



# Laws of the Game

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[U7 Mini Division]

Summer 2011



All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game" in conjunction with OSA published Youth Soccer Rules, unless otherwise modified within these posted Newmarket Soccer Club (NSC) rules.

Situations not formally covered in these published rules will automatically defer to OSA/YRSA published rules in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game."

## Law 1.0 The Field of Play

- 1.1 The game shall be played on a field of play as approved and assigned by the NSC.
- 1.2 The Goal Areas and Penalty Area shall be defined by a box drawn on the field of play: A penalty mark shall be made at 8 yards from the midpoint between the goal post and equidistant from them.

## Law 2.0 The Ball

- 2.1 The game ball shall be an approved size 4.

## Law 3.0 Number of Players

- 3.1 A team roster shall consist of not more than fourteen (14) players.
- 3.2 The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 7 players, one of whom must be designated as goalkeeper.
- 3.3 Both teams must have at least 5 players to start the game.
- 3.4 The game can not continue if a team has less than 5 players.
- 3.5 The games must start on time or as soon as teams can field the minimum number of players.
- 3.6 Teams will be allowed a maximum fifteen minutes grace period to field the minimum number of players before forfeiting the game.
- 3.7 Teams unable to field the minimum number of players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start of play shall be declared in default and the game shall be abandoned.
- 3.8 During game play, teams may only substitute players as follows:
  - a) On **any** throw in.
  - b) At restart after a goal has been scored.
  - c) At half time or the restart after the conclusion of a period of play (overtime).
  - d) On a goal kick.
  - e) To replace an injured player.
  - f) Goalkeeper substitutions may only occur after the conclusion of a period of play, or in the event of an injury.
- 3.9 No substitution shall be allowed on corner kicks.
- 3.10 No substitution shall be allowed if a team is attempting to waste time.

### **3.20 Substitute Player Call-Up**

- 3.21 If call-ups are used their names must be recorded on the game sheet and circled.
- 3.22 Only three called-up players may be used per game, to a maximum of 9 players for a U7Mini team.
- 3.23 Call-ups playing for a team must be from the same house league team, and may only be called up 3 times during the season.
- 3.24 Competitive (Rep) players may not be used as call-ups.
- 3.25 No call-ups may be used for Soccerfest or playoff games.

### **3.30 Coaching On The Field**

- 3.31 One coach (or designated team official) only from each team is permitted onto the field to instruct their own players. They must position themselves at the side or behind the play (NEVER in front of the player having possession of the ball or in such a way as to obstruct defenders from reaching the ball).
- 3.32 After July 1, 2011, coaching on the field will NOT be permitted.
- 3.33 No parent, spectator or coach may sit behind the goal lines.

## **Law 4.0 Players' Equipment**

- 4.1 A player must wear the proper uniform as provided by the N.S.C., including numbered team jersey, shorts, and matching stockings.
- 4.2 A player must wear shin guards that provide a reasonable degree of protection and that are fully covered by the stockings.
- 4.3 A player must wear footwear. Soccer shoes with rubber or plastic cleats are highly recommended.
- 4.4 A player must not use equipment or wear anything which endangers themselves or other players including (but not limited to):
  - Splints or hard casts (constructed of plaster, fibreglass or metal) even if covered
  - Leg braces which contain exposed hard materials such as plastic, fibreglass or metal.
  - Metal cleats
  - **No jewellery of any kind.** (This includes, but is not limited to, necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather or rubber bands or visible body piercings.) **Exception: Medic Alert Bracelets are allowed but must be taped. The taping should be such that the description of the medical problem is clearly visible.**
  - Loose beaded hair is also not permitted unless tied back or covered by a net.
  - Bobby pins, metal or hard plastic hair clips
- 4.5 No bandanas, sweatbands or hats may be worn by players. (Exception: the goalkeeper may wear a hat provided it contains no metal or plastic parts.) Only head protectors permitted by FIFA are allowed.
- 4.6 Orthopaedic supports including knee braces and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material are not considered dangerous. Any support must be safe for all players and adequately padded and covered by a thick neoprene sleeve. If the referee deems any support dangerous, it must not be worn.
- 4.7 **Religious head gear** : As per OSA directive (Law 4 Update – 2007), it is appropriate for players to wear items such as the hijab provided it does not pose a danger to the player or to other players.

