

House League Games Discipline & Appeals

To the extent permitted by the Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures, AYSC has been given jurisdiction by the York Region Soccer Association (YRSA) for all game-related discipline involving players and team officials at the House League level. Discipline decisions may be appealed to the YRSA.

The AYSC Discipline Committee will meet every Wednesday from May to the end of the Outdoor Season. Coaches, parents, players - be sure you are familiar with the discipline process prior to the season.

Discipline matters are reviewed or heard as appropriate on the first scheduled date following the incident. Please contact the Club Discipline Chair by e-mail to info@aysc.ca should you require further information regarding any discipline matter in which you may be involved. Every player, coach, and administrator should ensure they are familiar with the penalties for offences and the procedure for administering the discipline process. Discipline Chair info@aysc.ca. Any additional dates required will be posted in advance.

AYSC DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

DISCIPLINE : How does AYSC handle misconduct?

AYSC follows Ontario Soccer's policies with regard to discipline. These policies govern Discipline Hearing Panels at every level of soccer sanctioned by Ontario Soccer. Discipline issues are handled by a discipline panel appointed by the Club Discipline Chair. The committee does not necessarily consist of the same people for each matter being reviewed.

An accused is to continue their soccer activities until notification is received from the Discipline Panel stating otherwise.

Discipline by Review (DBR) / Discipline by Hearing (DBH)

There are two systems used to deal with discipline matters at AYSC. Guidelines are set out by Ontario Soccer and are followed in determining if a case is to be handled by DBH or DBR. Discipline hearings (DBH) or reviews (DBR) are conducted on a regular basis, as required, with dates posted on the web site. When Hearing Dates are not posted on the website, persons required to attend a DBH are advised in writing in advance of the hearing date.

DISCIPLINE BY REVIEW (DBR): Certain types of misconduct are routinely handled using the Discipline By Review system. Under DBR, the Discipline Committee reviews the information provided (e.g. Referee's Report) and imposes the appropriate and mandated

penalty. If, after reviewing the case, the Discipline Review Panel determines that a more serious charge is warranted, the matter will be referred to Discipline By Hearing. Under the DBR system, the parties involved are not required to attend. An individual who is subject to the DBR system has the right to a hearing. A request for a hearing must be received at the Club office in writing by receipted post, receipted e-mail, fax, or receipted hand delivery within three days of receiving the dismissal. The request must be received before the date of the next scheduled DBR meeting, as indicated on the website.

NOTE: THERE ARE NO APPEALS OF DBR DECISIONS.

DISCIPLINE BY HEARING (DBH):

Some discipline matters must be conducted under the Discipline By Hearing (DBH) method. A DBH requires the attendance of the parties involved. The involved parties are provided with at least 8 days' notice. The accused may choose to be accompanied by another adult who may act as an adviser. An accused less than 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, who shall act as an adviser, failing which the hearing will not proceed and the accused shall be suspended until the hearing is held. If the accused does not appear, the hearing will not proceed, the accused will be fined in accordance with the "Schedule of Fees, Fines, Bonds and Penalties" as published by Ontario Soccer and the accused will be suspended from all soccer related activities until he/she requests and attends a hearing. Any party required to attend a hearing may request one (1) postponement of a hearing. The party must submit such request to the Club office in writing by receipted post, receipted email, fax, or receipted hand delivery no later than four days prior to the date of the hearing, stating the reason for requesting the postponement. DBH DECISIONS CAN BE APPEALED TO THE NEXT HIGHEST LEVEL, THE YORK REGION SOCCER ASSOCIATION. Discipline hearings or reviews are also held for matters of misconduct involving persons other than players, such as coaching staff, parents, spectators or any other person reported for misconduct.

Penalties:

Ontario Soccer guidelines are followed in determining what punishment, if any, is to be applied. Any issues being handled by the club, as dictated by Ontario Soccer's guidelines, require the club to impose penalties that are no less severe than those specified by Ontario Soccer. If the discipline committee concludes that such action is appropriate, the club has the option to impose penalties that are more severe than the minimums specified by Ontario Soccer.

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM ALL SOCCER RELATED ACTIVITIES results from the following offences:

Game Official Assault

Physical or attempted physical assault of a youth player by a team official or administrator (reported by the Game Official) Offences of Moral Turpitude.

PROBATION OR SUSPENDED SENTENCES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY: Decisions of the Discipline Review Panel for all matters will be communicated in writing by e-mail, hand-delivery or Canada Post delivery and are effective immediately. Conveners and coaches may be notified by telephone.

APPEALS: The right of appeal and the process of appealing to the York Region Soccer Association (our next level governing body) are communicated with all discipline decisions.

YRSA DISCIPLINE

[APPEAL REQUEST FORM](#)

AYSC Discipline Chair

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Ontario Soccer Suspension Terms

As the AYSC is governed by Ontario Soccer, it is imperative that any suspension term imposed by the AYSC Discipline Committee must comply with Ontario Soccer's Mandatory Minimum length of suspension. While the Club may determine that a longer term is appropriate, the Panel has no jurisdiction to reduce the term to less than that set out in Ontario Soccer's Policies.

Discipline at a Glance

No player or coach should serve any penalty until the Discipline Committee has rendered a decision; only the Committee can determine the extent of a penalty.

What happens when a player or coach is dismissed from the field?

The Game official fills in a report that is forwarded to the Discipline Committee. In most instances the misconduct can be dealt with using the Discipline by Review (DBR) system with the panel relying on the game officials report. A decision is reached and the player/coach is notified, by email, of the penalty. Requesting a Hearing Anyone can request a hearing but it must be submitted within 3 days of receiving the dismissal or the DBR system will be used. The request must be in writing, either sent to the club, faxed to the office or emailed to info@aysc.ca.

What is Discipline by Review? (DBR)

Many discipline matters are dealt with by DBR because they are standard or mandated penalties. The Discipline Committee receives the referee report and reviews it. (The DBR system doesn't require the attendance of the parties involved). The Discipline Committee uses Ontario Soccer's guidelines to determine the penalty. The committee notifies the accused, by email, of the penalty to be served. There are NO APPEALS of DBR decisions.

What is Discipline by Hearing? (DBH)

Some discipline matters must be dealt with by Discipline By Hearing, as per Ontario Soccer rules. DBH requires the attendance of the parties involved at a hearing. Notification of the hearing is given to the parties via email. The accused may be accompanied by an advisor. (If the accused is under 18 years of age, they MUST be accompanied by an adult). The decision will be emailed to the accused within 4 days of the hearing. DBH decisions can be appealed to the York Region Soccer Association.

How can I get more information about the discipline procedures?

If you would like more information about the AYSC Discipline and Appeals process, please email the Discipline Chair at info@aysc.ca.