

14 – DISCIPLINE

14.1 GENERAL

14.1.1 The Discipline and Appeals Committee is a Standing Committee of Soccer Nova Scotia whose mandate includes, but is not limited to:

- a)** appointing committees to hear:
 - i)** discipline cases that are the exclusive jurisdiction of the Discipline and Appeals Committee
 - ii)** appeal of discipline decisions of hearing committees appointed by the Discipline and Appeals Committee
 - iii)** appeals of discipline decisions of the committees of Districts, leagues and other competitions;
 - iv)** appeals of decisions of the Referee Judiciary Committee pursuant to Section 7.8
 - v)** appeals of the decisions of Board of districts, clubs, leagues, referee associations or other governing bodies.
 - vi)** Appeals involving exemptions to Soccer Nova Scotia Policies and Procedures.
- b)** Providing direction to all Soccer Nova Scotia sanctioned competition discipline committees, district discipline committees and the referee judiciary committee.

14.1.2 All players, coaches, team officials, clubs, Districts and Leagues (including their officers and staff) are subject to discipline pursuant to this section.

14.1.3 Every Club is responsible for the action of its players, officials and spectators.

14.1.4 Every Club and league is required to take every precaution to prevent players, officials, and spectators from threatening or assaulting anyone present at competitions.

14.1.5 Districts and leagues shall ensure that their disciplinary Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures are consistent with this policy.

14.1.6 In this section:

- a)** “Competition” means each of a tournament, an exhibition game, a winter league season, a summer league season, league playoffs and a Provincial championship tournament;
- b)** “Complainant” means the person or organization that files a discipline complaint;
- c)** “Discipline Hearing Committee” means a committee appointed by the Discipline and Appeals Committee or a District or League pursuant to this section to hear a discipline complaint;
- d)** “Respondent” means the person or organization that is the subject of a discipline complaint
- e)** “Standard Penalties” means the penalties for players, coaches or managers for the various offences as set out at the end of this section

14.2 JURISDICTION OF DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 14.2.1** The Discipline and Appeals Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear complaints in the following circumstances:
- a) Misconduct towards any game official by any person involving deliberate contact, physical contact, attempted physical contact or threatening behavior;
 - b) Misconduct involving violent conduct or serious foul play requiring a discipline hearing when the reportable incident also includes a charge under paragraph (a);
 - c) Misconduct for which the standard penalties require a hearing before the Discipline and Appeals Committee;
 - d) Misconduct by any person arising from participation in National or Regional Competitions;
 - e) Misconduct by any District, Referee Association, Provincial or Inter-District League, or their officers and officials.
 - f) Misconduct arising from any international event (in or out of Canada) where participation is given prior approval by Soccer Nova Scotia;
 - g) Any other matter directly related to Soccer Nova Scotia that Soccer Nova Scotia, in its sole discretion, deems should be dealt with by Discipline and Appeals Committee;
- 14.2.2** The Discipline and Appeals committee may delegate any portion of its jurisdiction to a District or League.
- 14.2.3** The Discipline and Appeals Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals as provided in section 15.1

14.3 DISTRICT OR LEAGUE JURISDICTION

- 14.3.1** The Discipline Committee of Districts, Leagues or tournaments shall have jurisdiction to deal with misconduct by any of their clubs, players, coaches or team officials, except for the circumstances set out in section 14.2.1
- 14.3.2** The disposition of all discipline proceedings must be reported to Soccer Nova Scotia.

14.4 MISCONDUCT - DEFINED

- 14.4.1** Misconduct is:
- a) An act described in the Standard Penalties
 - b) Intentionally or recklessly disregarding the Bylaws or Policies or Procedures of Soccer Nova Scotia or a District or League;
 - c) Committing any act, making any verbal or written statement or being responsible for conduct, continuing misconduct or any other matter which is unsportsmanlike, insulting or likely to bring the game into disrepute;
 - d) Committing a criminal offence or a breach of human rights;
 - e) Assisting or permitting any act described above.

14.5 FILING OF COMPLAINT

14.5.1 A Complaint of Misconduct may be made:

- a) For misconduct that occurs within a game, by a game official filing a Misconduct Report citing misconduct and the accompanying game sheet(s) with Soccer Nova Scotia, the League, the District and/or other competitions. For misconduct resulting in a discipline hearing, the report shall be regarded as the report to the Discipline Hearing Committee. The game official may but is not required to attend at any discipline hearing unless the Discipline Hearing Committee deems it necessary. The decision of a game official pursuant to Law V, "Laws of the Games", is final.
- b) For all other acts of misconduct, by filing a written complaint of misconduct with Soccer Nova Scotia and the President of the District or League concerned, within seven (7) days of the alleged occurrence. The written complaint shall contain a statement of the alleged facts and the relevant bylaw or policy allegedly breached. Each complaint shall be accompanied by a \$275.00 fee payable to Soccer Nova Scotia in the form of a certified cheque or money order. In the event the complaint is upheld, the fee is refundable.