- 4.8 **Eyeglasses:** If a player wears eyeglasses on the field, the glasses MUST be approved sport spectacles. No metal or glass allowed.
- 4.9 The goalkeeper must wear colours which distinguish him/her from all outfield players.

## **Law 5.0 The Referee/Coach**

- 5.1 Referees will not be assigned to officiate U7 mini games.
- 5.2 One coach per team (as per NSC 3.31) will be permitted on the field of play. Each coach will be responsible for decisions concerning facts of play in their own half of the field.
- 5.3 The game must be stopped immediately if a player appears to be injured or bleeding.
- 5.4 Coaches will ensure that all players move away from an injured player but remain standing. (“Taking a knee” or sitting on the field in a sporting manner is unnecessary and can result in confusion as to who is actually injured and in need of attention, as well as muscle cramping from sudden player inactivity.)

## **Law 6.0 The Assistant Referee**

- 6.1 No assistant referees shall be provided.

## **Law 7.0 Duration of the Match**

- 7.1 U7 - 2x20 minute halves
- 7.2 The match shall consist of two equal halves with a half time interval of no more than 5 minutes.

## **Law 8.0 Start of Play**

- 8.1 At the beginning of the game, a coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal (side) it will defend in the first half of the match.
- 8.2 The other team takes the kick-off (gets the ball) to start the match.
- 8.3 In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack opposite goals. (The team that won the toss at the beginning of the match takes the kick-off to start the second half of the match.)
- 8.4 At the kick-off, all players shall be in their own half of the field, and not less than 6 yards from the ball.
- 8.5 The player taking the kick-off may not kick the ball a second time until it has been played, or touched, by another player.
- 8.6 A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-off.
- 8.7 For any infringement of the rules the kick-off shall be retaken.

## **Law 9.0 Ball In and Out of Play**

- 9.1 The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or the touch line whether on the ground or in the air, or when play has been stopped.

## **Law 10.0 Method of Scoring**

- 10.1 A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

## **Law 11.0 Offside**

- 11.1 The offside rule shall not apply.
- 11.2 A player/team found to be persistently abusing the spirit of the offside rule, (i.e. “cherry-picking” ), will be issued a warning. If the warning is not heeded, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the point of the infraction.)

## **Law 12.0 Fouls and Misconducts**

- 12.1 A player, who intentionally commits any of the following offences, shall be penalized by the awarding of an indirect free-kick to the opposing team: Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent, trips or attempts to trip an opponent, jumps at an opponent, spits at an opponent, charges an opponent, strikes or attempts to strike an opponent, holds an opponent, pushes an opponent, handles the ball deliberately, (except a goalkeeper from within his own penalty area,) or tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball.
- 12.2 Only the goalkeeper may handle the ball within the penalty area.
- 12.3 The six second rule shall not apply.
- 12.4 Standard discipline penalties for participant misconduct will be rendered from OSA Policy 9.0 in accordance with NSC Recreational Discipline Policy.

## **Law 13.0 Free Kicks**

- 13.1 All free kicks shall be indirect (two-touch). A goal cannot be scored directly from any free kick.
- 13.2 The kick shall be taken at the point where the infringement occurred. All opposing players must remain 6 yards from the ball at the taking of a free kick.
- 13.3 If the kicker touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 13.4 For a player taking a free-kick, within his own penalty-area, the ball shall be in play when it has been kicked and moved, and has passed outside the penalty-area.
- 13.5 All opponents shall be outside the penalty-area and not less than 6 yards from the ball until it has been kicked.
- 13.6 For any infringement of this rule, the free-kick shall be retaken.

