

OAKVILLE SOCCER CLUB DISCIPLINE POLICY



The Oakville Soccer Club follows a strict set of Discipline Policies and Procedures set out by the Ontario Soccer Association. It is the responsibility of every OSC 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.

Discipline Committee

House League – The OSC Discipline Committee is composed of both volunteers and staff. All committee members have attended the Discipline Program run by the Peel Halton Soccer Association and are fully qualified to oversee the process. The Discipline Chairman is Ian Daley and the Discipline Coordinator is [Richard Bowden](#).

Rep – All of the regional and provincial leagues have their own discipline procedures. We recommend that coaches and team officials familiarize themselves with their respective processes. The Oakville Soccer Club does provide support at the hearing stage and we will do our best to answer any questions that may arise at the team level.

Yellow/Red Cards

Yellow – Two yellow cards in the same game is an automatic dismissal (red card). Three yellow cards in the same playing season result in a 1 game suspension.

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

Five 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 OSC 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. Appeals are allowed after a hearing, but are made to the Ontario Soccer Association.

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.

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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 and will be fined as per findings of the Discipline Committee. Forfeits will be recorded as 1:0 loss by default

Referee Assault – Referee reports are immediately filed to the Peel Halton Soccer Association. The accused player is suspended immediately from playing pending the hearing at Peel Halton.

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 Oakville Soccer Club will only deal with discipline complaints filed in writing and signed. 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.

Protests – Game protests based upon the referee's interpretation of the 'laws of the game' will not be considered. Referee decisions are final and cannot be overturned. Protests can only be made on the basis that rules of the Oakville Soccer Club or Ontario Soccer Association have been broken.

Protests must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 which is refundable in the event that the protest is successful.

R Zone – The RZone is an Oakville town-wide procedure that promotes a positive, safe and supportive environment for all members of the public and staff. Violence, vandalism, and inappropriate behavior are not acceptable and will be reported within 48 hours to the Town of Oakville. Below is an example of RZone policy:

- Be respectful to those around you. Use appropriate language in written and verbal communications.
- Listen to others express their point of view.
- Avoid behavior that would intimidate or discourage others.
- Report activities such as verbal assaults, threats/aggression, physical harm, alcohol consumption, theft, and harassment.
- Remember to respect property, materials, and equipment when using services or participating in programs.

Oakville Soccer Club works closely with the Town of Oakville to ensure that all participants have a positive experience during their soccer activities regardless of whether they are players or spectators.