also to reporting of the serving of suspensions.

Reporting of Suspension Served

It is the responsibility of the suspended player's team management to submit copies of game sheets within 24 hours of game completion or prior to the next game (whichever comes first) to the OWHA (stats@owha.on.ca), the Discipline Director (odwha-discipline@odwha.org) and the NGHHA (suspension@ngha.ca) as the games are served.

The game sheet will be clearly marked showing SUSPENSION game X of X. The game sheet must not be signed by the suspended person and the player's name should not be crossed out.

A suspension is not considered to have been served until copies of all game sheets are in the possession of the OWHA office. In addition the ODWHA Discipline Director is to be notified.

When a League imposed sitout or a NGHHA imposed suspension results in a hearing having to be held, the suspended person cannot return to play until they have attended the hearing and clearance to return to play has been granted by the ODWHA Discipline Director or NGHHA Discipline Chair.

Failure to report a game served to the ODWHA may result in a \$100 fine.

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