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Discipline Guidelines

OMHSA is responsible for dealing with reported cases of misconduct, violations of FIFA laws of the game and violations of OMHSA and BCSA regulations.

Disciplinary action may be taken against any member of the association, including; players, team officials, league officials, parents, supporters or game officials in connection with the activities of the OMHSA in 100 Mile House & District or elsewhere. The OMHSA board has the authority to suspend offenders from the association.

- In order to prevent any violation occurrences, team officials shall attempt to control the action of the players, parents and their team supporters.
- Players who receive a "Red Card" during a game are automatically suspended for their following scheduled game (league, playoff or select competitions). Only after a decision and recommendation of the OMHSA executive shall the player be permitted to resume playing.
- Players who receive two "Yellow Cards" in the same game (thus are ejected) or three accumulated over the course of one season will also result in a one game automatic suspension, but are eligible to play the following game – unless notified by the OMHSA executive.
- Referees must report all Yellow and Red Cards to the Referee Coordinator within 24hrs of completion of the game.
- Appeals must be directed to the OMHSA chairperson within one week of the disciplinary decision. If necessary, the appeal may need to be made in person at the next Board meeting. Suspensions must be served while the appeal is pending.
- The term "team officials" includes individuals who are involved with the OMHSA in the following capacities: coaching, assistant coaching, team managers, etc
- The term "game officials" includes individuals who are involved with the OMHSA in the following capacities: referees, assistant referees, Mentors and referee assessors during association sanctioned games.
- The term "league officials" includes individuals who are involved with the OMHSA in the following capacities: executive board member, board appointed coordinators, and administrators.

Zero Tolerance – Drugs / Alcohol

OMHSA has a zero tolerance Drug/Alcohol policy during activities sanctioned by OMHSA.

- Offenses will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- Instances brought to our attention must be 'first hand' knowledge only.
- An investigation and decision will be made by the discipline committee (if no committee exists, this will be the OMHSA executive) within 24 hours of a complaint.
- Players parents will be contacted
- If the offense involves coaches incident may result in suspension or ban.

Basic Soccer Ethics

Following basic soccer ethics will go a long way in providing a pleasurable soccer playing experience and go a long way in preventing soccer injuries.

Here is a list of Dos and Don'ts:

- Remember that the referee is human just like you and will make mistakes just like you will during the game. Treat them with respect and don't try to manipulate their calls one way or the other. Refrain from constantly badgering the referee to try to make them second guess themselves. Manipulating or trying to manipulate the referee is another form of cheating and bullying.
- Passing negative or personal comments about the players from the opposing team can insinuate a verbal battle, which in turn can turn physical and violent. Hence, it is necessary that one refrains from passing any hurtful comments.
- Often fights between team members ensue because a particular player does not pay attention to the spirit of the game. The game of soccer was based on the highest of sporting conduct. At the end of the day, it is only a game we are playing.
- Avoid cheating. Learn from your mistakes, which will help in improving your game, rather than cheating and winning the game in an unsporting manner.
- As a sports player, each soccer player should have and display the spirit of good sportsmanship, which is the most important soccer etiquette. This should clearly be evident in case of a defeat. Defeat should be accepted with dignity.
- It is important that the opposing team is congratulated on their win. While accepting the congratulatory wishes, the winning team members should refrain from taunting the members of the opposing team and remember it is "just" a game. Remember no opponent no game.
- Players should avoid getting into brawls on the field as well as off the field. Often it is small spats which become ugly. What happens on the soccer pitch is best left there.

Once the game is over it is over. It is the duty of each player to protect themselves and the other players to insure no one gets seriously injured.

- In spite of taking all the required soccer safety precautions, accidents are bound to happen given the nature of the game. There for it is important to have first aid equipment available and insure that the player gets proper medical attention.

BCSA Ethics Committee Procedures

1. The Ethics Committee shall investigate all complaints received.
2. The Ethics Committee shall reserve the right to investigate the conduct of all persons bound by the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics even when said persons are not performing their duties, if such conduct is likely to seriously damage the integrity, image or reputation of Canada Soccer.
3. If an Association has not addressed a complaint, the Ethics Committee shall be entitled to investigate.
4. If the person named in the complaint is a member of the Canada Soccer Board of Directors the procedures to be followed are specified in Section 6.04 of the Canada Soccer By-laws.
5. The Ethics Committee shall consider only the written information included in the complaint and shall examine aggravating and mitigating circumstances equally.
6. If the Ethics Committee deems that there is no prima facie case, it shall close the case. Such decisions are not subject to appeal. The Ethics Committee shall document all facts in an initial report which shall be sent to the complainant and will be kept on file at Canada Soccer.
7. If a prima facie case is found, the Ethics Committee shall inform both the complainant and the respondent and shall forward the complaint and all supporting materials to the appropriate Judicial Body.
8. One or more members of the Ethics Committee shall present the case to the Disciplinary Committee if a personal hearing is conducted.