

EAHC Aggressive Play Policy

- 1) This policy is intended to provide additional support to the USA Hockey, NYSAHA and EAHC playing rules and regulations, points of emphasis and not necessarily intended to impose supplementary discipline. This policy is intended to draw attention to the dangerous and/or reckless behavior of participants and will hopefully result in modifications to such behavior so that additional supplementary discipline and suspensions are not necessary. This policy is directed at both players and Team Officials.
- 2) For the purpose of this policy, any match penalty or game misconduct resulting from a major penalty as well as any minor penalty for checking from behind, boarding, intent to injure and any head contact penalty would be defined as an “Aggressive Play Penalty”
- 3) Players:
 - a. Any player who incurs four aggressive play penalties during a season in any combination would, following the fourth such penalty, be suspended for one (1) game, in addition to any other suspensions that are incurred for the infractions. Every additional aggressive play penalty received thereafter would carry an automatic additional game suspension.
 - b. Upon the fifth such penalty the player would be suspended indefinitely from all participation (games, scrimmages, and practices) and required to appear before the Conference Disciplinary Committee, within a time frame not to exceed thirty (30) days from the fifth infraction, for the purpose of reviewing (with the player and head coach as well as the parents of the player) the penalties that have occurred and the concern that this raises with the Conference.
- 4) Head Coach:
 - a. A head coach will be required to come before the Conference Disciplinary Committee for a hearing, and placed on a one-year probationary period, if his or her team has incurred seven (7) or more aggressive play penalties over any four game period. The team’s manager will also be required to attend the hearing. The head coach and manager will be expected to explain the steps that they are taking to curtail this behavior. If not satisfactory to the Conference Disciplinary Committee, then supplementary discipline may be imposed by the Committee, at its discretion.
 - b. The head coach of the team for each player who appears before the Conference Disciplinary Committee under this policy will also be required to appear with the player. The head coach will be expected to explain the steps that he or she is taking, both with the team and with this player, to reduce the incidence of aggressive play penalties. Where circumstances warrant, the Conference Disciplinary Committee can impose supplementary discipline on the head coach and/or player.