



Metcalf District Hockey Association

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ANNUAL REPORT DISCIPLINE, RISK & SAFETY FOR THE 2022-23 HOCKEY SEASON

- 1) The position of VP Discipline, Risk and Safety for the 2022-23 hockey season was occupied by returning position holder Matthew Graham. He would like to continue with the Board for at least one additional year in the same capacity.
- 2) Attendance at MDHA Executive meetings. The VP Discipline, Risk & Safety attended all of the MDHA Board meetings but one.
- 3) Carry forward suspensions from 2022-23 hockey season into the 2023-2024 hockey season. There are 6 carry forward suspensions from the 2022-23 hockey season into the 2023-2024 hockey season for 6 MDHA players and 1 parent. Permission will have to be obtained for the 6 players in question to participate in tryouts from GHA prior to their suspensions being served.
- 4) Injuries – There were 3 injury reports that were forwarded through to the VP Discipline, Risk and Safety. Of those 3 none had the second page filled out by treating practitioner and therefore not forwarded to Hockey Canada for claim purposes. There may have been additional Injury Reports that were sent directly to GHA, HEO or Hockey Canada without the knowledge of the position holder.
- 5) B League Discipline statistics – This hockey season on Metcalfe hockey teams in the B League there were 39 separate discipline infractions (exactly the same year over year) that drew a total of 51 game suspensions (decrease of 20 year over year) including games where the infraction occurred throughout the season for Majors, Matches and Misconducts. All of the games have been served except for 5 players.
- 6) House League Discipline Statistics – This hockey season on Metcalfe teams in House League there were 39 separate discipline infractions (increase of 10 year over year) that drew a total of 57 game suspensions (decrease of 7 year over year) including games where the infraction occurred throughout the season for Majors, Matches and Misconducts. All of the games have been served except for games by one player. These games will have to be carried forward to the 2023-2024 hockey season.
- 7) MDHA Discipline Hearings – There was 1 MDHA Discipline Hearing for a coach (decrease of 2 year over year) during the 2022-2023 hockey season. There were less than in previous years due to GHA holding mandatory hearings for certain game misconduct infractions for which MDHA did not have hearings nor deem it acceptable to have hearings. At the time of this report, GHA has proposed

changes to their discipline hearings that would see more discipline hearings being carried out by the association.

- 8) GHA Discipline Hearings – There were 9 GHA Discipline Hearings involving Metcalfe players and coaches during the 2022-23 hockey season (a decrease of 4 year over year). At these hearings there was always the attendance of an MDHA Executive Board Member to assist and support our players and coaches. In all situations, one of the following: the VP Discipline, the VP Competitive, Convenor or VP House League was in attendance.
- 9) Hearings – At all Discipline Hearings the MDHA players, coaches and parents were found by the MDHA VP Discipline to have represented themselves and the MDHA in a professional and respectful manner.
- 10) Independent Third Party (ITP) - MDHA referred one case to the Hockey Canada created ITP process. As of the time of writing, the investigation is still ongoing.

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