



## DISCIPLINE

For the period of May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> in the current year, the WSC Discipline Committee will hold discipline hearings starting at 8:00 PM each week on Thursday evenings, as required, at the WSC office located at 1501 Howard Ave., Unit 202, Windsor, Ontario, N8X 3T5.

A minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5, members of the Discipline Committee (or pro tem co-opted WSC Directors) will form a quorum at any discipline hearing. Where there is a possible conflict of interest, this must be declared by the Discipline Committee member / WSC Director, who will then be excused from sitting on the discipline hearing panel for that particular matter.

Windsor Soccer Club follows a strict set of Discipline Policies and Procedures set out by the Ontario Soccer Association. It is the responsibility of every WSC member to educate themselves on the OSA rules regarding discipline and appeals. This information can be found on the OSA website at: OSA Policy: Section 9.0 Discipline.

### **Yellow/Red Cards**

#### Yellow

Two (2) yellow cards in the same game is an automatic suspension (red card).

Three (3) yellow cards in the same playing season result in a 1 game suspension.

Four (4) yellow cards in the same playing season result in no suspension.

Five (5) yellow cards in the same playing season result in a 2 game suspension.

#### Red

If a player is shown a red card but has not received any notification of suspension, they are allowed to play until notified otherwise. Referees have up to five days to submit a report, and the club has 30 days to act, so please DO NOT assume that the suspension automatically takes place the following game.

**Discipline by Review** – Less serious charges as per the OSA discipline policies, section 9.0. Registrant is found either guilty or not guilty and there is NO APPEAL once the decision is rendered.

**Discipline by Hearing** – More serious charges as per the OSA discipline policies, section 9.0. The player charged is requested to attend a hearing before a panel of three WSC Discipline Committee members. A hearing date will be set within the time lines under the process required by the OSA. The panel will render a decision resulting in either guilty (could result in ban from ALL soccer related activity), or not guilty.

Any player / team official who has been notified to attend a discipline hearing must appear on the determined time and date. Anyone accused, who fails to attend the discipline hearing will automatically be suspended from all WSC activities until they comply by attending a duly convened discipline hearing. The Discipline Committee will also inform the suspended person, the coach(es) and ECSA, as applicable, by telephone, to be confirmed in writing. WSC activities will include, but not be limited to, games and practices. In the case of a discipline hearing for a player, the player's coach(es) and parent(s) / guardian(s) must also attend the hearing.

**Appeal Process** – For discipline cases which fall under the Discipline by Review policy of the Ontario Soccer Association, the accused has the right to request that his/her case be dealt with under the Discipline by Hearing system should they believe the dismissal was unwarranted. This request for a hearing must be received within 72 hours of receiving the dismissal and must be accompanied by the request for hearing fee of \$50.00.

The Windsor Soccer Club will only deal with discipline complaints filed in writing and signed, per the provisions of WSC Rule 16, by registered mail, to the full Board of Directors of the WSC, addressed to the Secretary, Windsor Soccer Club, 11581 Leathorne St., Windsor, On. N8P 1J8. Anonymous complaints will not be considered. Remember that you are appealing the dismissal, and there is no appeal once the decision has been rendered. The \$50.00 fee is refundable only if the appeal is successful.

**Note:** you cannot appeal two yellow cards that resulted in a red card.



For discipline cases which fall under the Discipline by Hearing policy of the Ontario Soccer Association, the offending has the right to request that his/her case be appealed to the Essex County Soccer Association, 9655 McHugh St., Windsor, On. N8P 0A8 (phone # 519-979-9254; Fax @ 519-945-6256).

All persons affected by the decisions handed down by the WSC Discipline Committee will be advised in writing (by registered mail) per WSC Rule 16.

**Special Incident** – Reports filed as a result of incidents that take place on or off the field that are outside of the standard 'laws of the game' guidelines. Incidents include: verbal abuse by team officials, spectator behaviour, weather issues etc.

***Special Note:***

Any team official who for whatever reason during a game pulls his/her team off the field will be subject to disciplinary action depending on the Discipline Committee findings.

Teams will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators and will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. If the team is found guilty it shall forfeit the game. Forfeits will be recorded as 3:0 loss by default

Windsor Soccer Club reserves the right demand the appearance of any it's members for any further disciplinary action.