

Tournament/Event Discipline Frequently Asked Questions

As an applicant to host a sanctioned tournament under the jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA), the applicant confirms the awareness of the financial and service commitment in undertaking the hosting of the event. The applicant confirms to have read and understood the Tournament Sanctioning Policy and agrees to abide by the policies and standards set forth by the SSA.

1. Do I have to have a Discipline Committee?

Yes. This is a requirement outlined in the Technical and Administrative Standards and a part of the [Tournament/Event Sanctioning Policy](#).

2. A red card has been issued. What do I do next?

After receiving the Misconduct Report from the Referee, the tournament must follow the procedure as outlined in the [SSA Policy Section 5 – Discipline](#) under the Event Discipline Procedure.

3. I don't have a Misconduct Report.

It is the responsibility of the Member Organization and Tournament Organizer to ensure all appropriate documentation is in place prior to submitting your application. Further, on the [SSA Website](#), there are several resources which can assist you.

4. I am following my Club/ Member Organization Discipline Chart.

All sanctioned tournaments must observe the [SSA Policy Section 5 – Discipline](#) – Event Discipline Procedure with Sanctions for Misconduct as outlined in the relevant sections. Please review ALL sections.

5. My Member Organization Discipline Policy does not match the SSA Discipline Policy. Can I use that one instead?

All sanctioned tournaments must observe the [SSA Policy Section 5 – Discipline](#).

To maintain **the privileges** of membership, SSA Member Organizations shall ensure that all participants and organizations under their authority are **in compliance with the bylaws, policies and directives of SSA at all times**. Further, **Members shall work in partnership with SSA** and other members to grow the game and **align efforts with SSA's strategic and operational plans**. Member shall not interfere with or undermine the efforts of other SSA Members. For a complete list of responsibilities, please see [SSA Section 2 – Member Rights and Responsibilities](#).

6. Team Contacts stated they did not know about these discipline measures.

Administrative Standards from the SSA Tournament Sanctioning Policy state:

“A Tournament Rulebook is provided to participating teams and contains the following, as a minimum:

- i. Policy on refunds to participating teams if all, or a portion of, the tournament is cancelled by the Tournament Organizer for any reason.
- ii. Policies and/or provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled. These policies and provisions **must be aligned to the SSA Code of Conduct and the SSA Discipline Policy**.
- iii. **Tournament Discipline Policy that is aligned to the SSA Discipline Policy.**
- iv. Procedures for protests and appeals.

Failure to provide this is a breach of the Tournament Sanctioning Administrative Standards.



7. I have a relationship with the opponent's team staff. After the red card, everyone agreed that it was not supposed to be a red card.

The decisions of the referee on points of fact connected to play are final.

All sanctioned tournaments must observe the [SSA Policy Section 5 – Discipline](#).

Failure to observe this is a breach of the Tournament Sanctioning Standards.

8. The Tournament Discipline Committee has followed the [SSA Policy Section 5 – Discipline](#). The player suspension exceeds the number of games remaining in the tournament. What do I do next?

As outlined in the [SSA Policy Section 5 – Discipline](#) – Event Discipline Procedure

“ If a suspension is not fully served by the conclusion of the event, a full written report of the incident and the decision shall be submitted to SSA following the conclusion of the event. The report and the decision will be forwarded to the offending member's governing body to enforce until the suspension is fully served.”

Failure to provide this is a breach of the Tournament Sanctioning Administrative Standard.

9. A red card has been issued in the last game of the tournament for that team.

The tournament organizer/event hosts are responsible to collect the Misconduct report from the referee.

All event hosts should make every effort to resolve all complaints originating in their event prior to conclusion of the event. However, where the incident occurred in the final game of the event and if a hearing was not possible the event discipline committee shall provide a full written report of the incident to SSA following the conclusion of the event. The report will be forwarded to the offending member's governing body to execute the discipline process.

Failure to provide this is a breach of the Tournament Sanctioning Administrative Standard.

10. Do I have to provide a Tournament Discipline Report?

Yes. Upon completion of the Tournament, the Tournament Organizer must forward to the SSA the Tournament Follow up Report which includes a Report of any Player, Staff or Team Discipline. Failure to provide this is a breach of the Tournament Sanctioning Standard. While the Tournament Follow up report is not due for 20 business days, should there are time sensitive matters that need to be addressed, we request the Tournament Organizer to submit as Discipline Report as soon as it is available.

By applying for sanctioning, Tournament Organizers/ Member Organizations agree to abide by all SSA Tournament Sanctioning Policies and meet all SSA Required Tournament Sanctioning Standards. Tournaments that fail to meet these standards will be subject to discipline as outlined in the Tournament Sanctioning Policy and/or the SSA Discipline Policy.

It is the belief of the SSA that all participants should have the opportunity to participate in developmentally appropriate Safe Sport within a Respectful Game Time Environment.

We are committed to ensuring all competitive structures within Saskatchewan are aligned to these guiding principles.



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