

Metcalfe District Hockey Association

Discipline Risk and Safety Annual Report For the 2024-2025 Hockey Season

This annual report outlines the initiatives, statistics, and outcomes related to discipline, risk management, and safety for the MDHA 2024-2025 hockey season. Roshan Abraham held the Position of VP Discipline, Risk, and Safety for 2024-2025 and has informed the board of his willingness to continue in the role for 2025-2026.

Attendance at MDHA Executive Meetings

The VP Discipline Risk & Safety attended all but two of the MDHA Executive meetings and did not miss consecutive meetings.

Carry Forward Suspensions

Carry forward suspensions affect players' eligibility beyond the current season. MDHA will have three such suspensions from 2024-25 for the 2025-2026 season. The carry over report was reviewed for accuracy and confirmed with the GHA Discipline Rep on April 30th. Note: There are three remaining suspensions in HCR from previous years for two players who aged out and one parent who did not return.

Injuries

During the 2024-2025 season, the VP Discipline risk and safety was notified of five injuries. One of these reports is currently being processed through GHA insurance. Additional injury reports may have been sent directly to GHA, HEO/Hockey Canada without the position holder's knowledge. There are opportunities to improve how MDHA can make this process more intuitive and increase data collection; the position holder will explore options in the coming months with the committee.

B League Discipline Statistics

MDHA Rep Teams accumulated forty-five infractions, resulting in the suspension of forty-five games. These violations encompassed various forms of misconduct, including checking from behind, head contact, unsportsmanlike conduct, and discriminatory slurs. There are three carry forward suspensions for next season.

House League Discipline Statistics

The House League teams registered fewer disciplinary actions compared to the B League teams, accumulating a total of twenty-eight infractions that led to thirty game suspensions. These infractions encompassed head contact, checking from behind, and unsportsmanlike conduct. No House league players have suspensions carried forward to the next season.

MDHA Discipline Hearings

The MDHA held one disciplinary hearing in the 2024-2025 season, with the player, coaches, parent, and board members present.

GHA Discipline Hearings for Non-Players

The GHA conducted four hearings for coaches, team officials, and other participants under its oversight. An MDHA executive board member attended these hearings to assist and support the MDHA member.

Summary

Taking over from Matt D. Graham was challenging, but the committee's support was invaluable. My focus remains on ensuring a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants, to foster the growth of our hockey community. I appreciate the volunteers, players, and coaches for their professional and collaborative conduct. Every interaction ended positively. Thank you!

Roshan Abraham

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