

Saskatoon Adult Soccer Inc. - Annual General Meeting Discipline Committee Report December 11th, 2019

Current Committee: Dena Clark (Chair), Stephan Simon, Sue Mack-Klinger, Patrick McKenna **Technical Coordinator** (Discipline Administrator): Rebecca Mitchell

I would like to thank the current discipline committee members and Saskatoon Adult Soccer Inc. ("SAS") board members who have assisted the committee over the past year. There are many hours that go into administration, appeals, and rules and regulations issues, and the commitment and time sacrificed for this is very much appreciated.

The discipline committee would like to recognize Rebecca Mitchell and Danielle Bryk who have worked diligently in the SAS office to handle disciplinary issues. We also need to acknowledge the work of the Saskatoon and District Soccer Referee's Association Inc. ("SDSRAI") and their interim president Tony Ollenberger. We look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the future. The referee's efforts in keeping our game fair and safe are extremely important to our organization and without them we could not operate as we do.

The discipline committee and the SAS office would like to remind all members that respect and dignity are required for all interactions with all SAS volunteers, office staff, and partners. Any disrespectful or hurtful actions, words, or communication will not be tolerated and members may be subject to discipline for breaching the SAS code of conduct. We value all feedback and comments / concerns, but insist that it must be delivered in a respectful and dignified manner. The discipline committee will have zero tolerance for this type of event.

This past year, the discipline committee and SAS board members reviewed the Discipline Guidelines, with focused attention on Schedule 'A'. The infractions related to violent conduct now result in a large number of games. The league issued seven 15 game suspensions for violent conduct since updating Schedule 'A' prior to the Outdoor 2019 Season. We are trying to remove the amount of violent conduct acts in the league and we believe the revised Schedule 'A' will showcase this. Additionally, each specific infraction now has a timeline associated with it (per season, per year, or indefinite) for each consecutive offense. We kindly ask all members review the updated Schedule 'A' to ensure there are no surprises when a red card is issued.

The number of players playing without registering properly within the league continues to be a challenge for the office. This causes a suspension to be issued. We ask all members to be mindful of the information on the website, within emails, and from their team contacts that pertain to topics such as this. It is important that all of our members follow the same rules and process as everyone else within the league.

We are continuing to look for members who would be interested in becoming involved with the discipline process. We prefer three people to sit on each hearing / appeal and having volunteers available would allow hearings and appeals to occur in a more timely fashion. Any interest can be expressed to the SAS offices.

We would like to provide the membership with the following statistics gathered from past and current seasons for your review:



	Indoor 2017-18	Indoor 2018-19	Indoor 2019- 2020 (to Dec 5, 2019)	Outdoor 2018	Outdoor 2019
Yellow Cards					
Men's	416	464	84	432	460
Master's/Over 50	107	106	15	81	68
Women's/Over 50	56	56	22	45	25
Coed	141	166	44	22	37
Total	720	792	165	580	590
Red Cards					
Violent Conduct	15	13	1	9	11
Serious Foul Play	4	3	1	2	0
Denying Goal Opportunity	1	1	2	2	7
Foul/Abusive Language	6	5	1	2	8
Two Yellow Cards	13	18	7	5	17
Spitting	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	40	12	20	43
Grand Total	759	832	177	600	633
Hearings	1	3	0	0	0
Appeals	4	5	0	4	5
Card Accumulation Suspensions (# of Players)					
Yellow (3YC/5YC/6YC)	21/1/0	43/3/0	0/0/0	26/4/2	17/2/0
Red	0	0	0	0	0

Ineligible Player Suspensions – Indoor 2019/20 (Current Season – As of December 5, 2019)

Players Not Registered	19
Illegal Permits	6
Playing While Suspended	0
Total	25

We welcome all comments, concerns, or questions regarding any disciplinary issues. Thanks to those who have contributed to making our game safer and more enjoyable for all. We look forward to working with the SAS membership, the SDSRAI, and SAS Board of Directors in the upcoming year. We encourage any involvement from our soccer community.

Sincerely,

Dena Clark - Discipline Committee Chair