

MANITOBA DISCIPLINARY **MANDATORY** MINIMUMS

APPLICATION & ADMINISTRATION

- The *Disciplinary Minimums* are **mandatory minimum sanctions**. No Discipline or Appeal Committee is empowered to deviate from these **minimums under any** circumstances.
- The *Disciplinary Mandatory Minimums* are only applicable to players on teams 13 years and older. Players 12 years and younger will not follow these **minimums**, but will be subject to the Youth Disciplinarian, who has the authority to use these **minimums** as punishment. All Club Officials, regardless of age and competition are under the jurisdiction of the *Disciplinary Mandatory Minimums*.
- Only the MSA shall have the authority to suspend a person or organization from all soccer activities either permanently, indefinitely or for a stated period of time across all jurisdictions. Members may suspend persons or organizations from activities over which they have direct jurisdiction but may **request** the MSA to extend suspensions to all soccer activities across all jurisdictions.
- Offences are independent of each other, unless it is the same offence in which it would then be considered a second or third offence for punishment purposes.
- With the exception of a time suspension or suspension from all soccer activities, game suspensions only apply to the competition in which it was received. Game suspensions that have not been completely served in the competition (i.e. Tournaments, **Nationals** exhibition, show cases, etc.) they were received, shall then be served during the next games to be played in league play or Provincial Championship games. Suspensions received during the outdoor season that are not completely served during the outdoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next outdoor season in which the person is registered. Suspensions received during the indoor season that are not completely served during the indoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next indoor season in which the person is registered.
- With the exception of a time suspension or suspension from all soccer activities, a person may be permitted to participate with a different Club or Team in a different competition other than the competition from which the person was suspended. **A Permission to Play letter must be requested (by the player or team) of the organisation hosting the other competition in order to be eligible to play while suspended from the original competition.** Registrations that occur after a suspension shall not count towards the suspension.
- A player or club official who is suspended cannot be released/replaced during the current playing season until the suspension is served or the playing season is over - whichever is first.
- All cases of red card dismissals and further misconduct, other than those involving physical contact with match officials, attempted physical contact with match officials, or threatening behaviour towards match officials, shall be dealt with by the **Registered Members of the MSA** in whose jurisdiction the alleged offence took place.
- All cases involving physical contact, attempted physical contact or threatening behavior towards match officials shall be dealt with by the Provincial Association.
- **Registered Members of the MSA** shall have the opportunity to request guidance with regards to discipline situations that do not clearly fall within the **Disciplinary Mandatory Minimums** punishable offences.
- As part of due diligence, for decisions that sanction a person for a period of 12 months or longer and prior to the decision being made public, the **Registered Member** conducting Discipline and Appeal Hearings is to forward the decision to the MSA Discipline Committee who would have **5 business days** to provide any comments to the corresponding Discipline or Appeal Committee.
- All **Registered Members of the MSA** are required to post all sanctions on their website which includes the decision of the Discipline Committee and Appeal Committee and details on the terms of the suspension. **All sanctions must be submitted to the MSA on a monthly basis by the 10th of each month.**

