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Minor Hockey Referee-in-Chief

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Re: Questions & Concerns

Team staff members or parents who have rule interpretation questions or concerns related to game incidents involving minor hockey on-ice officials must do so in writing. A 24-hour cool off period is always encouraged.

The following process should be followed:

1. Submit letter to your MHA President, who can then pass it along to the MHA Referee-in-Chief where the game took place.
2. MHA Referee-in-Chief investigates the situation and reports back to the President of origin.
3. If the problem is not resolved then the concern should be directed to the Zone Coordinator of officials for that area.
4. If the problem is still not resolved then the concern should be directed to the HNS Minor Hockey Referee-in-Chief.
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It is imperative these steps are followed in the prescribed sequence.

Note: The HNS Minor Hockey Referee-in-Chief will be automatically notified of any incident of physical abuse of an on-ice official. An investigation will take place and a report will be made to the HNSMC Discipline Committee.

Officials should not be questioned on the possible length of suspensions. They have no knowledge of this, thus not to base their call on any potential further discipline. The Referee submits an incident report to the Hockey Nova Scotia Suspension Coordinator who issues the appropriate suspension based on the penalty assessed and rule number. These penalties include Game Misconducts, Gross Misconducts and Match penalties.

All contact information can be found on the HNS web page at www.hockeynovascotia.ca.

For further clarification please contact the undersigned.

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