

April 15, 2025

E.C.S.A. Clubs:

The following information is a brief guideline for Discipline Related matters:

The decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. The decisions of the Referee and all other Match Officials must always be respected.

- 1) All communication with the discipline committee by email should be done using the E.C.S.A. – Discipline Committee’s email address: ecsadiscipline@gmail.com
- 2) A reminder to all clubs that a player or coach should **never** sit out a game for a suspension until the Discipline Committee has assigned the specific games and posted them on our web site. No suspensions are automatic except for **Match Official Assault, Verbal/Physical/Mental Assault of a Youth Registered Participant, Moral Turpitude, or an Accused who does not attend a Discipline Hearing** (The Club contact will be notified of the immediate suspension via phone/email).
- 3) An individual who was **Dismissed** from a game has the right to request to be “Disciplined by Hearing” (D.B.H.). The accused shall submit a written request with a **Request for Hearing Fee** (\$50.00) within three days (72hrs) of receiving the dismissal.
- 4) If an individual is suspended for a particular game, and the League postpones/reschedules that game, the individual still has to sit out that game whenever it is played.
- 5) A registrant suspended in a League, League Cup, League Play-off or any other league competition shall serve the suspension **within** that League, starting with first game on schedule after the Discipline by Review (D.B.R.) or Discipline by Hearing (D.B.H.). A registrant unable to fully served their suspension in **Ontario Cup / E.C.S.A. Association Cup / E.C.S.L. Cup** due to completion of the scheduled games shall serve their remaining games in their League competition. If a registrant is suspended for a specific number of games in a Tournament and if the suspension has not been fully served in that Tournament, then any outstanding games shall be transferred to the League competition and yellow cards will be deleted.
- 6) A player who has been suspended **1)**for one or more games in a league play **SHALL NOT BE** permitted to “play up”: For higher level club team within his/her own Club, or **2)** With a Temporary Eligibility Permit for higher level club team of the club other than one with which he/she is registered.
- 7) An on-going problem with carry-over suspensions still exists. Clubs are required to inform the **Discipline Committee** when they sign a Player or Coaching Staff that has a carry-over suspension from previous years. Any unserved suspensions **WILL** follow a registrant.
- 8) Communication with regards to Discipline Hearings will **ONLY** be sent to the Club contact listed on the 2025 Club Directory provided to the E.C.S.A. It is the responsibility of the Club Representative to notify the accused of the scheduled Discipline Hearing and the requirement to attend, along with a Club Representative.

9) Video evidence **MUST** be submitted at least 4-days prior to the hearing to the E.C.S.A. – Discipline Committee – Case Manager

- Video evidence is acceptable if it substantiates verbal evidence
- Video related to the match official is only accepted if it shows identity error

E.C.S.A. – Suspensions Web Site:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M1URMljvc8w4lcEk7VbjjZDKCqoNZd3YXTYQEuJDp7o/pubhtml>

Ontario Soccer – Governing Documents – Discipline:

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/3f18-1747732/2024_2025_Operational_Procedures_Final.pdf

Yours in Soccer;

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