



Section 9.0 - Discipline

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**Policy 9.0 - STANDARD PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT**

9.1 **Misconduct types for which discipline may be rendered by the D.B.R. System or the D.B.H. System**

a) The penalty for each of the following misconduct types is a mandatory.

1.3	1.15	1.20	3.31
1.5	1.16	1.21	3.32
1.6	1.17	2.31	3.33
1.13	1.18	2.32	
1.14	1.19	2.33	

b) With the exception of the misconduct types listed in a) above, discipline must be rendered by the **D.B.H. System** for the balance of the misconduct types listed in the following tables. Tables 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. The penalty range indicates the **minimum and maximum penalties for the offence**

9.2 a) A *Governing Organization* may impose fines, fees, bonds, and/or penalties for other offences provided such are listed in its "Published Rules". (see [Policy 15.0](#)) With regards to players, a fee, fine, bond, and/or penalty may be imposed **ONLY** on a player who is registered with a senior team.

**Immediate Suspension**

9.3 A team official or administrator who is reported by the Game Official, or if charges are laid by the police, for Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a youth registered player shall be suspended immediately.

9.3.2 Within 24 hours after receipt of the report from the Game Official, or after charges have been laid by the police, the District Association shall notify the alleged offender, his/her Club and League, that he/she is immediately suspended from all soccer related activity, pending a hearing by the District Association Discipline Hearing Panel with which he/she is registered or with which his/her Club is affiliated.

9.3.3 All other policies and procedures pertaining to the administration and handling of the Discipline Hearing(s) for this OSA Misconduct Type will be in accordance with Discipline Policy 10.0 - Game Official Assault.

9.4 On misconduct being proved to its satisfaction, a *Discipline Hearing/Review Panel* shall have the power to order the offender:

- a) to be suspended from all or any specific *soccer related activity* for a stated period of time;
- b) to be suspended for a specific number of scheduled games in a designated competition(s); and
- c) to be fined and/or bonded (with or without suspension).

9.4.1 Notwithstanding Discipline Policy 9.4 above, a Discipline Hearing Panel may only suspend the accused from 'all soccer related activity' when a finding of guilty is rendered for one of the following OSA Misconduct Types.

1.22	2.41	3.41	4.51
1.51	2.51	3.51	4.52
1.52	2.52	3.52	4.53
1.61	2.61	3.61	4.54
1.64	2.63	3.63	4.61
1.65	2.64	3.64	4.64
1.67	2.65	3.65	4.67
1.68	2.67	3.67	4.68
1.69	2.68	3.68	4.70
1.70	2.70	3.70	4.71
1.71	2.71	3.71	
	2.72	3.72	

9.5 A player shall be disciplined for the accumulation of cautions within the same competition/league.

9.6 If the evidence submitted at a Discipline Hearing does not warrant the accused being found guilty of the charges laid against her/him and there is sufficient evidence to find the accused person guilty of a lesser charge, the *Discipline Hearing Panel* may find the accused guilty of the lesser charge, provided that the lesser charge is not a different charge and is directly related to the original charge.

9.6.1 A Discipline Hearing Panel may only find an accused guilty of a lesser charge if the evidence presented better fits the description of the lesser charge in accordance with only the following offences:

- 1.16A to 1.16: 1.19A to 1.19: 1.21A to 1.21;
- 1.52 to 1.51 or 1.16A or 1.16: 1.51 to 1.16A or 1.16
- 2.52 to 2.51 or 2.34A or 2.32: 2.51 to 2.34A or 2.34: or 2.32 2.34A to 2.34 or 2.32
- 3.52 to 3.51 or 3.34A or 3.32: 3.51 to 3.34A or 3.34 or 3.32: 3.34A to 3.34 or 3.32;
- 4.52 to 4.51: or 4.34: 4.51 to 4.34: 4.54 to 4.53 or 4.33 or 4.41
- 5.52 to 5.51: 5.51 to 5.53

9.7 The standard penalties for misconduct are listed below: The penalty range indicates the minimum and maximum penalties for the offence

9.8 Notwithstanding Discipline Policy 9.7, a youth aged game official, officiating in a youth or mini competition when the misconduct occurred, may not be fined for a first misconduct offence, but should be provided with an alternative education program, as established by the District Association, in order to assist in the rehabilitation of the game official.

9.8.1 If the same youth aged game official, officiating in a youth or mini competition when the misconduct occurred, is found guilty of the same Misconduct Type a second time in the same season, the Discipline Hearing Panel may then suspend the offending game official from refereeing for a period of 7 to 14 days.

