

## SASA Soccer Leagues - Discipline Information

It is essential that the team and club officials discuss the following with their players (and parents if applicable) to ensure players, team officials, and spectators understand the following procedures. Ignorance of the laws and procedures is not considered a defense.

SASA Discipline for all Leagues is handled by Discipline By Review (DBR)

Listed below are **the most common misconduct penalties**. For a more detailed list visit the OSA website [www.ontariosoccer.net](http://www.ontariosoccer.net) **Governing Documents – Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures - Section 12.0 Discipline - Procedure 9.0**

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

### **Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player:**

Misconduct type:

- 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 and 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 a Match Official
  - First Seasonal Offence - 1 game suspension
  - Second Seasonal Offence - 3 game suspension
  
- 1.14 Dismissed for “Receiving a second caution in the same game” for which at least one of the cautions was directed at a Match Official
  - First Seasonal Offence - 2 game suspension
  - Second Seasonal Offence - 4 game suspension
- 1.14A Dismissed for “Receiving a second caution in the same game” for which at least one of the cautions was directed at a Match Official under the age of 18
  - First Seasonal Offence - 4 game suspension
  - Second Seasonal Offence – 8 game suspension
  
- 1.15 Dismissed for “Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures” directed at anyone other than the Match Official.
  - First Seasonal Offence - 1 game suspension
  - Second Seasonal Offence - 3 game suspensionIf racist or sexual comments – please see 1.73
  
- 1.16 Dismissed for “Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures/actions” directed at a Match Official
  - First Seasonal Offence - 3 game suspension
  - Second Seasonal Offence - 8 game suspension

1.16A Dismissed for “Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures/actions” directed at a Match Official under the age of 18. If racist or sexual comments – please see 1.73

First Seasonal Offence - 8 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence – 16 game suspension

-1.18 Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball

First Seasonal Offence - 1 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence - 2 game suspension

-1.18A 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

First Seasonal Offence - 2 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence - 4 game suspension

-1.19 Dismissed for “Serious Foul Play” (Must occur on the field of play, when challenging for the ball, while the ball is in play). Otherwise see 1.21

First Seasonal Offence - 2 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence - 4 game suspension

-1.20 Dismissed for “Spitting at an opponent or any other person”, other than a Match Official.

First Seasonal Offence - 4 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence - 8 game suspension

-1.21 Dismissed for “Violent Conduct”

First Seasonal Offence - 3 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence - 6 game suspension

-1.23 Senior player played as an ineligible player

First Seasonal Offence – 2 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence – 4 game suspension

-1.25 Re-enters the field of play or player bench area after having been dismissed from the game by the Match Official

First Seasonal Offence - 2 game suspension

Second Seasonal Offence - 5 game suspension

**Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player or Team Official based on Lifetime Offences such as Match Official Assault require that a Discipline Hearing be held**

-1.64 Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended

First Lifetime Offence – 6-12-month suspension if found guilty at hearing

-1.73 Dismissed or reported by a Match Official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during the game or in the vicinity of the playing field wither during or after the game.  
First Lifetime Offence – 1-3-month suspension if found guilty at hearing

**(Most Common) Standard Penalties for Misconduct by Team Officials:**

-2.13 Dismissed or reported for persisting in misconduct “after receiving a warning for misconduct from the match official” for which neither of the offences was directed at a match official)

First Seasonal Offence – 1 game suspension  
Second Seasonal Offence - 3 game suspension

-2.14 Dismissed or reported for persistent misconduct “after receiving a warning for misconduct from the game official” for which at least one of the offences was directed at a match official

First Seasonal Offence - 2 games suspension  
Second Seasonal Offence - 5 games suspension

-2.14A Dismissed or reported for persistent misconduct “after receiving a warning for misconduct from the match official” for which at least one of the offences was directed at a match official under the age of 18.

First Seasonal Offence - 4 games suspension  
Second Seasonal Offence - 10 games suspension

-2.15 Dismissed or reported for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at anyone other than a match official

First Seasonal Offence - 2 games suspension  
Second Seasonal Offence - 5 games suspension

-2.16 Dismissed or reported for using “offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures “directed at a match official(s).

