**18 SECTION 18: BOX SECTOR**

**Offensive / Defensive Policy**

**18.1.5** In all minor box lacrosse (midget & below) it is deemed un-ethical to use an offence/defence tactic while at even strength and any such action can result in suspensions. Offense/Defense is simply defined as ONE, or more players, playing only one end of the floor as a strategic tactic. Replacing the goaltender with another player is not considered a form of Offense/Defense. Special teams on face-offs are not considered a form of Offense/Defense.

**18.1.6** It is the direct responsibility of all MA’S and AMA’S to advise all coaches that the practice of playing the offence/defence system when even strength is prohibited in Minor Lacrosse in accordance with current CLA operating policy and such action can result in suspensions.

**18.1.7** All MA’S and AMA’S are responsible to put in place the mechanism for detecting this tactic and setting the length of suspensions as they deem appropriate for the offence. Notwithstanding the suspension guidelines of each member association, the minimum shall not be less than the following:

**18.1.7.1** First infraction the offending coach will be issued a warning and the infraction recorded by the MA or AMA.

**18.1.7.2** Second offence by the same coach will result in a two game suspension and the infraction recorded.

**18.1.7.3** Third offence by the same coach will result in a five game suspension and a hearing by the appropriate forum set by the MA or AMA for possible further discipline action.

**18.1.8** If, in any minor box lacrosse National event, offence/defence is found to be utilized by a participating coach, they will be issued a verbal warning from the event committee. If they persist in the practice, in either that game, or subsequent games, the game shall be stopped, the coach removed from the bench and subsequently suspended for the remainder of the event and their name forwarded to the CLA Discipline Committee for further action.

**18.1.9** It is the direct responsibility of the MA, AMA or their designated authority to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept.