
Disciplinary Sanction Framework

United Kingdom Inline Hockey Federation

Review cycle: Annual

1. Purpose

This framework provides **guideline suspension ranges** for serious infractions occurring in UKIHF sanctioned competitions. It is intended to support disciplinary committees in ensuring **consistent and proportionate sanctions**.

Final decisions remain at the **discretion of the disciplinary panel**, which may consider mitigating and/or aggravating factors.

Note that the suspensions below are the minimums and would usually be affected upward by other factors. Multiple infringements should be additive, then multiplied for each aggravating factor. For example, Fighting & 3rd Man in & Continuing after referee intervention = $(2 + 1) \times 2 = 6$ games.

2. Disciplinary Categories

Category A – Standard Game Misconduct Offences

Typical suspension: 0–1 game

Offence	Minimum Suspension
Abuse of officials (minor verbal)	1 game
Continuing altercation after whistle	1 game
Secondary altercation participation	1 game
Reaching accrued penalty point thresholds during a season	Based on season total points

Usually handled automatically without hearing.

Category B – Fighting / Escalation

Offence	Minimum Suspension
Fighting	2 games
Instigator of Fight	1 games
Third, fourth ... Man In	3 games
Leaving bench to join fight	5 games

Factors:

- If injury occurs disciplinary review required.
- Repeated strikes / continuance when the player is down
- Head/Eyes targeted

Category C – Dangerous Actions

Offence	Minimum Suspension
Throwing equipment	3 games
Attempted kicking/slashing/spearing/ Butt ending etc. with force.	3 games
Actual kicking/slashing/spearing/ Butt ending etc. with force	5 games
Stomping	5 games
Kicking from behind (Slew footing)	5 games
Head targeting/deliberate strike/head butt.	5 games
Eye gouging	10 games
Attempt to injure	10 games
Deliberate assault	10 games
Blood smearing/spitting at/on an opponent, official or spectator	5 games

These require disciplinary review.

Category D – Contact with Officials

Offence	Minimum Suspension
Verbal abuse	1 game
Threatening behaviour	3 games
Physical contact (non-aggressive)	3 games
Aggressive contact	10 games
Deliberate assault	Season suspension or longer

Category E – Racist, Sexist or Homophobic Taunts or Gestures

Any racist or sexual taunts by players or bench officials heard by and reported by referees will be subject to game ejection and disciplinary hearing.

Offence	Minimum Suspension
Inappropriate language	3 games
Malicious intent	6 games

The minimum suspension will be 3 games for inappropriate language and 6 games for malicious intent.

3. Aggravating Factors

Suspensions will increase when:

- Player continues after referee intervention
- Player contacts referee during referee intervention
- Player targets a vulnerable opponent
- Injury results
- Player attempts to evade officials
- Multiple players join altercation
- Incidental or deliberate contact with game officials
- Prior disciplinary record exists

Panels can double sanctions for each applicable factor

4. Mitigating Factors

Panels may reduce sanctions where:

- Player was clearly provoked
 - Minimal force used
 - Immediate compliance with officials
 - No injury occurred
 - First offence
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5. Repeat Offender Tariff

Offence Frequency	Recommended Action
Second offence same season	+50% suspension
Third offence	+100% suspension
Persistent misconduct	Extended suspension

6. Officials Protection Clause

Any action that **interferes with an official performing their duties** will result in enhanced sanctions.

Examples:

- Preventing a referee from separating players
- Making physical contact while resisting intervention
- Aggressive behaviour toward an official

7. Scope Of Ban

Any player who plays in multiple UKIHF Leagues, will be banned from all leagues until the suspension period is served. The number of games ban is solely applicable to the league where the incident took place. This may on the outset look disproportionate, but playing in multiple UKIHF leagues is a privilege, and should not be used to “water down” punishment.

Bans where the total number of games is 10 or more from category B or C will need to be reviewed with the underwriters as to whether the insurance will cover the player during training. This is separate to the disciplinary.