## **Law 14.0 Penalty Kick**

- 14.1 Penalty kicks shall not apply as all free kicks shall be indirect.
- 14.2 *Exception: During playoffs and/or tournament matches whereby Penalty Kicks are used to determine a game winner in the event of a tie. See tournament/playoff rules for procedure.)*

## **Law 15.0 Kick-in** (Formerly Throw-In Revised by the OSA on April 29, 2006)

- 15.1 When the whole of the ball crosses over the touch-line, either on the ground or in the air, the ball shall be kicked-in from the point where it left the field of play, by a member of the team opposing that of the player who last played or touched it.
- 15.2 The kick-in shall be taken from the point on the touch line where it left the field of play.
- 15.3 The ball will be in play as soon as it enters the field of play.
- 15.4 All opposing players must remain 6 yards from the ball at the taking of a kick in.
- 15.5 If the kicker touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 15.6 A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in.

## **Law 16.0 Goal Kick**

- 16.1 When the whole of the ball passes over the goal-line, either on the ground or in the air, having last been played or touched by a member of the attacking team, a goal-kick shall be awarded to the defending team.
- 16.2 Goal kicks may be taken from any point within the goal area.
- 16.3 All opposing players must be outside the penalty area and behind or in-line with the edge of the centre circle. (This allows the ball to come back into play safely from a goal kick.)
- 16.4 The ball must leave the penalty area before it may be played by either team.
- 16.5 Should an infraction occur the goal kick shall be retaken.
- 16.6 If the kicker touches the ball a second time after it has left the penalty area and before it has been played or touched by another player, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 16.7 A goal may not be scored directly from a goal kick.

## **Law 17.0 Corner Kick**

- 17.1 When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, either on the ground or in the air, having last been played or touched by a member of the defending team, a corner-kick shall be awarded to the attacking team.
- 17.2 The corner-kick shall be taken from within the corner-arc nearest to where the ball crossed the goal-line.
- 17.3 All opponents shall be not less than 6 yards from the ball until it has been kicked.
- 17.4 The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
- 17.5 If the kicker touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the defending team.
- 17.6 A goal may not be scored directly from a corner kick.

## Appendix I

### **DISCIPLINE BY REVIEW (DBR) & DISCIPLINE BY HEARING (DBH)**

#### **\*\*RECREATIONAL DIVISIONS\*\***

Standard Discipline penalties for misconduct will be rendered from the OSA "Policy 9.0" Tables #5, #6 & #7. (See Appendix II) (These tables will be placed on the NSC web site and will also be posted in the office) The penalty range indicates the recommended minimum & maximum penalties for the offence. (Common sense & fairness will also be used in determining and administrating suspensions).

#### **For Players**

- DBR will be conducted by the Discipline Panel for any infraction or misconduct that has a three (3) game suspension or less.
- DBH will be conducted by the Discipline Chairman (DC) and at least 2 other persons for any infraction or misconduct that has a greater than three (3) game suspension.

#### **For Coaches and Others**

- DBR will be conducted by the Discipline Panel for any misconduct indicated in writing or by Special Incident Report (S.I.R.) that has a four (4) game suspension or less.
- DBH - Discipline by full Discipline Hearing Committee will be conducted for all other forms of misconduct.

The Discipline Committee will determine whether the incident is handled by the NSC or must be forwarded on to the District or O.S.A. for further action.

#### **Game Official Assault – (whether by player, Coach or Other)**

- Any person charged with Referee Assault will be immediately suspended from all soccer related activities and reported to the O.S.A.

#### **Note**

- Persons up for discipline will be contacted by the Discipline Chairman (D.C.) and will be notified of the process or procedure that will take place.
- The name of the suspended player(s) will be sent via e-mail to the Division Director, Head Referee and the NSC who will post the name(s) in the office and on our website.
- The name of suspended "Coaches & Others" will be sent via e-mail to the Division Director, Technical Director & Club President.

