

WYH Guidelines for Suspensions

For clarification on offenses in which a player can be suspended, please refer to the South Shore Conference Red Book located on the league website and MA Hockey Discipline Procedures section located on their website. The following are the standard procedures the WYH Discipline Committee shall follow when a suspension is handed down by either of those organizations.

1. For any required hearings, the hearing will consist of the player, at least one parent or legal guardian and at least 3 members of the Discipline Committee.
2. For every suspension handed down from conferences WYH participates in or MA Hockey, a minimum of one additional game will be added to the suspension from WYH. A hearing is not required for this but the Discipline Committee may determine that a hearing is needed to make a determination as to whether any additional discipline beyond that is required.
3. If a player is given a "Match Penalty", a hearing must be held to determine if any additional discipline will be required before the player can return to all WYH activities. All members of the Discipline Committee must be in attendance for this type of hearing. As a point of clarification for a Match Penalty, when a player is assessed one, they cannot participate in any MA Hockey activities (games, practices, skills, etc.) for any team they are rostered to regardless of what team the infraction incurred on. Should a WYH player be assessed a Match Penalty while playing for an organization other than WYH, it is the responsibility of that player and parents to notify WYH of such and to adhere to the MA Hockey discipline of full suspension of all activities.
4. Any player serving a suspension from conferences WYH participates in or MA Hockey is not eligible to participate in practices or skills during that time period. However, during a multiple game SSC suspension, the Discipline Committee could choose to allow participation in skills and practices at some point during the suspension. Also, for the additional discipline handed down by WYH, they are allowed to participate in skills and practices during this portion of the suspension that way they are not completely isolated from their team and their transition back to game participation happens organically with less focus on the players return. However, if the Discipline Committee should choose and a hearing has been held, they can suspend a player from practices, skills or both depending on the severity of the incident.
5. For any suspension of multiple games from conferences WYH participates in or MA Hockey (fighting, verbal abuse, obscene gesture, 3rd man in, intent to injure, etc.), a hearing must be held to determine if further discipline is required.

For infractions that occur during practices and skills, WYH tries to defer to the coaches to "police" an incident. If the coaches feel that an incident cannot be handled at their level, then they are to notify the WYH President and the Chair of the Discipline Committee who will then decide as to what course of action must be taken for said incident. If it is determined that a hearing must be held, the Discipline Committee does have the right to hand down a one to three game suspension depending on the severity of it. Should a player continue to have

incidents that require discipline, stronger actions can be taken such as a 30-day suspension. Once a player returns from a 30-day suspension, if they continue to be a detriment to the program, the Discipline Committee can recommend full removal from the program to the Board of Directors and that player can be removed with a 2/3 vote in favor of removal.

The Discipline Committee has the right deem any parent, legal guardian or spectator who is in attendance of a WYH event and is not meeting the USA Hockey Code of Conduct ineligible to attend WYH events which consists of games, practices, skills, social events, fundraisers, etc.

For the rules of the hearing procedures, WYH follows the guidelines as detailed in the MA Hockey Discipline Procedure.