First seasonal Offence – 4 game suspension  
Second seasonal Offence – 9 game suspension

-2.16A Dismissed or reported for using “offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures “directed at a match official under the age of 18

First seasonal Offence – 8 game suspension  
Second seasonal Offence – 18 game suspension

**Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Team Official Based on Lifetime Offences-**

2.41 Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a uniformed Grassroots registered Player or Youth registered Player. This charge carries an immediate suspension from all soccer activity

First Lifetime Offence – 3-12-month suspension +\$300.00 fine  
if found guilty at hearing

-2.63 Played an ineligible or suspended player in a sanctioned game  
First Lifetime Offence – 3-12-month suspension if found guilty at hearing

-2.64 Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended  
First Lifetime Offence – 6-12-month suspension if found guilty at hearing

-2.73 Dismissed or reported by a Match Official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during the game or in the vicinity of the playing field wither during or after the game.  
First Lifetime Offence – 6-12-month suspension if found guilty at hearing

**Note that discipline decisions made under the D.B.R. System may not be appealed.**

HOWEVER,

Except in cases of misconduct type 1.3, 1.5, 1.6 an individual who is subject to the **D.B.R. System** shall have the right to request to be disciplined by the Discipline By Hearing (**D.B.H.**) System.

The written request shall be in the form of a “Request for A Hearing” by the accused (fax, e-mail or handwritten letter) to the SASA Office and **submitted within three (3) days of receiving the dismissal** together with a fee of \$50.00 payable to SASA. **The fee is non-refundable**, and shall be paid prior to the start of the hearing. A Discipline Hearing Administrative Fee of \$50.00 is charged to the Club if the accused is found guilty of the charge.

**DISCIPLINE BY HEARING SYSTEM (DBH):**

Discipline Hearing dates are published on the SASA website [www.sasa-soccer.ca](http://www.sasa-soccer.ca)  
If you request a hearing it will most likely be scheduled for the next published hearing date.

Notices of Discipline Hearing will be sent by e-mail and/or regular post to the accused before the scheduled hearing date along with copies of the Referee Reports and rights and responsibilities of the accused.

An accused party may plead guilty and forego a hearing. Written notification of such must be received by SASA prior to the hearing. In doing so, the accused party accepts the maximum penalty applicable to Ontario Soccer Misconduct Type charged. Once you plead guilty you may not appeal a decision rendered by the Discipline Hearing Panel

All other Discipline by Hearing decisions may be appealed to Ontario Soccer.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

If a person is suspended for a number of games or period of time, ensure the person’s name does not appear on the game sheet. Ontario Soccer rules state that all players/coaches name on the team sheet for a game are deemed to have played whether in attendance or not.

**So if a player or team official is suspended scratch the name off of the list!**

If the SASA Discipline Committee or Ontario Soccer suspends a person, only that Committee may reinstate the person.

If a player is required to attend a hearing or requests a hearing, then that player may play in games until the hearing takes place.

If a person is charged with Match Official Assault, then the person is suspended immediately from all soccer activities until a hearing is held.

If a registrant is suspended for a specific number of scheduled games in a tournament and if the suspension has not been fully served, then any outstanding games shall be transferred to the game(s) of the registrant's league.

A player who has been suspended for one or more games in league play shall not be permitted to play up for a higher level club team within his/her own Club or with a TRP for a higher level club team of a club other than the one with which he/she is registered.

A player or team official suspended for specific games may not participate in any other registration category for that team during their suspension. (For example if a player is suspended, they cannot serve as a team official during their suspension for that team).

Game suspension not completed during the current playing season will be carried over to the following playing season. Indoor to Indoor, Outdoor to Outdoor.

Full Discipline Procedures can be reviewed on the OSA website [www.ontariosoccer.net](http://www.ontariosoccer.net)  
**Governing Documents - Operational Procedures - Section 12.0 Discipline -**

If you are unsure of a person's suspension status, or have any other questions please contact the SASA office [s.a.s.a@shaw.ca](mailto:s.a.s.a@shaw.ca)

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