



2021-2022 Provincial Indoor Soccer League

Discipline by Review & Hearing Procedures

Discipline shall be conducted in accordance with ONTARIO SOCCER policies.

- Discipline by Review shall be held every Wednesday.
 - Except in cases of ONTARIO SOCCER Misconduct Type 1.3, 1.5 and 1.6, an individual who is subject to the Discipline By Review system (DBR) shall have the right to request a discipline hearing. If the accused person does not request a hearing by 5pm on the Tuesday immediately following the dismissal, the case will be dealt with by DBR and, if the accused person is found guilty, the applicable penalties and/or fines, established by ONTARIO SOCCER for the offence for which he/she has been charged, shall apply.
 - Except where a decision has been made that is in contravention of or not in accordance with a published rule, discipline decisions made under the DBR System may not be appealed.
- Any request for a hearing shall be submitted by in writing and accompanied with a Hearing Fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) in the form of cheque or money order payable to The Soccer Centre. The request for hearing may be delivered to the PISL office by registered mail, courier service or hand delivered no later than 5pm of the Tuesday immediately following the game. The hearing fee shall be reimbursed only if the Discipline Panel finds the accused person not guilty. An accused person who has requested a hearing and fails to appear for the hearing shall forfeit the hearing fee.
- Failure by the Referee to provide the game sheets and/or disciplinary reports to the league office within stipulated time frame does not make the game sheet or any disciplinary reports null and void. The league will process discipline once received and reviewed.
- In the case of alleged referee assault, discipline shall be handled by the District Association in which the player or team official is registered on behalf of the ONTARIO SOCCER's Discipline Hearing Panel. The accused is automatically suspended from all soccer related activity, as per OSA policies and procedures, until the case has been disposed of.
- Where ONTARIO SOCCER policies and procedures provide for Discipline by Hearing (DBH), and where PISL has been delegated the authority to handle all discipline pertaining to league activities, except where the offence was directed at a game official, the PISL shall appoint a Discipline Hearing Panel to hold a hearing and deal with the alleged infractions.
- Any party required to attend a hearing may request one (1) postponement of a hearing. The party must submit a written request which must be received by the PISL no later than four days prior to the date of that hearing, stating the reason for requesting the postponement. All such requests must be accompanied by the correct fee. Should the request be denied, the fee shall be refunded. The PISL shall have full discretion to refund the "Request For Postponement Fee" if sufficient reason warrants such action.
- The accused is required to present his/her ONTARIO SOCCER Registrant book (or ONTARIO SOCCER Identification Card) at all disciplinary hearings.

- Clubs shall ensure that accused players and team/club officials appear for their Discipline Hearing.
 - Failure of an accused player or team official to appear at a Discipline Hearing will result in the immediate suspension of the accused from all soccer related activities, and fines shall be imposed as per the published schedule of PISL fines. The suspension will continue to be in effect until the accused requests and attends a new hearing.
- All youth players attending a Discipline Hearing must be accompanied by an adult who shall act as an advisor, failing which the hearing will not proceed and the player shall be suspended until the hearing is held.
- Suspensions for the indoor season shall be for specific game(s) or time based suspension as per ONTARIO SOCCER discipline procedures. Where applicable, unserved suspensions shall carry over to the following indoor season.
 - Where game suspensions have been assessed, the suspension(s) shall be served as specified in the Notice of Discipline Decision. The league does not recognize and/or acknowledge self-imposed suspensions (e.g. Player receives a red card in a game and sits out the next game before receiving the Notice of Discipline Decision for the red card).
 - It is the responsibility of the Team Official to ensure that no suspended player or Team Official from the team appear on the game sheet and/or play/participate in any game for which he/she has been suspended. The name of the suspended individual must be crossed off.
 - When a player/team official is suspended for a game(s), and the game is cancelled, or not played, the suspension will carry over to the next scheduled game(s);
 - If a game is started, then abandoned, based on a decision of the referee, the suspension will be deemed to have been served.
- Clubs are responsible for paying all fees and fines. Payments must be made by cheque or money order payable to The Soccer Centre and must be paid within 21 days of receiving notification. Payments not received within 21 days shall be subject to a late fee as per Schedule 1 – League Fees.

Complete details on ONTARIO SOCCER Policies and Procedures for Discipline (Section 12) are available on ONTARIO SOCCER's website at:

<http://www.ontariosoccer.net/governing-documents-discipline>