- Persons (registered as senior recreational players) who must attend or request to have DBH will be required to pay a \$25.00 non-refundable fee.

### **Appeals**

- Persons wishing to appeal the decision of the Discipline Committee must do so in writing, to the NSC, within 14 days of the decision being handed down. A payment or fee of \$100.00 must accompany the appeal request. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- Note: An appeal will only be considered if at least one of the following happens:
  - 1) New evidence not presented at the hearing comes to light
  - 2) A violation of the process occurs
  - 3) Excessive penalty or suspension handed down.

**Remember: The Referee's decision is final and cannot be appealed**

### **DATE FOR DBR & DBH**

- Every Tuesday evening at 0700 pm will be set as the time and date for DBR & DBH. (Special circumstances may preclude and another date will have to be selected)
- Having these sessions every Tuesday will allow the NSC to address important issues of Misconduct, such as Violent Conduct, Verbal Abuse of the Referee & etc., very quickly.
- The Safety of all our members and the fairness of the process is paramount.

### **NOTE**

- Any player or coach who is dismissed or ejected from a game will automatically be suspended from their next scheduled game. This will give the DC and the committee the time necessary to conduct "DBR" or "DBH". The person(s) affected will be contacted by the DC as to any further suspensions and or procedures.

### **NSC Discipline Chairman**

**Robert P. Marquis**

## Appendix II - OSA Policy 9.0 – Standard Penalties for Misconduct

*Table 5: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player*

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First playing seasonal Offence	Second playing seasonal Offence	Third or More playing 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 & any subsequent caution.	3 game suspension		
1.13	Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which neither of the cautions was directed at the game official(s).	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.14	Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which at least one of the cautions was directed at the game official(s).	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.15	Dismissed or reported by game official for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s). If racist or sexual comments - please see 1.73	1-game suspension	3-game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.16	Dismissed or reported by game official for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s). If racist or sexual comments - please see 1.73	3 game suspension	8 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.16 A	Dismissed or reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported	6 to 8 games suspension	8-12 games suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.17	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball".	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.18	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick".	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.19	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play". (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent when challenging for the ball, while the ball is in play). Otherwise see 1.21	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.19A	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious "attempt to injure" or "a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent" (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.21A	4-8 game suspension	8-12 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22

1.20	Dismissed or reported for "Spitting at an opponent or any other person", other than a game official. NOTE: Spitting at a game official is Misconduct Type 1.52.	4 game suspension	8 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.21	Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct".	3 game suspension	6 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.21 A	Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure a registrant or non-registrant.	6-10 game suspension	10-15 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22
1.22	Received and found guilty of a third dismissal in a playing season within that league or competition	1 - 11 month suspension		
1.23	Senior player played as an ineligible player.	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	8 game suspension
1.25	Re-enters the field of play or player bench area after having been dismissed from the game by the game official	2 game suspension	5 game suspension	See misconduct 1.22

**Table 6: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player**

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Lifetime Offence	Second Lifetime Offence	Third or More Lifetime Offence
1.51	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for "deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening".	6-12 month suspension + \$200.00 fine	1-3 year suspension + \$200.00 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension
1.52	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for "striking , spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct".	2-5 year suspension + \$400.00 fine	5-10 year suspension + \$400.00 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension
1.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of <b>game official assault</b> .	player is fined \$100.00 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
1.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.65	Instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during, or after a game.	1-3 month suspension	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.66	Senior player acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule". (see restrictions in policy 9.11)	1-3 month suspension	3-12 month suspension	7-12 month suspension
1.67	Acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game. (see restrictions in policy 9.11)	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Provided an invalid photograph for registration purposes.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.69	Provided false information or withheld information (including date of birth; Club,	3-6 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension

	country, and year last registered; etc.) on a player registration form.			
1.70	Provided a false address on the player registration form.	1-3 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
1.71	Participated in any soccer related activity under a false name.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.73	Dismissed or reported by a game official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during the game or in the vicinity of the playing field either during or after the game	1-3 month suspension	4-6 month suspension	7-12 month suspension
1.74	Reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member(s)	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
1.75	Directly or indirectly encouraged or assisted in the establishment or operation of a soccer organization or competition unless that soccer organization is an affiliated governing organization of The OSA or the Player is only acting as a player or team official	6-12 month suspension	18-24 month suspension	3-5 year suspension