14.5.2 The acts described in the Standard Penalties that do not require a discipline hearing shall result in the immediate implementation of the penalty, with notice to the player, coach or manager. There shall be no appeal of a game official's decision to issue a card, except where it is alleged that the penalty is against the wrong player, and only if the issue is raised with the game official at the conclusion of the game.

14.5.3 Soccer Nova Scotia, the league, the District, and / or other competitions, as the case may be, shall refer all complaints of misconduct requiring a discipline hearing to the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction.

14.5.4 Any misconduct that pursuant to the Standard Penalties requires a discipline hearing shall result in the immediate suspension from applicable soccer activities (as described in 'Extent of Affected Activities') of the person(s) involved until such discipline hearing proceeding takes place. Immediate notice of such suspension shall be given to the Respondent by Soccer Nova Scotia, the league, the District and/or other competitions, as the case may be.

14.5.5 Where a person has been charged in Criminal Court with offences of moral turpitude involving youth, the person shall be suspended from all soccer activity until the case has been concluded in the Criminal Court. Immediate notice of such suspension shall be given to the person by Soccer Nova Scotia. Soccer Nova Scotia may decide if further proceedings are warranted pursuant to its Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures.

14.6 DISCIPLINE HEARINGS

14.6.1 Upon receiving a complaint, the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction shall promptly:

- a) Appoint a Discipline Hearing Committee having no less than three members, one of whom shall act as Chair and one of whom shall act as Recording Secretary. A non-voting Recording Secretary (not one of the

Committee) may be appointed and shall be present for the whole discipline hearing.

- b) Schedule a date for the hearing of the complaint at a location within the district where the complaint arose, or such other location as determined by the Discipline Committee.
- c) Provide written notice of the hearing and a copy of the complaint to the Respondent and to the Complainant. Written notice delivered to the club on which a player is registered shall be deemed 'due notice' to the player. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the governing body if the Respondent is one of their registered players or is acting as an official representative.

14.6.2 The Discipline Committee or the Discipline Hearing Committee may adjourn a discipline hearing on such terms as are reasonable.

14.6.3 In the event the Respondent does not attend the discipline hearing, the Discipline Hearing Committee may proceed with the hearing in his/her absence or may suspend the Respondent pending a further hearing.

14.6.4 In the event of a suspension for failing to attend a hearing, the Respondent may have a hearing by filing a written request to the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction together with a \$275 fee payable to Soccer Nova Scotia in the form of a certified cheque or money order

14.7 TIMELINES AND NOTICES

- a) The Respondent shall be given at least ten (10) working days' notice of a discipline hearing.
- b) The Complainant or Respondent may request the postponement of a discipline hearing by writing the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction at least five (5) working days prior to the date of the discipline hearing. The Committee may grant or refuse the request, at its discretion.
- c) In cases where a Respondent stands suspended pending a discipline hearing, or for any adjourned discipline hearing, the date for the discipline hearing shall be set within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the misconduct report (or previous discipline hearing).
- d) The Discipline Committee or Discipline Hearing Committee may extend or abridge the time for any notice, date or decision in this section.

14.8 DISCIPLINE HEARING PROCEDURE

Both the Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be present at the hearing.

- b) The parties may be accompanied by legal counsel only with the permission of the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction or the Discipline Hearing Committee. Subject to the foregoing, a governing body may be represented at the hearing by any member of its Executive.
- c) The discipline hearing shall proceed as follows:
 - i) The Chair of the Discipline Hearing Committee shall read the report and state the complaint;
 - ii) The Complainant, if present, may amplify or qualify the complaint and call witnesses;

- iii) The Respondent may make submissions on the report, testify on his/her own behalf and call witnesses.
- iv) The Respondent and Complainant may ask questions of the other and their witnesses;
- v) Any Discipline Hearing Committee member may question the parties or any witness;
- vi) The Complainant and the Respondent may make final summations before withdrawing;
- vii) The Discipline Hearing Committee shall consider the report and any further evidence provided, and shall either decide the case at the hearing or adjourn to provide a written decision;
- viii) The parties and affected club or competition shall be notified of the result in writing.
- ix) All decisions are to be rendered by the Discipline Hearing Committee within fifteen (15) days of the discipline hearing unless an extension is granted. The failure of a Discipline Hearing Committee to render a decision within the time provided will not invalidate the proceedings.

