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PROTESTS

Waterloo Girls Hockey Association (WGHA) adheres to the OWHHA current Protest Policy.

- A. OWHHA member teams may file a protest on any OWHHA sanctioned game.
- B. Matters that may be protested are: (1) a game official's interpretation of a rule which in the opinion of the aggrieved team may have given the opposition team a distinct advantage. (2) an improperly registered, an unregistered, ineligible or a suspended player or team official participating in a game or being on the player's bench during a game.
- C. Time allowed for filing a protest: A protest must be filed within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question.
- D. To protest a team must:
 - (1) (a) with respect to protest relating to the interpretation of a rule, notify the referee verbally of the protest before, during, or at the end of the game, before they leave the ice, OR
(b) with respect to an improperly registered, unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player or team official, notify the OWHHA office within 48 hours of the start of the game.
 - (2) prepare the protest in writing.
 - (3) file the protest with the OWHHA Office.
 - (4) accompany the protest with a \$200.00 protest fee, refundable if protest is upheld.
 - (5) deliver or send by email a copy of the protest to the protested team and notify the OWHHA at protests@owha.on.ca within 48 hours.
- E. Within 5 business days of a protest being filed, the OWHHA Chairperson shall set a date for hearing the protest. The hearing date will be no more than 10 business days after the filing date.



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- F. The OWHA Chairperson shall notify all parties to the protest as soon as the hearing date is set. This notice shall inform the parties of the time, place and date of the hearing.
- G. To defend against a protest a team must:
 - (1) prepare a rebuttal in writing.
 - (2) file the rebuttal with the OWHA Chairperson within 48 hours of receiving the protest.
- H. If the protest is based on a game official's interpretation of the rules, the team against whom the protest is filed need not defend against the protest. The protest committee will hear the matter on the strength of the protest submission, with both teams and the game officials present.
- I. Protests at Provincial Championships must be dealt with at the time of the protest.

SUSPENSIONS

The Waterloo Girls Hockey Association (WGHA) House league and Representative Leagues have adopted the current OWHA Minimum Suspension List. It is the responsibility of each Division Director and Convenor (if applicable) to ensure that at least one coach on every Ravens Team (House league, and Representative) has a copy of the Current OWHA. Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations and Rules. The WGHA reserves the right to issue additional suspensions,

SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINE HEARINGS

In the case of additional or non-automatic suspension, the WGHA division Director will contact the player/coach concerned; who will have the opportunity to verbally defend his/her action prior to setting the length of the suspension.



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A suspension/discipline hearing must be scheduled and a committee formed to hear the evidence by the individual (s). The Leagues Management Committee will hear the evidence at a Special Meeting. The Director (Chairperson) will make the Committee's suspension recommendation to the Board to have it ratified by the Board of Directors.