**Table 7: Standard Penalties for Misconduct by Team Officials**

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First playing seasonal Offence	Second playing seasonal Offence	Third or More playing seasonal Offence
<i>Team Official</i>				
2.13	Dismissed or reported for persisting in misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game official" for which neither of the offences was directed at the game official(s)..	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	See misconduct 2.22
2.14	Dismissed or reported for persistent misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game official" for which at least one of the offences was directed at the game official(s)..	2 game suspension	5 game suspension	See misconduct 2.22
2.15	Dismissed or reported for using "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s).	2 game suspension	5 game suspension	See misconduct 2.22
2.16	Dismissed or reported for using "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s).	4 game suspension	9 game suspension	See misconduct 2.22
2.16A	Dismissed or reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported	7 to 9 game suspension	3 to 6 months suspension	See misconduct 2.22
2.22	Received and found guilty of a third dismissal in a playing season within that league or competition	3 - 11 month suspension		
2.25	Re-enters the field of play or player's bench area after having been dismissed from the game by the game official	3 game suspension	6 game suspension	See misconduct 2.22

		<b>First Lifetime Offense</b>	<b>Second Lifetime Offense</b>	<b>Third Lifetime Offense</b>
2.41	Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a mini-soccer registered player or youth registered player.	3-12 month suspension +\$300.00 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$400.00 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension + \$500.00 fine
2.51	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for "deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc. ) or attempted physical contact or threatening".	6-12 month suspension + \$300.00 fine	1-3 year suspension + \$400.00 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension + \$500.00 fine
2.52	<b>Game Official Assault</b> for "striking, spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct".	2-5 year suspension + \$300.00 fine	5-10 year suspension + \$400.00 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension \$500.00 fine
2.53	Made deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempts physical contact with, or threatens, a registrant or non-registrant of the O.S.A. (excluding a Game Official, or a mini/youth registered player).	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	5 year suspension
2.54	Struck, spat on, kicked, or committed any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct, against a registrant or non-registrant of the O.S.A. (excluding a Game Official, or a mini/youth registered player)	2-5 year suspension	5-10 year suspension	10 year suspension
2.58	When request by a player, refused to give the player his/her registration book within 5 days	\$100.00 fine	\$200.00 fine	\$400.00 fine
2.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of <b>game official assault</b> .	Accused is fined \$100.00 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
2.63	Played an ineligible or suspended player in a sanctioned game or permitted a suspended player who is suspended from all soccer related activity	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.65	Instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during, or after a game.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.66	Acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule". <b>(see restrictions in Policy 9.11)</b>	1-6 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
2.67	Acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game. <b>(see restrictions in Policy 9.11)</b>	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form. d) Knowingly provided an invalid photograph of a person for the purpose of registering that person.	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.70	Provided a false address on the player registration form.	1-3 month suspension	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension
2.71	Participated in a soccer related activity under a false name	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension

2.72	Induced or attempted to induce a registered player to leave his/her team before the end of that team's current playing season.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.73	Dismissed or reported by a game official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during a game or in the vicinity of the playing field either during or after the game.	6-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.74	Reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member(s)	3-12 month suspension	1-3 year suspension	2-5 year suspension
2.75	Directly or indirectly encouraged or assisted in the establishment or operation of a soccer organization or competition unless that soccer organization is an affiliated governing organization of The OSA or the Team Official is only acting as a player or team official	6-12 month suspension	18-24 month suspension	3-5 year suspension