

DISCIPLINE REPORT – 2004-2005

Overall this year there were 1351 suspensions assessed. This represents an increase of 18% over last year where 1146 suspensions were called. Since the 1999/00 season there has been an increase of 96% in suspensions. This continued increase is totally unacceptable.

For the past two seasons the OWSA has had a policy that anyone receiving a Match Penalty, Gross Misconduct Penalty or two suspensions in the same season, must attend a discipline hearing before returning to play. After attending a discipline hearing, anyone who receives another suspension must attend another discipline hearing before returning to play. There were in excess of 125 discipline hearings over this past season with some of those being for multiple offenders. Discipline hearings are being held in an effort to provide a positive, fun and safe atmosphere for everyone to enjoy the game. We have had a number of letters from parents and coaches, thanking the committee for their time and effort, and expressing how it has improved their daughters or players attitude towards the game.

As we look and report about the number of suspensions which we are seeing, we are very pleased to report that a very high percentage of our players go through their entire hockey career without receiving a single suspension. For this they should be proud.

The suspension called most often was Checking from Behind with 319 or 24% of all suspensions. The next highest was Disputing a Call with 144, followed closely by Body Checking with 141 suspensions.

The Midget division received the highest number of suspensions with 497 of the 1351 or 37% of all suspensions. The next highest division receiving suspensions was Bantam with 327 suspensions or 24%. The Midget AA level received the highest number of suspensions with 136 of the total or 10% of all suspensions. The next highest was the Midget A level with 123 suspensions or 9%. Comparison between Previous Years:

| | 2004/05 | 2003/04 | 2002/03 | 2001/02 | 2000/01 | 1999/00 | | | |
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| Season Totals | 1351 | 1146 | 971 | 934 | 795 | 691 | | | |
| Season | Novice | Atom | Peewee | Bantam | Midget | Intermediate | Senior | Unknown | Total |
| 2004/05 | 2 | 23 | 105 | 327 | 497 | 250 | 135 | 12 | 1351 |
| 2003/04 | 1 | 28 | 80 | 286 | 426 | 186 | 107 | 32 | 1146 |
| 2002/03 | 1 | 18 | 89 | 227 | 302 | 216 | 106 | 12 | 971 |

The Atom Level has seen a decrease of 18% in suspensions compared to last year. The Peewee level suspensions has increased by 31%; the Bantam level increased by 14%; the Midget level increased by 17%; the Intermediate level increased by 34% and the Senior level increased by 27%.

Novice There were 2 suspensions at Novice, one at the Novice A level and the other at the Novice C level.

Atom: There were 23 suspensions at the Atom Level. The suspensions were spread out fairly evenly amongst the levels; however, the Atom A level received the most with 7 which represents 30% of all Atom level suspensions. Disputing a Call was the most frequently called suspension with 8 or 35%.

Peewee: There were 105 suspensions at this level. The Peewee A level received the most suspensions with 27 which represents 26% of all Peewee suspensions. The Peewee AA level followed very closely with 26 suspensions or 25%. The remainder of the suspensions were spread out amongst the remaining levels. Checking from Behind was the highest called suspension with 25 or 24% of all Peewee suspensions. The Peewee A level received the most of this type of suspension with 8 or 32%.

Bantam: There were 327 suspensions at this level. The Bantam AA level received the most with 100 suspensions or 31% of all Bantam suspensions. The next highest was Bantam A with 73 suspensions or 22%. The suspension assessed most often was Checking from Behind with 92 suspensions or 28%. The Bantam AA level received the most Checking from Behind suspensions with 28 or 30%. The next highest suspension was Disputing a Call with 40 which represents 12%.

Midget: There were 497 suspensions at the Midget level. The Midget AA level received the highest number of suspensions with 136 or 27% of all Midget suspensions. This was followed by the Midget A level with 123 or 25%. Checking from Behind was the suspension assessed most often with 127 or 26% of all Midget suspensions. The Midget AA level received the most Checking from Behind suspensions 40 or 32%. Abusive Language and Body Check were the next highest suspensions called with 45 each or 9%.

Intermediate: The Intermediate Level received 250 suspensions, with the Intermediate A level receiving the most at 87 suspensions. This represents 35% of all Intermediate suspensions. The Intermediate AA level followed closely with 33% or 82 suspensions. Checking from Behind was called most often at the Intermediate level with 54 or 22%. The Intermediate AA level received the most Checking from Behind suspensions with 24 or 44%. The next highest suspension called was Abusive Language with 25 or 10%.

Senior: There were 135 Senior level suspensions, with Senior B receiving the most at 31 or 23% of all Senior suspensions. The House League and Senior AA followed closely with 28 and 25 suspensions respectively. Disputing a Call was called most often at the Senior Level with 24 or 18% of all suspensions at this level. Abusive Language followed closely with 22 or 16%. All of these types of suspensions were called fairly evenly amongst all Senior levels.

Unknown Levels: There were 12 suspensions where the division was not identified.