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ALLIANCE HOCKEY BULLETIN

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To: Presidents, Rep & Rec Councils

Re: Rule 11 Maltreatment

Maltreatment is unacceptable and fundamentally incompatible with the core values that lie at the heart of hockey. All participants in hockey should be able to play, practice, compete, work, volunteer and interact in an environment free of maltreatment. Maltreatment can occur regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or other characteristics protected under provincial and federal human rights legislation.

It is important to reiterate that ALLIANCE Hockey will not tolerate maltreatment of any kind towards any member.

As such, ALLIANCE Hockey shall uphold the 2025-26 OHF Minimum Suspension List direction that states:

***** All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing. The Member may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 5 games.***

In previous seasons, there may have been cases where these suspensions were reduced lower than 5 games, but again, please note that ALLIANCE Hockey will adhere to the minimum 5-game suspension requirement as per Hockey Canada rules moving forward without exception.

A summary of **Rule 11 – Maltreatment** is below:

11.1 (e) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike Conduct includes disrespectful behaviour, which is conduct deemed rude, unpleasant, inappropriate, or unprofessional and found to be offensive to others. Unsportsmanlike conduct may also include, but is not limited to, the following actions, which will be penalized at the discretion of the Referee:

- Challenging or disputing an official's decision in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- Use of derogatory language that may be offensive to any individual.
- Deliberately spraying snow from their skates onto an opponent (e.g. "spraying" the goaltender).
- Shooting the puck at or near the goal after the whistle or shooting the puck out of the playing area, after the whistle.
- Engaging in any inappropriate or unwanted discussion with the referee.
- Any behaviour intended to incite an opponent into incurring a penalty.
- Any other display of unsportsmanlike behaviour that would be considered disorderly or contrary to the spirit of the game.

11.2 (e) Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour

Abusive behaviour includes targeted, persistent, or excessively profane conduct that is intended to intimidate,



threaten, belittle, or demean an individual, which is often of a personal nature, but does not rise to the level of conduct described in Rule 11.4 – Discrimination.

11.4 Discrimination

Any player or team official who engages in taunts, insults, or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds will be assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty. Discriminatory grounds include the following, without limitation:

- Race, national or ethnic origin, skin colour, or language spoken;
- Religion, faith or beliefs;
- Age
- Sex, sexual orientation or gender identity / expression;
- Marital or familial status;
- Genetic characteristics;
- Disability.

If any behaviour described in Rule 11.1, 11.2 or 11.3 includes behaviour described in Rule 11.4, the player or team official must be penalized under Rule 11.4, in addition to any other penalties that individual might receive.

Reporting Rule 11.4 Discrimination

Officials must submit a Game Incident Report for all Game Misconduct and Gross Misconduct penalties.

Officials can also file a Game Incident Report for incidents where they assessed a lesser penalty but are unsure if the incident warrants a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct.

