



## Cheat Sheet for Section 11: Maltreatment

### Pre-Amble

This document means to give officials a simple resource for the penalties to be assessed when a player, coach, or spectator is acting in an unsportsmanlike, abusive, or harassing way. This document does not mean to replace section 11 of the Hockey Canada Rule book.

### The table of penalty options for maltreatment<sup>1</sup>

Here are the three ways to use this table:

1. For players and coaches, start at the top of the column (minor penalty) for the first instance of maltreatment then move down the column using the next level of penalty for the next situation of maltreatment.
  - a. Minor → Misconduct (for players) → Game Misconduct → Gross Misconduct.
  - b. A Match penalty is never used for escalating the severity of the penalty.
2. For coaches and players, when you feel the situation immediately requires a specific type of penalty, then go directly to that type of penalty rather than starting with a less severe penalty.
3. For spectators, you eject them for maltreatment. There is no penalty.

	Options for a player committing maltreatment	Options for a coach committing Maltreatment	Option for a spectator committing maltreatment	
Increase	↓	Minor penalty	Bench minor penalty	Identify the spectator who is committing maltreatment and ask them to leave. Then retreat to a position away from the fans and let them leave. Do not engage them.
penalty	↓	10-minute misconduct	You may not assess a 10-minute misconduct	
severity if	↓	Game Misconduct	Game Misconduct	
maltreat-	↓	Gross Misconduct (for discrimination or making a travesty of the game)	Gross Misconduct (for discrimination or making a travesty of the game)	
ment	↓	<b>Stop increasing intensity at Gross Misconduct. The Match penalty (below) is only for threats or attempt to injure.</b>		
does not	↓	Match penalty (for verbal threats or attempt to injure another person)	Match penalty (for verbal threats or attempt to injure another person)	See the button called "removing someone" on <a href="http://wpgrefs.com/referee-maltreatment">wpgrefs.com/referee-maltreatment</a> .
stop	↓			

Reminder: you never give a verbal warning before assessing a penalty or ejecting a spectator. You never need to say, "if you don't stop, I will penalize (or eject) you." Make the call.

<sup>1</sup> You can find examples and more detailed explanations on [www.wpgrefs.com/referee-maltreatment](http://www.wpgrefs.com/referee-maltreatment)