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12 MONTH PERIOD	Refers to the period that includes the most recent dismissal offence and the previous 12 months, regardless of the type of offence or playing season. An offence will not count towards the accumulation of offences (sanctions) once 12 months have passed since its occurrence, however cumulative offences will be considered when reviewing the individual's history.
CLUB OFFICIAL	Refers to any team/ club representative, coach, trainer or manager. Will also refer to any person who represents a Club or Team in an official capacity such as President, Treasurer, Director or equivalent.
COMPETITION	Refers to any CSA/MSA sanctioned set of matches within a division in which a player/coach must be registered in order to play.
COMPETITION OFFICIAL	Refers to any person representing the organizers of a competition.
FINES	Refers to the monetary amount associated with specific punishable offences. Fines are only applied to senior players , which may include an adult coach or manager in a youth league. Fines are not to be applied to youth players but may be applied against the youth team or youth club. Fines are not applied to players playing for post-secondary registered clubs.
GAME SUSPENSION	Refers to the number of games a person is suspended for. Game suspensions are to be served in the competition they are received and shall start the next game following the offence in the same seasonal competition. All game suspensions are to be served in consecutive games and cannot be served in tournaments or exhibition games. Suspensions received during the outdoor season that are not completely served during the outdoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next outdoor season in which the person is registered. Suspensions received during the indoor season that are not completely served during the indoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next indoor season in which the person is registered. Game suspensions that have not been completely served in the competition (i.e. Tournaments, Nationals , exhibition, show cases, etc.) they were received, shall then be served during the next games to be played in league play or Provincial Championship games.
MATCH OFFICIAL	Refers to any member of the MSA Referee Program, appointed in any role to competitions sanctioned by the Association or a sanctioned game that is about to begin, is in progress, or has just concluded.
SANCTION	Refers to any suspensions, fin es and terms.
SEASON	Refers to either the indoor or outdoor season.
SEASONAL COMPETITION	Specifically refers to a CSA/MSA sanctioned competition during either the indoor or outdoor season.
SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	When a player uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent <u>when challenging for the ball</u> when it is in play.
TIME SUSPENSION	Refers to a suspension that is determined by a stated period of time rather than a number of games.
VICINITY OF PLAYING AREA	Refers to the sight and sound of the playing area.
VIOLENT CONDUCT	A player is guilty of violent conduct if he uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent <u>when not challenging for the ball</u> . He is also guilty of violent conduct if he uses excessive force or brutality against a team-mate, spectator, match official or any other person. Violent Conduct may occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries, whether the ball is in play or not, before, during or after the match.

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YELLOW CARDS		SUSPENSION	FINE	YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION		
1)	Player received 4 yellow cards during the seasonal competition	1 game	No Fine	<i>A player who receives a red card for any offence other than 2 yellow cards and was previously cautioned will have the yellow card added to the seasonal competition total.</i>		
2)	Player received 6 yellow cards during the seasonal competition	2 games	No Fine			
3)	Player received 7 yellow cards during the seasonal competition	Open to Discipline Committee	Open to Discipline Committee	<i>If a player receives two yellow cards in the same match, they do not count towards the yellow card seasonal competition total.</i>		
RED CARD DISMISSALS PLAYER(S) AND CLUB OFFICIAL(S)			1 ST OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	2 ND OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	3 RD OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	ADDITIONAL OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD
1)	Serious Foul Play	Suspension	2 Games	5 Games	1 full year	N/A
		Fine	None	\$70.00	\$100.00	N/A
2)	Violent Conduct	Suspension	3 Games	7 Games	1 full year	N/A
		Fine	\$30.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	N/A
3)	Spitting at an opponent or any other person	Suspension	10 games	1 year	N/A	N/A
		Fine	\$50.00	\$250.00	N/A	N/A
4)	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	Suspension	1 game	3 games	6 Games	Discipline Committee
		Fine	None	\$20.00	\$30.00	Discipline Committee
5)	Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick	Suspension	1 game	3 games	6 Games	Discipline Committee
		Fine	None	\$20.00	\$30.00	Discipline Committee
6a)	Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures <u>not directed at a person</u>	Suspension	1 game	3 games	6 Games	Discipline Committee
		Fine	None	\$50.00	\$75.00	Discipline Committee
6b)	Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures <u>directed at a person</u>	Suspension	3 Games	6 Games	1 full year	N/A
		Fine	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	N/A
7)	Receives a second caution in the same match	Suspension	1 game	3 games	6 Games	Discipline Committee
		Fine	None	\$20.00	\$30.00	Discipline Committee
8)	Fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner (includes all incidences before, during and after a match)	Suspension	Suspension and/or fine is open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee			
		Fine				
ADDITIONAL RED CARD DISMISSALS PLAYER(S) AND CLUB OFFICIAL(S)			1 ST OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	2 ND OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	3 RD OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	ADDITIONAL OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD
9)	Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards a game official	Suspension	4 games	12 games	1 year	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	Discipline Committee
	Continuing to direct abusive language at an official	Club Fine	\$100.00			
10)	Fails to leave vicinity of playing area in timely manner after being dismissed	Suspension	3 additional games			
		Fine	Discipline Committee			
11)	Four (4) dismissals in a 12 month period	Suspension	Suspension and/or fine is open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee			
		Fine				

