



2023 Annual General Meeting – Discipline Report

December 14, 2023

Current Committee: Stephan Simon (Chair), Dena Clark, Jason Trask, Ray Hassan, Morvarid Akhgar, Sue Mack-Klinger

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 Alex McGreavey. 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, violent conducts appear to have leveled off in 2023, with the number of red card offences similar to 2022, and nearing pre-pandemic numbers. Higher numbers were expected as we return to pre-pandemic volume. Currently, 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. We also

have seen an increase in yellow cards in men's outdoor. On a positive note, the total number of yellow card infractions for indoor remain significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels, while women's and co-ed are flat. The discipline committee shall continue to monitor the number of infractions and the impact of these updates.

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 allows hearings and appeals to occur in a timely fashion. Any interest can be expressed to the SAS offices.

Stephan Simon

Discipline Committee Chair

Statistics gathered from past and current seasons for your review:

<u>Yellow Cards</u>	Indoor 2020^	Indoor 2021-22	Indoor 2022-23	Indoor 2023-24	Outdoor 2021<	Outdoor 2022	Outdoor 2023
<u>Men's</u>	45	60	348	171	23 / 41	302	393
<u>Master's/Over 50</u>	1	5	77	16/ 2	0 / 10	37 / 2	76 / 11
<u>Women's/Over 50</u>	4	2	32	15 / 1	0 / 3	18 / 1	16 / 0
<u>Coed</u>	14	20	102	42	4 / 2	15	15
<u>Total</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>27 / 56</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>511</u>
<u>Red Cards</u>							
<u>Violent Conduct</u>	3	6	20	5	2 / 0	10	9
<u>Serious Foul Play</u>	1	0	7	3	0 / 0	3	3
<u>Denying Goal Opportunity</u>	0	0	4	1	0 / 0	1	5
<u>Foul/Abusive Language</u>	1	1	2	3	0 / 1	3	5
<u>Two Yellow Cards</u>	2	4	19	4	0 / 0	12	13
<u>Spitting</u>	0	0	0	0	0 / 0	1	0
<u>Other</u>	2	0	0	0	0 / 0	0	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2 / 1</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>

<u>Suspension Reviews</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11*</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Suspension Hearings</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0 / 0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Suspension Appeals</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0 / 0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Card Accumulation Suspensions (# of Players)</u>							
<u>Yellow (3YC/5YC/6YC)</u>	<u>0/0/0</u>	<u>0/0/0</u>	<u>17/1/0</u>	<u>4/0/0</u>	<u>0/0/0</u> <u>(both)</u>	<u>4/0/0</u>	<u>11/2/0</u>
<u>Red</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0 (both)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

^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 Indoor 2022-2023.

Ineligible Player Suspensions – Indoor 2023-24 (Current Season – As of December 1st, 2023)

Players Not Registered	12
Players Registration Not Paid	1
Illegal Permits	5
Playing while Suspended	0