

WEST OTTAWA SOCCER CLUB



Recreation League Discipline Process

The West Ottawa Soccer Club (WOSC) has been designated by the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association (EODSA) to execute discipline for offences within the WOSC Recreational Leagues (Youth and Adult). All WOSC discipline will follow the Ontario Soccer (OS) Discipline Policy and will be administered by the WOSC Discipline Chair upon consultation with the Discipline Panel.

There are two processes for administering discipline whenever a registrant has been cautioned (received a yellow card), dismissed (received a red card) or reported for an OS misconduct (see OS Section 12.0 Discipline, Procedure 9.0 – Standard Penalties for Misconduct). The two processes are:

- **Discipline by Review (DBR)**
- **Discipline by Hearing (DBH)**

Discipline and Appeals	
Discipline by Review (DBR)	Discipline by Hearing (DBH)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBR is followed when the standard penalty for misconduct is set (ie. not a range of penalties). • The Discipline Chair and Panel reviews the charges and determines the penalties based on OS Procedure 9.0. • DBR decisions may not be appealed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBH is followed when the penalty for a misconduct is a range of penalties. • The Discipline Panel hears the case and decides whether the accused is guilty or not guilty. • If the Discipline Panel finds the party guilty of a misconduct, they select the penalty within the range outlined in OS Procedure 9.0.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a registrant receives a red card, he/she will likely be subject to the DBR System and not DBH. • However, anybody who has received a red card may request a hearing within 72 hours of the completion of the game when the offence occurred to the WOSC Discipline Chair (discipline@wosc.com). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of the WOSC Discipline Chair to notify the accused of the details of a discipline hearing. Parties required to attend must appear at the hearing(s). • Any hearing decision may be appealed to the next higher governing organization (EODSA).

Requesting a hearing:

1. The Accused should decide whether they accept the reason for the dismissal.

The referee should list the reason for the dismissal on the game sheet.

The Accused OR Team Coach can request clarification for the dismissal reason and see the Referee Red Card Report from the Discipline Chair (discipline@wosc.com).

Note: Due to the seriousness of the offence, any dismissals for Game Official Assault will be forwarded to the EODSA for processing.

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2. **If the Accused accepts the reason for the dismissal**, then no action is required. The Discipline Chair and Panel will review the reason for dismissal.

If a suspension is issued, the Accused, Team Coach, Program Coordinator and Club General Manager will be notified of the game(s) the Accused is suspended. This cannot be appealed. The Accused is allowed to participate in games until they receive notice of the suspension.

3. **If the Accused disagrees with the dismissal and/or the Referee Report**, they may request a hearing. The request, along with \$100.00 administrative fee, must be submitted within 24 hours upon notification of the infraction. The fee is refunded if the Accused is found not guilty. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to the Discipline Chair via email (discipline@wosc.com), or hand delivered to the WOSC Club Office.

The request for a hearing must specify the rationale for the appeal. and must include:

- a. New facts that were not available when the decision was made;
- b. Failing to properly interpret the relevant published rules;
- c. Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the relevant published rules;
- d. Making a decision that was influenced by bias;
- e. Alleged excessive fine, fee, bond or suspension.

Failure to provide adequate rationale will result in the appeal being disallowed.

Failure to request a hearing within 24 hours of the notification will result in the processing of the infraction using the DBR process.

4. Once a **hearing has been requested**, a hearing date will be set by the Discipline Chair. The Accused, must attend and further details will be provided once a hearing has been requested.
5. If, after requesting and attending the WOSC Discipline Hearing, the resulting decision is not accepted, this decision can be appealed to the EODSA within 14 days of the hearing notification. For further information on the EODSA Discipline process and Rights of Appeal, please visit the EODSA website.
6. For further information on the discipline process, please visit the OS website to view the OS Discipline Procedure (Section 12.0) and OS Appeals Procedure (Section 13.0).

Visit www.wosc.com to view additional information:

- WOSC – Code of Conduct
- WOSC – Discipline Procedure Policy
- WOSC – Equality and Harassment Policy

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