



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: OMHA Associations; OMHA Leagues
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors
FROM: Ian Taylor – Executive Director
SUBJECT: SERVING CARRY-OVER SUSPENSIONS FROM THE 2023-24 SEASON



The Board of Directors of Ontario Minor Hockey have addressed the clarification of unserved Suspensions incurred during the 2023-24 season which carry forward to the 2024-25 season.

The direction of the Board is that all unserved Suspensions (excluding Match Penalties) from the 2023-24 Season carrying forward are considered to be held in abeyance and will commence with the Team's first Regular Season/Tournament game (including Development Phase Tournaments). As per Regulation 7.1 and 7.2 of the OMHA Manual of Operations.

Players/Team Officials will be permitted to participate in Team activities, including Exhibition and Evaluation games, during the Development Phase prior to the Team's first Regular Season/Tournament game. During the Development Phase, should a player incur any penalty for which a Suspension applies, this will be added to any carry-forward Suspensions currently in abeyance to be served with the commencement of the Team's next Regular Season/Tournament game.

Match Penalties:

All carry over Match Penalty suspensions will be served in accordance with Regulation 7.1c and Policies outlined in the OMHA Manual of Operations.

It is the direction of the Board to include the following adjustment to Policy to clarify the serving of suspensions:

6.1.4 Match Penalty Interrupted Serving of Suspension

Any match penalty suspension of games and/or days, which may be required to be carried from one season to the next, will be administered in the following manner:

- a) the suspension shall temporarily cease at the end of the penalized player's team's last League, League Playoff, or OMHA Championship game in the current season. The suspension shall be deemed to be 'in abeyance'. The suspension shall be reactivated on the day of the penalized player's team's first scheduled league/tournament game the following season. The computation of time/number of days served will commence with team's first day of the league's regular season.*

Please contact your Regional Director should you have any questions or require additional clarification.