

# Great Lakes Ringette League (GLRL)

## Supplementary Discipline Committee Policy

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and transparent framework for supplementary discipline within the Great Lakes Ringette League (GLRL). The goal is to foster a safer environment, promote sportsmanship, and provide an enjoyable ringette experience for all participants. This policy also ensures alignment with [Ringette Ontario's Reciprocity Policy](#), so that suspensions and sanctions are recognized consistently across both league and tournament play.

### 2. Committee Structure

- The Supplementary Discipline Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members and up to five (5) members.
- The GLRL Executive will appoint committee members prior to the first league game each season.
- If a committee member has a conflict of interest, the Executive Chair may temporarily appoint a replacement member on a case-by-case basis.

### 3. Scope of Review

- The committee will review video evidence of dangerous play that may warrant supplementary discipline or educational measures.
- Situations assessed by referees as major penalties or minor penalties will not be reviewed. If a submitter believes a penalty was assessed incorrectly, they should discuss the matter with their Referee-in-Chief (RIC). **The committee is not intended to override referee decisions made on the ice.**
- The committee focuses on incidents that may have been missed by referees and that pose safety risks.
- Reviews are limited to incidents occurring during GLRL league play (from the time teams' step onto the ice until they leave). Tournament games are not subject to GLRL review; however, any suspensions imposed by GLRL will be recognized in tournament play in accordance with [Ringette Ontario's Reciprocity Policy](#).
- The committee will not review goals, disallowed goals, or gameplay rules such as blue line violations, crease violations, shot clock infractions, or 4-in rules.

### 4. Submitting a Video for Review

- Videos must be submitted by a team's GLRL Representative, who forwards the request to the GLRL Vice-President.

**Submission Requirements:**

- Video clips must be no longer than 45 seconds.
- Submissions must include date, time, opponent, location, jersey number of the player, and a brief description of the incident.
- Videos must not contain full player names; only the association name and jersey number may be referenced.
- **A deposit of \$300 is required with each submission.** This deposit is refundable only if the appeal is upheld in whole or in part; otherwise, it is forfeited.
- Associations are asked to wait at least 24 hours after a game before submitting a request.
- Submissions must be made within 7 days of the game in question
- The Vice-President will acknowledge receipt of the submission within approximately 2 days and forward the video to the committee for review.
- Decisions will typically be rendered within 5–10 days.

**5. Review Considerations**

When reviewing video evidence, the committee may consider (but is not limited to) the following factors:

- Did the player have time and space to avoid the dangerous play?
- Could the play reasonably have resulted in injury?
- Did the incident involve dangerous or reckless play near the boards?
- Did the incident involve dangerous or reckless contact to the head?
- Did the play appear intentional or retaliatory?
- Has the player or team previously committed similar infractions?
- The committee and/or GLRL Executive may contact coaches, players, or witnesses for further information.

**6. Disciplinary Actions**

Upon review, the GLRL Supplementary Discipline Committee may recommend, and the Executive may impose, any of the following actions:

- No Action – No supplementary discipline required.
- Warning or Education – A written warning and/or assignment of educational responsibilities.
- Player Suspension – Suspension of one (1) or more games for the offending player(s). Suspensions apply to GLRL-sanctioned games, including both league and tournament play, and are enforced in accordance with [Ringette Ontario's Reciprocation Policy](#).
- Coaching Suspension – Suspension of one (1) game for a member or members of the coaching staff of the team whose player committed the infraction.

The GLRL Vice-President will notify all applicable parties of the Executive's decision.

## 7. Repeat Offenders

Suspensions for repeat offenders escalate on a doubling basis. Suspension history carries over into subsequent seasons, while team fines reset annually.

- 1st suspension = 1 game
- 2nd suspension = 2 games
- 3rd suspension = 4 games
- 4th suspension = 8 games, and so on

All suspensions apply to GLRL league and tournament play and will be enforced in line with Ringette Ontario's Reciprocity Policy.

## 8. Team Offenses

If multiple athletes from the same team commit infractions within a single season, the GLRL Executive may impose additional fines on the team, in addition to individual suspensions:

- 2nd offense = \$200 fine
- 3rd offense = \$300 fine
- 4th offense = \$400 fine

These fines are intended to encourage proactive responsibility for safe play at the team and association level.

## 9. Communication and Appeals

- Following a disciplinary decision, the GLRL Vice-President will share the ruling and any related video evidence with the RIC of the home association involved.
- The Vice-President will also be available to respond to questions or clarifications from teams or associations.
- Any appeal of a disciplinary ruling must be submitted through the current GLRL Appeals Process. Appeals will be reviewed in accordance with league procedures and recognized under [Ringette Ontario's Reciprocity Policy](#).

**This updated policy ensures that disciplinary actions within GLRL are fair, transparent, and consistently enforced, supporting a safe and respectful environment for all participants.**