

SANCTIONED PLAY SUSPENSIONS

I. MATCH & MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

a) Issued within Saskatchewan

Should a match or misconduct penalty be assessed during RAS sanctioned play, an incident report will be filed by the officials after the game. One copy of this report is retained by the reporting official and the remaining three copies are turned in to the Tournament Host Committee. Upon receipt of the incident report from the official, the Tournament Host Committee will immediately notify the suspended individual and their head coach.

As part of the tournament follow-up requirements, the RAS must receive notification from the Tournament Host Committee of all suspensions within 48 hours upon completion of the tournament in which the penalty was assessed. Failure by the Tournament Host Committee to notify the RAS may result in the forfeiture of their Behavior Bond. Failure by the officials to complete an Incident Report Form may result in disciplinary action against these individuals.

The RAS will follow-up with written notification of the suspension and games served, if applicable, to the suspended individual, their head coach and their local association, if applicable.

b) Issued outside of Saskatchewan

Should a misconduct or match penalty be assessed during out-of-province play, the coach of the team of the suspended individual must notify the RAS office within 48 hours of completion of the tournament and provide copies of game sheets of any games served. Unless Ringette Saskatchewan has received an appeal of a suspension, RAS will uphold all suspensions as issued at out-of-province tournaments.

c) Penalties and Consequences

A participant shall be suspended for specified acts described under the section Misconduct and Match Penalties of the Official Rules of Ringette. In all cases, the minimum Ringette Canada suspension of one game, in addition to the game ejection, shall be served and may not be appealed.

Additionally, an RAS suspension may include supplementary games, based on the severity of the action. This suspension may be appealed as described under Section 5: Membership & Registrations.

II. REPEAT OFFENSES

A second misconduct within the same game, playing season or consecutive playing season will result in a minimum three game suspension. A third misconduct will result that individual having to appear before an RAS Disciplinary Committee.

A second match penalty assessed within the same game, same playing season or consecutive playing season will result in a suspension of double the recommended number of games for the specified action. A third match will result in that individual having to appear before an RAS Disciplinary Committee.

Any combination of three misconduct and/or match penalties within the same or consecutive playing

season will result in that individual appearing before an RAS Disciplinary Committee.

III. SERVING SUSPENSIONS

Should an individual be participating in more than one role during an RAS sanctioned competition, the suspension applies to all roles held by that individual. The suspension must be served in the same capacity in which it was received (player, team staff or official). The individual will not be allowed to participate in any other role until their suspension has been served in full. Examples:

- a) A player issued a three game suspension must serve 3 games as a player and will not be allowed to participate in any other role while suspended.
- b) A coach issued a three game suspension will be allowed to serve their game suspensions with any team they are a registered team staff member with.

Suspended individuals will not be permitted to direct any member of their team, be in or about the dressing room or bench area before, during or after any game played by any team they are affiliated with. All suspensions must be served during the next sanctioned games in which the suspended individual participates, either within or out-of-province. If the suspension is not fully served at the competition in which it was received, the suspended individual or their head coach must notify the RAS office of which sanctioned tournament they will next be attending. The RAS will, in turn, notify the host committee. Exhibition games do not qualify for the serving of suspensions.

If an individual is suspended during competition out of province, they, or their head coach, is responsible for notifying RAS within 48 hours upon conclusion of the tournament. Copies of the game sheets indicating any time served are also required. Individuals should insure that their name appears on the game sheet, stroked out, with the word suspended written above. RAS will follow up with the appropriate PSO.

Any suspended individual who violates the terms of their suspension as outlined above will be subject to further discipline

Communities will be required to uphold and enforce suspensions as a condition of RAS membership. The period of suspension may be increased by Community Associations or leagues, but cannot under any circumstances be reduced by any individual or association other than the RAS. Suspended individuals are ineligible to participate in sanctioned play until the conditions of their suspension have been fully served.