

DRS League Ejection Policy

The DRS League, aiming for a safer and cleaner atmosphere at the ballpark, and to fulfill a requirement established by Northwest Umpires, self-imposed the following sanctions on individuals when they have been ejected by umpires. The intent of the policy is to curtail arguing with umpires, eliminate foul language and fighting, by providing a penalty mechanism for Managers that might control themselves and/or their more disruptive ballplayers. The policy includes ANY league or playoff ballgame played by a DRS League team. *It does not include non-league games* (clarified 11/3/16).

All player ejections will be met with a minimum one (1) game suspension (see Grade A & B suspensions below), which must be served in the next League game the player attends, and must be served while in uniform and on the bench. This includes Playoff games. This rule does not apply to Managers, if a Manager is a player as well, they may Manage the next game but may not play (per By-Law amendment January 14, 2008).

Per the Umpire Ejection/Incident Report filed to both Northwest Umpires and the DRS League Officers, the DRS League Officers will review the Ejection/Incident to rule if the suspension is a Grade A or Grade B suspension, which are described below:

GRADE A SUSPENSION

Grade A suspensions include, but are not limited to:

- Prolonged arguing, and/or the use of excessive profane language
- Fighting or threatening an umpire, player or fan
- Malicious contact during play

Ejection and subsequent suspensions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The incident will trigger an automatic review by the DRS President, VP/Secretary, and Treasurer to determine discipline. Final decisions will more than likely result in a Grade A suspension if there are questions or grey areas surrounding the incident.

Grade A Suspension Penalty:

1st Incident within one season: Suspended for 3 additional games

2nd Incident within one season: Suspended for 6 additional games

GRADE B SUSPENSION

For instances in which an umpire might have been “quick” in making an ejection and when the circumstances and accounts of the ejection support an appeal, the incident may be sustained as a Grade B suspension.

Grade B Suspension Penalty:

1st Incident within one season: Suspended for 1 additional game

2nd Incident within one season: Suspended for 3 additional games

3rd Incident within one season: Suspended for 6 additional games

4th Incident within one season: Suspended for the remainder of the season/playoffs

Dated: 4/27/2015

DRS Officers:

Mike Sticha President

Sean O'Neill Secretary

Chris Hertaus Treasurer