



**MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY  
FAIR PLAY - RESPECT  
INITIATIVE**



## **DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES**

The following discipline guidelines are provided as examples of how consequences could be assessed when there is a breach of the rules or code.

When an individual is suspended, they are suspended from all Youth Hockey activities. This includes attending other siblings' games if they are a parent with other children-playing hockey; it also includes coaches and referees from working in other games.

**ALL SUSPENSIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE SAME PERSON TO INSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE APPLICATION OF DISCIPLINE IS MAINTAINED.**

### **Severity of Discipline:**

**1. MILD (Reprimand (verbal / written) to 2 game suspension).**

This applies when it is a first offense, which is less severe in nature (mouthing off, etc.).

The offending individual has shown true remorse and the actions are out of character.

There is little chance of this person becoming a repeat offender.

**2. Moderate (Minimum 3 game suspension)**

This is for offenses mild to moderate in severity. Application of this type of discipline would be for a second offense. It would also apply to individuals who have not accepted responsibility for their actions, show no remorse and the likelihood of being a repeat offender is high.

**3. Severe (Minimum 5 game to 3 year suspension)**

This is for the most serious offenses. An example would be physically threatening or assaulting an individual. Application of this type of discipline would be for individuals who have been repeat offenders multiple times or have not accepted responsibility for their actions, show no remorse, are vindictive and are likely to "re-offend".