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LIFETIME OFFENCES PLAYER(S) AND CLUB OFFICIAL(S)		1 ST LIFETIME OFFENCE	2 ND LIFETIME OFFENCE	3 RD LIFETIME OFFENCE	ADDITIONAL LIFETIME OFFENCE	
1)	Club Official found guilty of falsification of identities or signatures or of complicity in same	Suspension	6 months	1 year	5 years	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	Discipline Committee
2)	Club Official knowingly played an ineligible player	Suspension	6 months	1 year	5 years	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	Discipline Committee
3)	Club Official knowingly tampered with a player registered with another team	Suspension	1 year	5 years	Life	N/A
		Fine	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	N/A	
4)	Club Official found guilty of refusing to supply available information to the Discipline or Appeal Committee concerning a charge of misconduct	Suspension	Until the information is provided and for an additional period to be established by the Discipline or Appeal Committee			
		Fine				
5)	Club Official failed to have a parent or spectator removed from match at the request of the Match Official	Club Fine	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	Discipline Committee
6)	Player knowingly played as an ineligible player <small>*NOTE 1 (Committee must provide a written explanation to the MSA Discipline Committee)</small>	Suspension	5 games	10 games	1 year	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	Discipline Committee
7)	Physical assault with a Match Official including throwing of objects and/or spitting (Directly to the MSA Discipline Committee)	Suspension	1 Year	5 Years	Life	N/A
		Fine	\$250.00	\$500.00		
8)	Attempted physical assault with a Match Official including throwing of objects and/or spitting (Directly to the MSA Discipline Committee)	Suspension	1 Year	5 Years	Life	N/A
		Fine	\$250.00	\$500.00		
9)	Threatening behavior towards a Match Official (Directly to the MSA Discipline Committee)	Suspension	1 Year	5 Years	Life	N/A
		Fine	\$250.00	\$500.00		
10)	Physical contact or attempted physical contact with a Match Official	Suspension, fine are open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee				
11)	Conduct unbecoming	Suspension, fine are open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee				
12)	Bringing the game into disrepute (includes all incidences before, during and after a match, dismissal and/or during the off-season)	Suspension, fine are open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee				
13)	Violating terms of a suspension	Open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee but a minimum doubling of sentence and fines shall be enforced				

While under suspension from all soccer activity a person is not allowed to:

- Register with any CSA/MSA registered Club or Association.
- Play in any CSA/MSA sanctioned league, exhibition game, practice or tournament.
- Act in any capacity as a board member, executive or official with any CSA/MSA registered Club or Association.
- Communicate with any CSA/MSA registered player or club official for the purpose of mentoring, coaching or advising players or coaches during any sanctioned game or team practice.
- Be within fifty (50) meters of any CSA/MSA registered club's bench in any outdoor competitions, if the person is a player, but may attend any game as a spectator. For indoor facilities the player must remain in the spectator area, may not enter the field of play or team bench area at any time.
- Attend games as a spectator, if the person is a team official. This is defined as keeping away from sight or sound of a match involving the team or teams from which they have been suspended.
- Officiate as a referee or assistant referee in any CSA/MSA sanctioned game or competition.

If a person while under suspension violates any of the above conditions or brings the game into disrepute or causes the game to be disrupted by their presence or actions they will be subject to further sanctioning.