



## Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Policy & Guidelines

### Helmet – Summary Suspension Policy and Procedure

Section: Playing Rules

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#### Policy

Summary Suspension may be used for a 615(c) match penalty call when all of the following conditions are met:

- The player is not currently on probation for any other match penalty.
- The 615 (c) match penalty is the first issued to the player in that season.
- There are no extenuating circumstances in the write up by the referee (injury, refusal to leave the ice, refusal to stop fighting, etc.).

Player still is not allowed to participate in any USA Hockey activities (games, practices, off-ice events).

#### **Procedure**

##### Who

##### What

Head Coach: Notifies District Chair within 24 hours of Match Penalty call, requests Summary Suspension for player and provides schedule of next three (3) games and opponents.

District Chair: After receiving and reviewing match report, notifies coach of decision to apply Summary Suspension process or normal match penalty hearing process.

If Summary Suspension is to be used, continue with procedure, if not this processes in complete.

Head Coach: Scans/faxes game sheets showing player sat out next three (3) games.

District Chair: Sends out Summary Suspension to player and head coach. (Example Attached)

Player/Coach: Player may return to USA Hockey activities when Summary Suspension letter is received.\*

\*A coach who plays a player prior to completing all steps in the procedure may be subject to a supplemental match penalty for violating Rule XVI, A3. A coach or manager who upon the findings of the District Council knowingly allowed the participation of an ineligible player or coach in any game shall be subject to a recommended suspension up to one year.