



# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

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## Standardized Discipline Policy

The Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association (VSAHA) has established standardized discipline for certain infractions to create consistency in disciplinary actions and inform members of potential consequences.

When a violation occurs that carries a standardized penalty, the Rules Committee will document the evidence, review it, and make a preliminary determination of one of the following:

The violation is accurate and warrants the suspension as outlined in the policy.

For administrative level violations, the Rules Committee notifies the offending party of this finding and offers the opportunity to accept the suspension or reject the decision and request a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the hearing shall be offered in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10. If the offending party requests a hearing under this section, the hearing body may, as a result of that hearing, reduce the suspension, maintain the suspension or increase the suspension imposed.

For playing rule violations, the Rules Committee notifies the President of the Member Association of this finding. It's the Member Associations responsibility to ensure the additional suspension is served and noted on the game sheets.

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The violation is accurate and warrants the suspension as outlined in the policy. However, the action and/or history warrants further disciplinary review. The Rules Committee notifies the offending party and/or the President of the Member Association that a hearing shall be conducted in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

*The following standardized penalties are subject to change at the discretion of the Rules Committee, with approval from the Executive Committee.*



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### PLAYING RULES

#### GAME MISCONDUCTS - LAST 5 MINUTES OF GAME

Any game misconduct assessed in the last five (5) minutes of a game; an additional game suspension will automatically be assessed.

#### RULE 615 - FIGHTING

Any player who receives a major penalty for fighting; an additional game suspension will automatically be assessed.

#### RULE 601 INFRACTIONS

Any game misconduct assessed for rule 601(d); a four (4) game suspension will automatically be assessed

Any spectator(s), upon review, is found to be in violation of Rule 601, will be suspended from all games and practices for thirty (30) days and be subjected to a hearing.



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### ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL

PLAYER NOT ON USA HOCKEY ROSTER - GAME PLAYED	
1st Offense	Head Coach 1 game suspension for each game where an offense took place
2nd Offense	Head Coach 7 day suspension from all USA Hockey activities
All further Offenses	Offending association and head coach hearing with Rules Committee

COACH NOT ON USA HOCKEY ROSTER - GAME PLAYED	
1st Offense	1 game suspension for each game where an offense took place
2nd Offense	Offending coach 7 day suspension from all USA Hockey activities
All further Offenses	Offending association and head coach hearing with Rules Committee

NO USA HOCKEY ROSTER - GAME PLAYED	
1st Offense	Head Coach 1 game suspension for each game where an offense took place
2nd Offense	Head Coach 7 day suspension from all USA Hockey activities
All further Offenses	Offending association and head coach hearing with Rules Committee

NON-SANCTIONED GAME PLAYED	
1st Offense	Head Coach 1 game suspension for each game where an offense took place
2nd Offense	Head Coach 7 day suspension from all USA Hockey activities
All further Offenses	Offending association and head coach hearing with Rules Committee

NO LOCKER ROOM MONITOR	
1st Offense	Head Coach 1 game suspension for each game where an offense took place
2nd Offense	Head Coach 7 day suspension from all USA Hockey activities
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### MEMBER ASSOCIATION HOSTING NON-SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT

1st Offense	\$300 fine payable to VSAHA
All further Offenses	Offending Member Association hearing with Rules Committee

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