



Iowa Premier Soccer League Rules and Policies

PART VI

DISCIPLINE & HEARING PROCEDURES

601: Discipline

Section 1: All matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game except as amended in these rules and policies.

Section 2: All discipline involving an ejection of any head coach, assistant coach, trainer and/or spectator shall be forwarded to the League Director before 10:00pm the day of the match by the head referee. It is the responsibility of the referee to provide a written report, with supporting reports from the assistant referees within 48 hours of the incident.

Section 3: All members are required to participate on hearing or discipline committees if requested.

602: Send-Off

Section 1: Any player receiving a red card must sit their next scheduled IPSL match with the team they received the red card.

- The sitting player must be brought to the attention of the Head Referee and notation made on the match report to the fact that the player sat the game.

Section 2: Any Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager receiving a send-off must sit the next scheduled IPSL match for the team they received the card.

- Any coach, assistant coach, manager or trainer that has been sent off is to leave the facility immediately.
- Any coach, assistant coach, manager or trainer IS NOT allowed to be present at the field for his/her next scheduled game with the team he/she was given a send-off.
- Any Member found violating this section, will be suspended for a minimum of 3 games or the remainder of the seasonal year, whichever is less.
- The designated Coach of Record will advise the Head Referee that the coach, asst. coach, manager or trainer is sitting the send-off and verify that the offender is not present at the field.

Section 3: Any player, head coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager found to violate any rules or section of these rules will be brought in front of a Disciplinary Committee of three members designated by the League Committee for a hearing.

Section 4: The League Director will convene a Disciplinary Committee, which will be comprised of the following members:

- The League Director who will serve as mediator. (The League Director will not vote).

- Three members from the League Committee designated as the "Hearing Committee". They may have no affiliation with the member(s) involved.

Section 5: Disciplinary Committee procedures

- The committee may call any witness to speak at the hearing.
- The alleged violator may call any witness to speak at the hearing.
- After hearing all evidence presented, the Disciplinary Committee will make a determination of the discipline to be handed out.
- Unless the violated rules have a specific punishment the Disciplinary Committee will determine the punishment, which may be any of the following:
 - Verbal Warning/Written Warning.
 - Suspension.
 - Removal from the league.

603: Protests

Section 1: Any team wishing to protest any contest must contact the League Director within 12 Hours after the end of the match to be protested. The protesting team will present a written account of the protest to the League within 48 hours

- The League Director will convene a Hearing Committee consisting of the;
- The League Director who will serve as mediator. (The League Director will not vote).
- Three members from the League Committee designated as the "Hearing Committee". They may have no affiliation with the member(s) involved.
- The Hearing Committee will take into consideration all facts surrounding the protest and render a decision.
- After hearing the facts the Committee will decide to:
 - Uphold the protest.
 - Deny the protest.

Section 2: If the Committee upholds the protest the League Director will decide when and where the game will be replayed unless both coaches agree a rematch is not in the best interest of the teams. It is also the League Director's responsibility to advise all the teams affected of the committee's decision and game reschedule.

Section 3: The findings of the Hearing Committee are final and no further protests are allowed.

605: Procedures involving Suspensions, Fines, Termination and Reinstatement.

Section 1: All Suspensions, Fines, Termination Upon a determination of the League Committee to Suspend, Fine or Terminate a Member the following procedure will apply:

- The League Director will direct that a letter containing the specific reasons for the suspension, fine or termination be drafted.
- The letter will contain the infraction, cite the applicable rule(s), date the suspension or termination begins, date the suspension or termination ends, the address any appeals can be mailed to, the amount of the fine (if applicable) and the date by which time the fine must be paid and the League Directors signature.
- The letter will then be electronically transmitted to the affected member.
- If after a period of seven (7) days a letter of appeal has not been received the League Director will direct that a letter be prepared advising the IPSL that the member and/or member team have been suspended, fined or terminated.

606: Procedures for Appeal of a Suspension, Fine or Termination

Section 1: Upon receipt of a letter of Suspension, Fine or Termination the affected member or in the case of a member team the designated Head Coach, shall have seven (7) days to file a Letter of Appeal.

- The Letter of Appeal will contain a request for a hearing, the names and address of any witnesses that the member will produce at the hearing and a list of any and;
- All evidence and/or documents he/she plans to produce at the hearing.
- The member will then electronically transmit the letter to the address listed on his/her letter of suspension, fine or termination.
- Upon receipt of a Letter of Appeal the League Director will forward the documents to the ISA Executive Director.
- It will be incumbent upon the affected Member to advise any and all witnesses he/she wishes to produce for the hearing committee of the hearing procedures.

Section 2: The League Director will convene a Hearing Committee, which will be comprised of the following members:

- The League Director who will serve as mediator. (The League Director will not vote).
- Three members from the League Committee designated as the "Hearing Committee". They may have no affiliation with the member(s) involved.
- Hearings will be conducted electronically unless it is in the best interest of all the parties to conduct the meeting in person.

Section 3: The Hearing Procedures will be as follows

- The League Director will provide the hearing committee with any documentation or testimony supporting the Suspension, Fine or Termination no less than three days in advance of the hearing
- The hearing committee may request additional information prior to the start of the hearing.
- The Member will then be allowed to present his/her evidence, testimony and/or documents which will support his/her position.
- All witness testimony will be limited to only the facts surrounding the reasons for the Suspension, Fine or Termination.
- After the affected Member(s) have presented their case, the League Director will close the hearing.
- Once the hearing has closed, the League Director will call for a vote from the members of the Hearing Committee. The Hearing Committee Members may only vote to:
 - Uphold the Suspension, Fine or Termination
 - Modify the Suspension, Fine or Termination
 - Overturn the Suspension, Fine or Termination

Section 4: After the vote the hearing committee members, the League Director will prepare a letter containing the results of the committee vote and transmit it electronically to the appealing member within 48 hours.

Section 5: The Decision of the Hearing Committee is final and no other Appeals will be entertained.

Section 8: The Hearing may be audio recorded.