**Table 5: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player**

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
1.1	First Caution.	no action		
1.2	Second Caution	no action		
1.3	Third Caution.	1-game suspension		
1.4	Fourth Caution.	no action		

1.5	Fifth Caution.	2-game suspension		
1.6	Sixth Caution & any subsequent caution.	3-game suspension		
1.13	Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which neither of the cautions was directed at the game official(s).	1-game suspension	3-game suspension	not applicable
1.14	Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which at least one of the cautions was directed at the game official(s).	2-game suspension	4-game suspension	8-game suspension
1.15	Dismissed for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s)..	1-game suspension	3-game suspension	not applicable
1.16	Dismissed for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s)..	3 game suspension	8 game suspension	3-month suspension
1.16 A	Persisted in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been dismissed for such action that is directly in the area(s) of the soccer field.	6 to 8 games	8-12 games	6 months
1.17	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball".	1-game suspension	2-game suspension	not applicable
1.18	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick".	2-game suspension	4-game suspension	not applicable
1.19	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play".	2-game suspension	4-game suspension	not applicable
1.19A	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious "attempt to injure" or "a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent"	4-8 game suspension	8-12 game suspension	not applicable
1.20	Dismissed for "Spitting at an opponent or any other person", other than a game official. NOTE: Spitting at a game official is Misconduct Type 1.52.	4-game suspension	8-game suspension	not applicable
1.21	Dismissed for "Violent Conduct".	3-game suspension	6-game suspension	not applicable
1.21 A	Dismissed for "Violent Conduct" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure an opponent	6-10 game suspension	10-15 game suspension	not applicable
1.22	Received a third dismissal in a season.	a discipline hearing shall be conducted and the appropriate discipline shall be rendered		
1.23	Knowingly played as an ineligible player.	4-game suspension	8-game suspension	16-game suspension

**Table 6: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player**

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Lifetime Offence	Second Lifetime Offence	Third Lifetime Offence
1.51	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for "deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening".	6-12 month suspension + \$200.00 fine	1-3 year suspension + \$200.00 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension
1.52	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for "striking , spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct".	2-5 year suspension + \$400.00 fine	5-10 year suspension + \$400.00 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension
1.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of <b>game official assault</b> .	player is fined \$100.00 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
1.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.65	Intentionally instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during, or after a game.	1-3 month suspension	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.66	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule".	1-3 month suspension	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.67	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.69	Provided false information or withheld information (including date of birth; Club, country, and year last registered; etc.) on a player registration form.	3-6 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.70	Provided a false address on the player registration form.	1-3 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.71	Registered under a false name.	3-6 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension

**Table 7: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Coach or Administrator**

Type #	Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
Team Official	Administrator				
2.31	3.31	Persisted in misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game	1-week	3-week	6-week

		official" for which neither of the offences was directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> ..	suspension	suspension	suspension
2.32	3.32	Persisted in misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game official" for which at least one of the offences was directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> ..	2-week suspension	5-week suspension	10-week suspension
2.33	3.33	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s).	2-week suspension	5-week suspension	10-week suspension
2.34	3.34	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> .	3-5 week suspension	6-10 week suspension	12-week suspension
2.34 A	3.34 A	Persisted in " <i>using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures</i> " directed at a <i>game official(s)</i> after having been dismissed for such action that is directly in the area(s) of the soccer field.	6 to 8 weeks	3 to 6 months	1 year
			<b>First Lifetime Offence</b>	<b>Second Lifetime Offence</b>	<b>Third Lifetime Offence</b>
2.41	3.41	Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a mini-soccer registered player or youth registered player.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	Minimum 5 year suspension
2.51	3.51	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for " <i>deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc . ) or attempted physical contact or threatening</i> ".	6-12 month suspension + \$300.00 fine	1-3 year suspension + \$300.00 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension
2.52	3.52	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for " <i>striking, spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct</i> ".	2-5 year suspension + \$500.00 fine	5-10 year suspension + \$500.00 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension
2.53	3.53	Made deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempts physical contact with, or threatens, a registrant of the O.S.A. (excluding a Game Official, or a mini/youth registered player) or a spectator.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	5 year suspension
2.54	3.54	Struck, spat on, kicked, or committed any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct, against a registrant of the O.S.A. (excluding a Game Official, or a mini/youth registered player) or a spectator.	2-5 year suspension	5-10 year suspensio	10 year suspension
2.61	3.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of <b>game official assault</b> .	Accused is fined \$100.00 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
2.63	3.63	Knowingly played an ineligible player in a sanctioned game.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension + \$250.00 fine	2-5year suspension + \$500.00 fine
2.64	3.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.65	3.65	Intentionally instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during, or after a game.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.66	3.66	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule".	1-6 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
2.67	3.67	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.68	3.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.70	3.70	Provided a false address on the player registration form.	1-3 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
2.71	3.71	Registered under a false name.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.72	3.72	Induced or attempted to induce a registered player to leave his/her team before the end of that team's current season.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension

**Table 8:** Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Game Official

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
4.33	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the <i>game official(s)</i> .	2 week suspension	3 week suspension	6-12 month suspension
4.34	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> .	1 week suspension	2 week suspension	3-12 month suspension
4.41	Failed to conduct himself/herself with dignity both on, and off, the field of play.	\$100.00 fine	30-day suspension	90-day suspension
4.42	Failed to abide by the published rules of the jurisdiction in which he/she officiates.	30 day suspension	60 day suspension	90 day suspension
4.43	Failed to report to a game (to which he/she has been appointed) without giving adequate notice of his/her inability to officiate such game.	\$100 fine	\$250 fine	30 day suspension
4.44	Failed without a valid reason, to submit a game report to the appropriate <i>Governing Organization</i> within the stipulated time frame after the completion of the game.	\$100 fine	\$250 fine	2 week suspension
		<b>First Lifetime Offence</b>	<b>Second Lifetime Offence</b>	<b>Third Lifetime Offence</b>
4.51	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for " <i>deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening</i> ".	6-12 month suspension + \$300.00 fine	1-3 year suspension + \$300.00 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension

4.52	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for " <i>striking, spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct</i> ".	2-5 year suspension + \$500.00 fine	5-10 year suspension + \$500.00 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension
4.53	Made deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempts physical contact with, or threatens, a registrant of the O.S.A. or a spectator.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	Minimum 5 year suspension
4.54	Struck, spat on, kicked, or committed any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct, against a registrant of the O.S.A. or a spectator.	2-5 year suspension	5-10 year suspension	Minimum 10 year suspension
4.55	Publicly criticized any other <i>game official</i> or Soccer Organization; made derogatory statements to the media relating to any game in which he/she was involved concerning the performance of the players or other <i>game officials</i> .	1-3 month suspension	3-12 month suspension	2-5 year suspension
4.56	Failed to submit a " <i>Caution Form</i> " for a cautioned player, a " <i>Dismissal Form</i> " for a dismissed player, a " <i>Special Incident Report Form</i> " for any special incidents, or a <b>Game Official Assault Report Form</b> for a <b>Game Official Assault</b> .	fined 2 times the game fee	fined 3 times the game fee	30-day suspension + \$250.00 fine
4.57	Failed to report a serious game-related offence to his/her District Association.	subject to disciplinary action		
4.58	Officiated an unsanctioned or unaffiliated soccer game.	30-day suspension	3-6 month suspension	1-2 year suspension
4.60	Failed to attend (when required to do so), without a valid reason, a discipline hearing for a person whom the referee had reported for <b>game official assault</b> .	\$100.00 fine	\$200.00 fine	\$300.00 fine
4.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of <b>Game Official Assault</b> .	<i>Game Official</i> is fined \$100.00 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
4.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
4.66	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule".	1-6 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
4.67	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
4.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
4.70	Provided a false address on the referee registration form.	1-3 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
4.71	Registered under a false name.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension

