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Rule 48 - Fighting or Punching

We are seeing Fighting or Punching penalties being reported and applied incorrectly several different ways (Minor, Major, Game Misconduct).

Reminder to all ACHA officials that Fighting or Punching has “*no other*” penalty option than a **Disqualification (DQ)**.

Please continue to be diligent and fill-out the ACHA incident reports located on the officials tab of the ACHA website (instructions on form).

<http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/officials-25>

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48.1 Fighting or Punching - A player shall not fight an opponent or participate in a fight, on or off the playing surface. A punch thrown may be considered fighting.

**PENALTY—Disqualification.**

(A player who does not retaliate after being struck shall not be assessed a penalty).

Reminder of the Disqualification Penalties is below. Please refer to the 2018-19 NCAA rulebook for the complete details.

Rule 23 - Disqualification Penalties

23.1 Disqualification Penalty - A disqualification penalty involves the removal of a player, including a goalkeeper, for the remainder of the game plus a major penalty, and may be assessed before the start of the game, or during or after the game.

New for 2018-2019.

92.2 Timeout During Overtime

Each team shall be awarded one team timeout if the game is tied after 60 minutes of play. This is not an additional timeout in cases where a team has not utilized its timeout during regulation play.

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