



# ACHA Rule Memo

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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 official’s tab of the ACHA website (instructions on form).

<https://www.achahockey.org/officials>

Rule 48 - Fighting or Punching

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 current 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.

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