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Player Safety

When asked why they put their child(ren) in a sport, almost every parent/guardian will say that it's for them to have fun, learn what it is to be a part of a team, to work well with others and maybe gain some new friendships.

There is an assumption that when you put your child(ren) into an organization that they will take care of your child(ren) while they are participating in their sport.

At Chedoke we feel the same way that player safety is of the utmost importance. We understand that accidents will happen, but try our best to ensure that our players have a safe and fun environment to develop as people and players.

Our referees look to ensure that all equipment is worn properly and ensure that our games are played fairly and safely. If you aren't sure if a piece of equipment is fitting properly please ask one of your child's coaches to take a look and tell you their opinion.

In our older age groups, we sometimes have emotions running a little hotter than we would like and again our referees will often times notice this and take advance precautions either with verbal warnings or a penalty.

Unfortunately, there are some circumstances where things go a little too far and a more severe penalty is warranted. In these cases, when a player is given a game misconduct and removed from the game completely, there is almost always a further suspension involved as outlined by Alliance Hockey our governing body. If, as an organization, we feel that the suspension outlined by Alliance Hockey needs some supplemental discipline, we have the ability to add to any suspension due to a variety of factors.

We must always follow the minimum, but sometimes will add to the guideline as we pride ourselves on a great, fun, safe and family-centred environment at Chedoke.

Follow this link to see the Alliance Suspension Minimums:

http://alliancehockey.com/Manuals/2430/Sections/2443/Minimum_Suspension_List_and_Penalty_Codes/

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