

## RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT

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 Sault Amateur S. A. no later than four (4) days prior to the date of the hearing, stating the reason for requesting the postponement. (see attached form), Such requests must be submitted with a \$50.00 cheque payable to S.A.S.A. Should the request be denied, the fee shall be refunded. (Ontario Soccer Section 12.0 – 5.4.5)

### PLEADING GUILTY

An accused party may plead guilty and forego a hearing. Written notification of such must be received by SASA no later than four days prior to the date of the hearing. In doing so, the accused party accepts the maximum penalty applicable to Ontario Soccer Misconduct Type charged. The appropriate administrative fee will be levied.

### ATTENDANCE AT DISCIPLINE HEARING

The accused individual or organization or their representative must attend a hearing. Anyone representing an accused must provide a signed proxy from the accused before being allowed to participate at a hearing (see attached form). If the accused (or proxy) does not appear, the accused will be suspended from all soccer related activities until he/she requests and attends a hearing.

An accused may choose to be accompanied by another adult who may act as an adviser. An accused less than 18 year of age must be accompanied by an adult, who shall act as an adviser. (OSA Policy Section 9.0 - 8.5)

### ADVISERS

An advisor is a person 18 years of age or older who provides advice to any party required to attend a Discipline Hearing including the Panel and may not act as a witness nor provide any testimony at the Discipline Hearing. They may not question the competence of the game official(s) and may question a witness for clarification purposes only. (Ontario Soccer Section 12.0 - 5.7.1.1)

### OBSERVERS

Each Party required to attend a Discipline Hearing is entitled to have a maximum of two observers in attendance at the Discipline Hearing in order to ensure that a specific party receives a fair hearing. They may not act as a witness nor provide any testimony but may speak at the discretion of the Discipline Hearing Panel. (Ontario Soccer Section 12.0 - 5.7.2.1)

### CLUB or LEAGUE or REFEREE REPRESENTATIVE

Each Club/ O.S.R.A. / Local Referee Association or League is entitled to send a representative to a Discipline Hearing at which one of its players, team officials, or administrators or game officials have been charged with a Misconduct Type and may serve as an adviser. (Ontario Soccer Section 12.0 - 5.7.3.1)

### WITNESS

Each party required to attend a Discipline Hearing is entitled to bring witnesses. Witnesses must appear in person. Written reports by witnesses are **not** acceptable. There is no limit to the number of witnesses allowed, but they must add new testimony and the Discipline Hearing Panel can limit testimony when it becomes repetitious. (Ontario Soccer Section 12.0 - 5.7.4.1).