14.9 PUNISHMENT

14.9.1 On misconduct being proven, a Discipline Hearing Committee shall, if applicable, order the punishment prescribed by the Standard Penalties, and otherwise have the power to order a suspension, and/ or fine, and/or any punishment that it deems just.

14.9.2 A Discipline Hearing Committee shall set timelines for the payment of any costs, fines or bonds, and may set further terms of punishment for non-compliance.

14.10 EXTENT OF AFFECTED ACTIVITIES

14.10.1 Unless otherwise decided by a Discipline Hearing Committee, or specified in the Standard Penalties, all suspensions resulting from player-related incidents shall be from playing in all soccer competitions within the jurisdiction of Soccer Nova Scotia.

14.10.2 Unless otherwise decided by a Discipline Hearing Committee, or specified in the Standard Penalties, all suspensions resulting from coach-related or team official-related incidents shall be from coaching/team officiating in all soccer competitions within the jurisdiction of Soccer Nova Scotia.

14.10.3 Unless otherwise decided by a Discipline Hearing Committee, or specified in the Standard Penalties, all suspensions resulting from referee-related incidents shall be from refereeing in all soccer competitions within the jurisdiction of Soccer Nova Scotia.

14.10.4 A Discipline Hearing Committee may suspend any player, coach or team official from any or all soccer competition related activities within the jurisdiction of Soccer Nova Scotia. The Referee Judiciary Committee will be advised if the person suspended is also a referee.

14.11 SERVING OF PENALTIES

14.11.1 Offences falling under sections, 1.1 to 1.10 of the Standard Penalties must be served in the competition in which the misconduct occurred.

- 14.11.2** All suspensions referring to a number of games will be served in consecutive games played by the player's team, or as specified by the Discipline Hearing Committee.
- 14.11.3** All suspensions referring to a period of time (days, weeks, months, years) will be served from the time of the offence, or as specified by the Discipline Hearing Committee
- 14.11.4** Offences falling under sections, 1.11, 1.12, 1.14, 1.15, 2.4 and 2.5 of the Standard Penalties which occur in the final game of a tournament, or in an exhibition game, shall be referred to the League in which the player's registered team normally competes, and the League shall deal with any such misconduct as if it occurred in that League.
- 14.11.5** Where a player receives cards or other suspensions for misconduct while playing on a team other than his/her registered team, such cards or suspensions apply to his/her registered team division, and she/he cannot play for any other team in any other competition until any suspensions resulting from such cards or actions has been served with his/her registered team.
- 14.11.6** All red cards shall be reported to Soccer Nova Scotia within 48 hours by the administrator of a sanctioned tournament.

STANDARD PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A PLAYER

#	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third 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	3-game suspension		
1.7	Seventh Caution	5-game suspension		
1.8	Dismissed for "receiving a second caution in the same game. For the purposes of counting yellow and red cards, two yellow cards received in the same game are to be counted as one red, not as two yellows.	1-game suspension	2-game suspension	3-game suspension
1.9	Dismissed for Red Card offences (except as noted below)	1-game suspension	2-game suspension	See section 1.16
1.10	Dismissed for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s)	Minimum 2-game suspension	4-game suspension	6-game suspension
1.11	Dismissed for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s)	2 game suspension from all soccer competitions	60 days suspension from all soccer competitions	Suspended from all soccer activities for 1 year
1.12	Persisted in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been dismissed for such action that is directly in the area(s) of the soccer field.	Discipline Hearing By Competition or League Suspension to be applied to all competitions	Discipline Hearing By Competition or League Suspension to be applied to all competitions	Discipline Hearing By Competition or League Suspension to be applied to all competitions
1.13	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play"	Minimum 2-game suspension	4-game suspension from all competitions	6-game suspension from all competitions
1.14	Dismissed for spitting at an opponent or any other person	Minimum 8 games suspension from all competitions	12 months suspension from all competitions	
1.15	Dismissed for "Violent Conduct".	Discipline Hearing by Competition or League	Discipline Hearing by Competition or League	Discipline Hearing by Competition or League Suspension to