**Table 9:** Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Club

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
5.51	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for " <i>deliberate physical contact (ie. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening</i> " by a Club's spectators or by unidentified players/coaches/administrators of one of the Club's teams.	\$300.00 fine	\$500.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine
5.52	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for " <i>striking, spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct</i> " by a Club's spectators or by unidentified players/coaches/administrators of one of the Club's teams.	\$500.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine	\$2000.00 fine
5.53	Club failed to prevent its spectators or players parents from disrupting a game or for persisting in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after the game official issued a warning to the team and/or club officials.	\$300.00 fine	\$500.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine
5.58	(One of its teams) participated in an unsanctioned competition.	\$500.00 fine	\$750.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine
5.59	Knowingly permitted unregistered teams and/or unregistered players to participate in sanctioned competitions.	\$1000.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine
5.60	Club failed to have a Club Representative attend a Discipline Hearing at which one of its players, <i>coaches or administrators</i> , has been charged with <b>game official assault</b> .	\$200.00 fine	\$300.00 fine	\$500.00 fine
5.61	Club failed to attend a discipline hearing at which it is accused of <b>game official assault</b> for the actions of its spectators and/or unidentified players/coaches/administrators on one of the Club's teams.	\$200.00 fine	\$300.00 fine	\$500.00 fine
5.62	Club failed to pay the O.S.A. Administrative Fee for a Discipline Hearing at which one of its players, <i>coaches, administrators</i> or the club itself has been found to be guilty of a charge of <b>game official assault</b> .	a) b)	\$100.00 penalty assessed to Club; if \$200.00 admin fee + \$100.00 penalty is not paid by Club within 60 days after hearing, the Club will assessed another \$100.00 penalty and will be suspended from all soccer activities until the \$400.00 is paid	
5.63	Knowingly played an ineligible player on one of its teams in a game.	The Club's team will forfeit all of the games in which an ineligible player played and the Club is fined \$500.00		
5.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which the organization was suspended	\$250.00 fine	\$500.00 fine	\$1,000.00 fine
5.66	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule".	\$200.00 fine	\$400.00 fine	\$600.00 fine
5.67	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	\$1,000.00 fine + \$2,000.00 bond	\$3,000.00 fine + \$5,000.00 bond	\$5,000.00 fine + \$10,000.00 bond

5.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	\$500.00 fine	\$1,000.00 fine	\$2,000.00 fine
5.69	Refused to identify the correct person responsible for an incident in which the accused was mistakenly identified.	\$500.00 fine	\$750.00 fine	\$1000.00 fine
5.70	Game is abandoned due to the action(s) of its players, <i>coaches</i> , <i>administrators</i> , or spectators and such action(s) are warranted as valid reason(s) for abandoning the game.	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
		a) In addition, if the abandoned game occurred in an Ontario Cup game, the team is ineligible to enter the Ontario Cup in the subsequent year.  b) In addition, if the abandoned game occurred in an out-of-province tournament, the team is ineligible to travel to out-of-province for one year.		
5.72	One of its <i>coaches</i> or <i>administrators</i> was found guilty of inducing or attempting to induce a registered player to leave his/her team before the end of that team's current season.	\$1,000.00 fine	\$2,000.00 fine	\$3,000.00 fine
5.81	Violated the "Team Residency Rule".	\$1,000.00 fine + \$2,000.00 bond	\$3,000.00 fine + \$5,000.00 bond	\$5,000.00 fine + \$10,000.00 bond

**Table 10: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a League**

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
6.59	Permitted unregistered teams and/or unregistered players to participate in sanctioned competitions.	\$1,000.00 fine	\$2,500.00 fine	\$5,000.00 fine
6.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which the league/organization was suspended	\$250.00 fine	\$500.00 fine	\$1,000.00 fine
6.66	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a published Rule.	\$200.00 fine	\$400.00 fine	\$600.00 fine
6.67	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	\$1,000.00 fine + \$2,000.00 bond	\$3,000.00 fine + \$5,000.00 bond	\$5,000.00 fine + \$10,000.00 bond
6.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	\$500.00 fine	\$1,000.00 fine	\$2,000.00 fine

**Table 11: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a District Association**

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
7.59	Permitted unregistered teams and/or unregistered players to participate in sanctioned competitions.	\$1,000.00 fine	\$2,500.00 fine	\$5,000.00 fine
7.64	Participated in a <i>soccer related activity</i> during a period in which the organization was "suspended from all <i>soccer related activities</i> ".	\$250.00 fine	\$500.00 fine	\$1,000.00 fine
7.66	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule".	\$200.00 fine	\$400.00 fine	\$600.00 fine
7.67	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	\$1,000.00 fine + \$2,000.00 bond	\$3,000.00 fine + \$5,000.00 bond	\$5,000.00 fine + \$10,000.00 bond
7.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	\$500.00 fine	\$1,000.00 fine	\$2,000.00 fine
7.82	Failed to provide the required " <i>case information</i> " within the required timeframes about: a) a <b>Game Official Assault Case</b> b) Ontario Cup discipline referred to the District Association	\$100.00 fine	\$100.00 fine	\$100.00 fine

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