

## Great Lakes Ringette League ( GLRL )

Proposal: setting up a **Safety / Supplementary Disciplinary Committee** - 2023-2024 Season

Review video of dangerous play to determine if supplementary discipline and / or educational situations might be required. Propose setting up a Safety / Supplementary Disciplinary Committee consisting of a minimum of 3 members up to 5 members, representing each of the 3 regions. The GLRL executive will appoint the committee prior to the first season league game each year.

The focus of the committee would be to assess dangerous situations missed by referees in GLRL games.

Situations assessed a major penalty will **not** be reviewed.

Situations assessed a minor penalty will **not** be reviewed.

These plays were assessed by referees on the ice.

If the submitter deems the assessed penalty is not appropriate, they should speak to their RIC for clarification.

The purpose of this committee is not to over ride referee calls on ice.

The purpose of this committee is to help foster a safer environment, sportsmanship, and more enjoyable ringette experience for all GLRL players. GLRL realizes many games are now recorded by teams and families. With these videos, on occasion plays maybe recorded that a coach would like reviewed for possible action by the league. The intent is to improve safety and to support our officials. The hope is to reduce dangerous physical play.

This committee would review video submission of dangerous play and then make recommendations on supplementary discipline to the GLRL Executive. Voting to pass must be 51% amongst the committee. If a committee member has a conflict of interest, the Executive Chair can assign another member temporarily appointed on a case-by-case basis.

The review process will be starting for the 2023-2024 season.

This process should only be used as a last resort. We encourage all coaches to first raise concerns within their associations, referee-in-chief and/or convenors.

- 1) The video review process is only applicable to league play. GLRL cannot rule on tournament games, nor enforce our rules as a result of or on tournament games. Only plays during the time teams have stepped on the ice until they have stepped off the ice will be reviewed.
- 2) GLRL will not review goals or waived off goals. The call of the official as recorded on the game is final.
- 3) GLRL will not review flow of game rules such as blue line violations, crease violation, shot clock, 4-in rules etc.
- 4) Any videos that a team wish to have reviewed must be submitted by your association's GLRL Representative who will forward to the GLRL Vice President.
  - a. For privacy and security reasons, videos submitted for review must not contain the full name of the child. Instead, only the association name and player number should be included in any correspondence.
  - b. A deposit of \$300.00 is required from the association. The association is responsible to collect fees from teams, coaches, players, parents, as the association deems fit. The deposit is refundable only in the instance in which the appeal is upheld in whole or in part. If it is determined that no action by the GLRL is warranted, the deposit is forfeited.
  - c. The submission details must include: date of game, time of game, opponent, location of game, description of context and jersey # of player.

- d. Video is to be no longer than 45 sec. in duration.
  - e. We ask associations wait at least 24 hours prior to submitting the video.
  - f. Considerations:
    - i. Was a penalty called on the play? If so it is non reviewable
    - ii. If yes, was a Major penalty assessed.
    - iii. Was player injured in the play?
    - iv. Did the coach discuss with the official at the time of the infraction.
    - v. Have the concerns been raised through the association?
- 5) Video clips will be submitted to the GLRL Vice President within 7 days of the game in question and will then pass on to the Disciplinary Committee for review.
  - 6) An acknowledgement that a clip has been submitted will be sent to both teams within approx.2 days by the Vice President.
  - 7) GLRL will strive to provide a decision within 5-10 days.
  - 8) When reviewing the dangerous play in question the review committee may consider (but not limited to) any one the following criteria.
    - a. Did the player have time and space to avoid the dangerous play.
    - b. Could have or did result in player injury.
    - c. Dangerous / reckless play near the boards
    - d. Dangerous / reckless contact to the head
    - e. Appeared intentional or retaliatory.
    - f. Is this a repeat offense for the player and / or team
    - g. The review committee and/ or the GLRL Executive may reach out the coaches, players and any known witness of the play to obtain further information and comments to help explain the situation.
  - 9) Upon review of the Video, GLRL Disciplinary Committee could recommend any of the following to the Executive depending on the severity of the infraction.
    - h. Take no action.
    - i. Issue a warning letter to the team whose player committed the infraction and/or administrative educational responsibilities.
    - j. Issue a 1 or more game suspension (impacting GLRL games only) to player(s) that committed the infraction and/or,
    - k. Issue a 1 game suspension to a member or members of the coaching staff of the team whose player committed the infraction.

The GLRL Vice-President will then inform all applicable parties on what action the Executive decides to take based on the recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee.

- 10) Repeat athlete offenders will have a doubling of suspensions. Suspension history will carry over for subsequent seasons. The offense count will continue to double year over year, but fines will reset at the beginning of each league year.
  - l. 1<sup>st</sup> suspension = 1 game
  - m. 2<sup>nd</sup> suspension = 2 games
  - n. 3<sup>rd</sup> suspension = 4 games
- 11) For teams with multiple athlete offenders within the current season, GLRL Executive, in addition to the disciplinary actions noted in point 6 & 7, could levy the following team fines at their discretion.

- o. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$200.00 fine
- p. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$300.00 fine
- q. 4<sup>th</sup> offense \$400.00 fine

12) Share the ruling / video with RIC of home association involved and answer any questions.

- r. Any appeal of the ruling can be submitted through the current GLRL appeals process.