		Suspension to be applied to all competitions	Suspension to be applied to all competitions	be applied to all competitions
1.16	Received a third dismissal within a 12-month period	Suspended as a player from all competitions until a Discipline Hearing is conducted by SNS.		
1.17	Played as an ineligible player.	Remaining games of competition.	6-month suspension from all soccer competitions	
1.18	Game Official Assault (i.e. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening behavior.	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities.	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities
1.19	Game Official Assault for deliberate physical contact (striking, spitting, kicking), or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct.	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities.	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities
1.20	Failed to attend a discipline hearing after previously agreeing to attend	Player is assessed administrative costs of minimum of \$150 and is suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent Discipline Hearing and pays the previously assessed administration costs.	Player is assessed administrative costs of minimum of \$200 and is suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent Discipline Hearing and pays the previously assessed administration costs.	Player is assessed administrative costs of minimum of \$250 and is suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent Discipline Hearing and pays the previously assessed administration costs.
1.21	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	Minimum 1-year suspension from all soccer activities		
1.22	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game	Discipline Hearing By League or District. Minimum 1-year suspension from all soccer activities		

STANDARD PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A COACH OR MANAGER

#	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
2.1	Persisted in misconduct after been ejected for an offence directed at the game official	In addition to the suspension for the ejection, suspension from 1 subsequent game sanctioned by	In addition to the suspension for the ejection, suspension from 3 subsequent games sanctioned by SNS	In addition to the suspension for the ejection, suspension from 6 subsequent games sanctioned by SNS
2.2	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s)	2-week suspension	5-week suspension	10-week suspension
2.3	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s)	Minimum three week suspension From all soccer competitions	60 days suspension from all soccer competitions.	Suspended from all soccer competitions for 1 year

#	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
2.4	Persisted in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been dismissed for such action that is directly in the area(s) of the soccer field.	Minimum 4 week suspension from all soccer competitions	90 days suspension from all soccer competitions.	Suspended from all soccer competitions for 1 year
2.5	Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a player	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities
2.6	Game Official Assault (i.e. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening behavior	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities
2.7	Game Official Assault for deliberate physical contact (striking, spitting, kicking), or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities	Discipline Hearing by SNS. Suspension to be applied to all soccer activities
2.8	Failed to attend a discipline hearing after previously agreeing to attend.	Accused is assessed administrative costs of minimum of \$150 and is suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent Discipline	Accused is assessed administrative costs of minimum of \$200 and is suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent	Accused is assessed administrative costs of minimum of \$250 and is suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent

		Hearing and pays the previously assessed administration costs.	Discipline Hearing and pays the previously assessed administration costs.	Discipline Hearing and pays the previously assessed administration costs.
2.9	Played an ineligible player in a sanctioned game	6-month suspension	1 year suspension from all soccer competitions	
2.10	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game	District or League Hearing. Minimum 1 year suspension from all soccer activities.		
2.11	a) Changed any information on a registration form or game sheet without the consent of the person being registered on such form or game sheet. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form or game sheet. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form or game sheet.	Discipline Hearing by District or League	Discipline Hearing by District or League	Discipline Hearing by SNS
2.12	Induced or attempted to induce a registered player to leave his/her team before the end of that team's current season. * see "Teams-Restrictions" policy *	Discipline Hearing by SNS	Discipline Hearing by SNS	Discipline Hearing by SNS

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A GAME OFFICIAL

The following list of sanction guidelines are provided for illustrative purposes only to indicate the seriousness of the offences if a complaint is upheld. They should not be considered to be comprehensive, complete or binding on the Judiciary Committee. All activities are performed in accordance with Sections 7.7 and 7.8 of Soccer Nova Scotia Policies and Procedures.

Items 1 through 14 will result in a letter being placed on file for a minimum of 12 months. If a second offence occurs with that 12 month period, this will be recorded on file. At that time there will be 2 offences on file for a minimum of 12 months from the date of the second offence. If a third offence occurs with that 12 month period, this will be recorded on file. At that time there will be 3 offences on file for a minimum of 12 months from the date of the third offence. Offences will continue to accumulate until there has been a period of 12 months without additional incidents.

