

## Saskatoon Adult Soccer Incorporated - Annual General Meeting Discipline Committee Report December 15, 2021

**Current Committee:** Sue Mack-Klinger (Chair), Dena Clark, Jason Trask, Ray Hassan, Morvarid Akhgar **Operations Coordinator** (Discipline Administrator): Ifman Huerta

I would like to thank the current discipline committee members and SAS board members who have helped us over the past year. Many hours go into administration, appeals, and issues of rules and regulations. The commitment and volunteer time to keep our game safe is much appreciated.

The discipline committee recognizes the professional and diligent work of Ifman Huerta & Danielle Bryk at the SAS office to handle disciplinary issues. We also acknowledge the vital work of the Saskatoon and District Soccer Referee's Association Inc. (SDSRAI) and their president David Flomo. The referee's efforts in keeping our game fair and safe are vital to our organization. We would not be able to operate without their dedication, expertise, support and collaboration with us.

The discipline committee and office would like to remind all members that respect and dignity are required for all interactions with all SAS volunteers, office staff, and partners. The discipline committee has zero tolerance for disrespectful, hurtful, bullying, words, action or communication and members are subject to discipline for breaching the SAS code of conduct. However, we value and welcome feedback and comments / concerns, delivered in a respectful and dignified manner.

This past year the discipline committee and SAS board members reviewed the Discipline Guidelines and Schedule 'A'. Minor revisions were made for clarity, and changes to game suspensions for offences directed to an official were aligned to CSA disciplinary sanctions. A significant reduction of violent conduct was seen during the pandemic 2020-21. However, we are seeing a higher number of violent conducts in 2022, with the number of red card offences nearing pre-pandemic numbers. Higher numbers were expected as we return to pre-pandemic volume. At this time, it is difficult to conclude the reasons for the increase of violent conducts, whether it requires revision of the Discipline Guidelines / Schedule 'A', or because clarity in the documents have enabled more calls of infractions. On a positive note, the total number of yellow card infractions remain significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels. The discipline committee shall continue to monitor the number of infractions and the impact of these updates.

The number of players playing without registering properly within the league has almost reached zero. Thanks to our members and team contacts for their attention to this issue. There is now a concern over the numbers of players who have not paid registration. These numbers negatively impact the SAS community, as we try to keep costs to members low.

SAS applies the same rules and process to everyone within the league, adhering to our Discipline Guidelines. Members are encouraged to review Discipline Guidelines.

We continue to look for members interested with the discipline process. We prefer three people to sit on each hearing / appeal and an active list of volunteers would allow hearings and appeals to occur in a timely fashion. Any interest can be expressed to the SAS offices.



Statistics gathered from past and current seasons for your review:

Yellow Cards	Indoor 2019-20 *	Indoor 2020^	Indoor 2021-22	Indoor 2022-23	Outdoor 2020>	Outdoor 2021<	Outdoor 2022
Men's	267	45	60	145	34	23 / 41	302
Master's/Over 50	65	1	5	38	8	0/10	37/2
Women's/Over 50	53	4	2	22	0	0/3	18/1
<u>Coed</u>	125	14	20	39	0	4/2	15
<u>Total</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>27 / 56</u>	<u>375</u>
Red Cards							
Violent Conduct	7	3	6	8	2	2/0	10
Serious Foul Play	2	1	0	0	1	0/0	3
Denying Goal Opportunity	8	0	0	0	1	0/0	1
Foul/Abusive Language	6	1	1	3	1	0/1	3
Two Yellow Cards	15	2	4	8	2	0/0	12
<u>Spitting</u>	0	0	0	1	0	0/0	1
<u>Other</u>	0	2	0	0	0	0/0	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2/1</u>	<u>30</u>
Suspension Reviews	-	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	9**	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Suspension Hearings	1	0	2	<u>0</u>	0	0/0	0
Suspension Appeals	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0	0/0	<u>0</u>
Card Accumulation Suspensio	ns (# of Playe	rs)					
Yellow (3YC/5YC/6YC)	13/0/0	0/0/0	<u>0/0/0</u>	<u>5/0/0</u>	0/0/0	<u>0/0/0</u> (both)	<u>4/0/0</u>
<u>Red</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0 (both)</u>	0

\*Indoor 2019-20 Season was cut two weeks short due to COVID-19

^Indoor 2020 Season was a 10-game mini league format, and was cut about 3-4 weeks short due to COVID-19 (Oct-Dec 2020)

>Outdoor 2020 Season was a 6-week mini-league format

<Outdoor 2021 Season held two separate 6-game/6-week mini-league formats. (First session / Second session)

\*\*Suspension Reviews were added to this summary this season, Indoor 2022-2023.

## Ineligible Player Suspensions – Indoor 2022-23 (Current Season – As of November 30, 2022)

Players Not Registered	2
Players Registration Not Paid	22
Illegal Permits	2
Playing while Suspended	0

Comments, concerns, or questions regarding disciplinary issues are welcome. The committee wishes to extend gratitude to those who contribute to making our game safe, promote an inclusive community and uphold our members' values for competitive safe play. We look forward to working with the SAS membership, the SDSRAI, and SAS Board of Directors in the upcoming year.

Sue Mack-Klinger Director & Discipline Chair Saskatoon Adult Soccer, Inc.