



ARTICLE 1 - DISCIPLINE

1. General Principles

- 1.1. In the event of any affiliated club, official, player, coach, referee or member of an affiliated club, being reported to the Executive Committee for an alleged breach of the Rules and Constitution, or misconduct which is alleged to have brought the game into disrepute, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee of not less than three persons to enquire into the alleged offence.
- 1.2. If after fully investigating the alleged breach of misconduct and if the allegation is proven the Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to expel or suspend the offending club, official, player, coach, referee or member or to deal with the matter in such manner as the Committee considers fit. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be conveyed in writing by the Discipline Officer to the offending club, player, coach, referee or member within seven (7) days of the hearing.
- 1.3. Any club, official player, coach, referee or member found guilty by the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to appeal to an Appeal Tribunal appointed by the Executive Committee against any decision or punishment imposed by the Disciplinary Committee but such appeal must be lodged in writing with the Discipline Officer within fourteen (14) days of the notification of the decision of punishment. The appeal must be heard within fourteen (14) days of its receipt by the Discipline Officer. No member of the Disciplinary Committee shall be a member of the Appeal Tribunal.

2. Applicable Sanctions

- 2.1. The following sanctions are applicable to physical persons guilty of infringements, mentioned in the regulation
 - 2.1.1. Warning;
 - 2.1.2. Letter of reprimand;
 - 2.1.3. Fine;
 - 2.1.4. Suspension of activities or execution of functions;
 - 2.1.5. Expulsion;
- 2.2. The sanctions applicable to Clubs and to Teams are:
 - 2.2.1. Fine;
 - 2.2.2. Relegation;
 - 2.2.3. Lost game or event
 - 2.2.4. Temporary exclusion;



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2.2.5. Games and events to be held under “closed doors” (without the presence of the supporters of any of the teams competing)

2.2.6. Expulsion

2.3. Without prejudice to these sanctions, the specific sanctions concerning «Rules of the game and of competitions» remain applicable and may result in the removal of participants during a game or an event

2.4. The Player, the Team or the Club that does not respect financial obligations laid down in the regulations is suspended from the practice of sports until the obligation has been fulfilled.

3. Aggravating Circumstances

The following are considered to be offences with aggravating circumstances, namely:

3.1. Deliberately provoking injuries;

3.2. Premeditation;

3.3. Not complying with decisions taken by the officials;

3.4. When the unsportsmanlike aspect of the offence has repercussions on the public or any other participants in the game or event;

3.5. When the offence leads to disturbances in the peace;

3.6. When the offence is committed during the execution of a sanction;

3.7. A second offence committed within a one year time period following the execution of the first sanction, of equal or superior seriousness, or following two sanctions of inferior seriousness in relation to the committed offence in question;

3.8. When the offence undermines the prestige and the image of IHI or the members of its Committees.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

The following are considered to be disciplinary offences with extenuating circumstances, namely:

4.1. Good behaviour and the fact that the player has not been sanctioned in the last years;

4.2. A spontaneous confession of the offence;

4.3. The rendering of important services to the sport, as a player, official, coach or sports executive;

4.4. The fact of having been provoked;

4.5. To be underage;

4.6. To act under superior orders;



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4.7. To sincerely regret having committed the offence.



ARTICLE 2 - APPEALS

1. General Principles

- 1.1. In the event of an appeal in a matter, other than a disciplinary matter, any affiliate, club, official, player, coach, referee or a member of any affiliated club wishing to appeal shall do so in writing to the Discipline Officer of the Association. The Discipline Officer who must receive the appeal within fourteen (14) days of the date of the notice of the original decision shall then convene an Appeal Commission.
- 1.2. The Appeal Commission shall consist of three (3) officers of the Association who may be accompanied by advisors where necessary but it shall not include any person who has had a prior involvement in the matter being appealed. In the event of there not being three (3) officers eligible or available to form the Appeal Commission, the Chair of the Executive shall have the power to select an appropriate person or persons to complete the Appeal Commission. The Appeal Commission shall meet within fourteen (14) days of the date of the receipt of the notice of the appeal.
- 1.3. The letter of appeal shall state the reason or reasons for the appeal and shall be supported by an appeal fee of €100. The appellant(s) shall have the right to be accompanied at the appeal hearing by a person or persons of their choice but the names and details of such person or persons must be included in the letter of appeal. In the event of the appeal being unsuccessful the appeal fee shall be forfeited to the funds of the Association unless the Appeal Commission decides otherwise. The decision of the Appeal Commission shall be final and the relevant parties shall be notified of the decision in writing by the Discipline Officer within seven (7) days of the hearing.
- 1.4. The appellant shall remain suspended while the appeal process is in progress.

2. Appeals Arbitration

All decisions issued under the Appeals procedure set out in Articles 1 and 2 above may be appealed by the appellant by referral to Just Sport Ireland, within 14 days from receipt of such decision, for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules (Appendix 6) See: www.justsport.ie/mediation



ARTICLE 3 - ORDINARY MEDIATION / ARBITRATION

All other disputes arising out of or in connection with the Constitution and Bye-Laws shall be referred to Just Sport Ireland for resolution by mediation in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Mediation Rules. If the dispute remains unresolved at the conclusion of the mediation process, the dispute shall be referred to Just Sport Ireland for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules.

(Appendix 6) See: www.justsport.ie/mediation