#	Description of Misconduct	First Offence, no transgressions on file	Second Offence, one transgression on file	Third or More Offence, two transgressions on file
3.1	Complaints about District Referees related to: · Late arrival at a game. · Failure to record a caution on	Mentoring by RRC to correct problem.	Mentoring by RRC to correct problem.	Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee

	<p>the game sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Error in reporting score · Failed to abide by the published rules of the jurisdiction in which he/she officiates · Complaints about knowledge of the Laws of the Game 	<p>A copy of the Regional Referee Committee's (RRC) response to the original complaint to be copied to the Judiciary Committee and the Referee if the complaint is upheld.</p>	<p>A copy of the Regional Referee Committee's (RRC) response to the original complaint to be copied to the Judiciary Committee and the Referee if the complaint is upheld.</p>	<p>Letter of Reprimand 7-30 day suspension</p>
3.2	<p>Complaints about Regional and Provincial Referees, related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Late arrival at a game. · Failure to record a caution on the game sheet · Error in reporting score · Failed to abide by the published rules of the jurisdiction in which he/she officiates · Complaints about knowledge of the Laws of the Game 	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.</p>	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>Warning on what will happen if a further offence occurs</p>	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Letter of Reprimand 7-30 day suspension</p>
3.3	<p>Failed to report to a game, indoor or outdoor, (to which he/she has been appointed) without giving adequate notice of his/her inability to officiate such game.</p>	<p>For District Referees: Mentoring by RRC to correct problem.</p> <p>A copy of the Regional Referee Committee's (RRC) response to the original complaint to be copied to the Judiciary Committee and the Referee if the complaint is upheld.</p> <p>For Regional and Provincial Referees: Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>Warning on what will happen if a further offence occurs</p>	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Letter of Reprimand 7-30 day suspension and/or financial assessment equivalent to the fee for missed game and/or field & referee costs if game cannot be played</p>

		Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.		
3.4	Failed to submit a "Special Incident Report" as required by Soccer Nova Scotia. Note: <i>The circumstances that led to the requirement for a "Special Incident Report" will be reviewed. Any additional activities will be based on that review and a reasonable expectation that the referee should have been aware that a report was required.</i>	Mentoring by RRC to correct problem. A copy of the Regional Referee Committee's (RRC) response to the original complaint to be copied to the Judiciary Committee and the Referee.	Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.	Assessed game fee Suspension 1-3 Months
3.5	Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form	Letter of Reprimand	Suspension 1 Month	Suspension 3-months
3.6	Officiated an unsanctioned or unaffiliated soccer game that was not assigned through an approved assignor	Letter of Reprimand	Suspension 3 Months	Suspension 1 Year
3.7	Failed to attend (when required to do so), without a valid reason, a discipline hearing for a person whom the referee had reported for Game Official Assault	\$100 administration fee assessment Suspension 7 Days	\$200 administration fee assessment Suspension 14 Days	\$300 administration fee assessment Suspension 21 Days
3.8	Failed to submit a "Dismissal Report" as required by Soccer Nova Scotia and/or record a dismissal on the game sheet.	Assessed Game Fee. Suspension until payment received.	Assessed Game Fee 14-Day Suspension	Assessed Game Fee 2-month suspension
3.9	Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at any SNS Participant	Suspension 1 Month	Suspension 6 Months	Suspension 1 Year
3.10	Failed to conduct himself/herself with dignity both on, and off, the field of play	Suspension 1 Month	Suspension 3 Months	Suspension 1 Year
3.11	Accepted a fee or other financial compensation (which is not approved by SNS) or a fee beyond the set guidelines.	Repayment of additional fee. Suspension until repayment made	Repayment of additional fee. Suspension 1-3 Months	Repayment of additional fee. Suspension 3-6 Months
3.12	Failure to comply with RDC Code of Ethics	Suspension 1-3 Months	Suspension 3-6 Months	Suspension 6 Months to 1 Year
3.13	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	Suspension 3 Months	Suspension 6 Months	Suspension 1 Year

3.14	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of any of the offences listed below (15-19) without acceptable reason.	Game Official is assessed administration fee of \$150 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
		First Lifetime Offence	Second Lifetime Offence	Third Lifetime Offence
3.15	While officiating a game found to be under the influence of alcohol and / or drugs.	Suspension 1 Month	Suspension 6 Months	Suspension 2 Years
3.16	Publicly criticized any other game official or Soccer Governing body; made derogatory statements to the media relating to any game in which he/she was involved concerning the performance of the players or other referees	Suspension 1-3 Months	Suspension 3-12 Months	Suspension 2-5 Years
3.17	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	Suspension 1 Year	Suspension 3 Years	Suspension 5 Years
3.18	Made deliberate physical contact (i.e. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempts physical contact with, or threatens, a registrant of SNS, field staff or a spectator	Suspension Minimum 1 Year	Suspension Minimum 3 Years	Suspension Minimum 5 Years
3.19	Struck, spat on, kicked, or committed any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct, against a registrant of SNS, field staff or a spectator.	Suspension up to 5 Years	Suspension 5 Years to 10 Years	Suspension Lifetime

