



Huntsville Soccer Club

Discipline Policy

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Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this document is to outline the Huntsville Soccer Club's procedures for discipline, including fines and decisions by review.

Discipline Procedures

As a sanctioned soccer club, the Huntsville Soccer Club is required to enforce discipline in accordance with the OSA's Published Rules.

All Players, Coaches, Managers, Administrators are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the following governing organizations in descending priority:

1. The Canadian Soccer Association;
2. The Ontario Soccer Association;
3. The Huronia Soccer Association; and
4. The Huntsville Soccer Club

All discipline conducted by the OSA, the District or the Club is conducted in accordance with the OSA Discipline Policy which can be found at the OSA's website in its Operation Procedures.

The highlights of the OSA's Discipline Policy are summarized below. Members are encouraged to review the actual policy to fully understand their rights and the applicable procedure for Discipline Hearings. If there are any inconsistency between this Summary and the OSA Discipline Policy, then the provisions of the OSA Policy apply and prevail.

Club members are also governed by the Club's Constitution and Bylaws. Failure of a Member to abide by the Club's Constitution or its By-laws could also result in disciplinary proceedings being initiated by the Club. Any resulting disciplinary proceedings are also governed by the OSA's Discipline Policy.

The Club relies upon its volunteers and members to ensure that all participants are provided a safe and healthy environment to participate in the game. Members are encouraged to report any incidents of racism, discrimination, mental, physical or sexual harassment to the Club for investigation.

Any OSA Registrant (ie. a coach, referee, convenor, manager, parent) can provide a misconduct report that will result in an investigation of the incident and that could result in disciplinary charges being laid against any other OSA Registrant, including a coach, player, game official or club administrator.

In order to be dealt with, misconduct reports MUST be written in English and must be signed by the Complainant (e-mails are not acceptable).

Discipline Policy Summary

1. The Club's Discipline Chair shall deal with all House League players and team officials reported for misconduct in a house league game.
2. The Club has jurisdiction over all registered players, team officials and members for any breach of the Club's Constitution or By-Law.
3. The Club may also initiate discipline against a member pursuant to an OSA Published Rule, if discipline has not been initiated by the OSA, the District, or by any governing league.
4. The District Association has jurisdiction in respect of ALL discipline involving game officials, including game official assaults.
5. In all cases of alleged or attempted physical assault of a game official by a player, team official or parent, the accused shall be suspended from all soccer activity until the case has been dealt with by the District's Discipline Committee.
6. Leagues in which Club teams compete (ie. PHDL, SRSL, OYSL, OSL, OWSL, or CSL) have jurisdiction over offences that occur during league competitions, which includes regular league play and League Cup competitions.
7. The Ontario Soccer Association has jurisdiction over any offences that occur during Ontario Cup Competitions.
8. Discipline does not apply to Mini Players (U4-U11). Mini Players who engage in any misconduct should be removed from the field and educated by the Coach/Referee concerning the Published Rules and Laws of the Game.
9. The OSA has established standard penalties for various offences and they are set forth in Appendix "A" which follows this summary of the Discipline Process.

The Club is required to impose the minimum suspension prescribed by the OSA.

The Club CANNOT impose a more lenient sentence regardless of the circumstances.

Discipline Policy Summary

The following provisions shall apply to ALL Club discipline.

Appendix A

These are standard penalties for misconduct established by the Huntsville for offences committed by a Player, a Team Official, an Administrator, a Game Official are set forth in the following charts:

Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First playing seasonal Offence	Second playing seasonal Offence	Third or More playing 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	See misconduct 1.22
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	See misconduct 1.22

1.15	Dismissed or reported by game official for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s). If racist or sexual comments - please see 1.73	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.16	Dismissed or reported by game official for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s). If racist or sexual comments - please see 1.73	3 game suspension	8 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.16 A	Dismissed or reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported	6 to 8 games suspension	8-12 games suspension	See misconduct 1.22
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	See misconduct 1.22
1.18	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22

	towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick".			
1.19	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play". (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent when challenging for the ball, while the ball is in play). Otherwise see 1.21	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
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" (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.21A	4-8 game suspension	8-12 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.2	Dismissed or reported 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	See misconduct 1.22
1.21	Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct".	3 game suspension	6 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.21 A	Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct"	6-10 game suspension	10-15 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22

	where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure a registrant or non-registrant.			
1.22	Received and found guilty of a third dismissal in a playing season within that league or competition	1 - 11 month suspension	1 - 11 month suspension	1 - 11 month suspension
1.23	Senior player played as an ineligible player except for a player who played while under suspension in which case Misconduct Type 1.64 shall apply	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	8 game suspension
1.25	Re-enters the field of play or player bench area after having been dismissed from the game by the game official	2 game suspension	5 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.51	Game Official Assault 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	Game Official Assault 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 game official assault.	Player is fined \$100 and remains suspended until they request and attend a subsequent discipline hearing	Same	Same
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	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	Senior player acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule". (see restrictions in policy 9.12)	1-3 month suspension	3-12 month suspension	7-12 month suspension
1.67	Acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game. (see restrictions in policy 9.12)	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.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
	b) Provided false or			

	inaccurate information on a registration form.			
	c) Provided an invalid photograph for registration purposes.			
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
1.7	Provided a false address on the player registration form.	1-3 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.71	Participated in any soccer related activity under a false name.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.73	Dismissed or reported by a game official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during the game or in the vicinity of the playing field either during or after the game	1-3 month suspension	4-6 month suspension	7-12 month suspension