



HALTON PEEL SENIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Halton Peel Senior Soccer League (HPSSL) follows a strict set of Discipline Policies and Procedures set out by the Ontario Soccer Association. It is the responsibility of every HPSSL member to educate themselves on the OSA rules regarding discipline and appeals. This information can be found on the OSA website at: OSA Policy: Section 9.0 Discipline.

Discipline Committee

The HPSSL Discipline Committee is composed of both volunteers and staff. All committee members HPSSL are fully capable to oversee the process. The Discipline Chairman is Hugh Kinahan and the Discipline Coordinator is Kyle Richardson.

Yellow/Red Cards

Yellow – Two yellow cards in the same game is an automatic dismissal (red card). Three yellow cards in the same playing season result in a 1 game suspension.

Four yellow cards in the same playing season result in no suspension.

Five yellow cards in the same playing season result in a 2 game suspension.

Red – If a player is shown a red card but has not received any notification of suspension, they are allowed to play until notified otherwise. Referees have up to five days to submit a report, and the club has 30 days to act, so please do NOT assume that the suspension automatically takes place the following game.

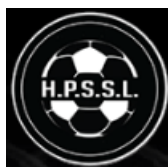
Discipline by Review – Less serious charges as per the OSA discipline policies, section 9.0. Registrant is found either guilty or not guilty and there is NO APPEAL once the decision is rendered.

Discipline by Hearing – More serious charges as per the OSA discipline policies, section 9.0. The player charged is requested to attend a hearing before a panel of three HPSSL Discipline Committee members. A hearing date will be set within the time lines under the process required by the OSA. The Panel will render a decision resulting in either guilty (could result in ban from ALL soccer related activity), or not guilty. Appeals are allowed after a hearing, but are made to the Ontario Soccer Association.

Special Incident – Reports filed as a result of incidents that take place on or off the field that are outside of the standard 'laws of the game' guidelines. Incidents include: verbal abuse by team officials, spectator behaviour, weather issues etc.

Special Note:

Any team official who for whatever reason during a game pulls their team off the field will be subject to disciplinary action depending on the Discipline Committee findings. Teams will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators and will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. If the team is found guilty it shall forfeit the game and will be fined as per findings of the Discipline Committee. Forfeits will be recorded as 1:0 loss by default.



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Referee Assault – Referee reports are immediately filed to the Peel Halton Soccer Association. The accused player is suspended immediately from playing pending the hearing at Peel Halton.

Appeal Process – For discipline cases which fall under the Discipline by Review policy of the Ontario Soccer Association, the accused has the right to request that their case be dealt with under the Discipline by Hearing system should they believe the dismissal was unwarranted. This request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of receiving the dismissal and must be accompanied by the request for hearing fee of \$40.00.

HPSSL will only deal with discipline complaints filed in writing and signed. Anonymous complaints will not be considered. Remember that you are appealing the dismissal, and there is no appeal once the decision has been rendered. The \$40.00 fee is refundable only if the appeal is successful.

Note: you cannot appeal two yellow cards that resulted in a red card.

Protests – Game protests based upon the referee's interpretation of the 'laws of the game' will not be considered. Referee decisions are final and cannot be overturned. Protests can only be made on the basis that rules of the HPSSL or Ontario Soccer Association have been broken.

Protests must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 which is refundable in the event that the protest is successful.

Standard Penalties for Misconduct by Players

OSA Code Number	OSA Code Description	1st Seasonal Offense	2nd Seasonal Offense	3rd Seasonal Offense	Hearing Type
1.1	First Caution.	No Action.			
1.2	Second Caution.	No Action.			
1.3	Third Caution.	1 Game Suspension.			DBR
1.4	Fourth Caution.	No Action.			
1.5	Fifth Caution.	2 Game Suspension.			DBR
1.6	Sixth Caution & any subsequent cautions.	3 Game Suspension.			DBR
1.13	Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which neither of the cautions were directed at the game official(s).	1 Game Suspension	3 Game Suspension	3 Game Suspension	DBR
1.14	Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which	2 Game Suspension	4 Game Suspension	8 Game Suspension	DBR

	at least one of the cautions was directed at the game official(s). If racist or sexist, please see 1.73				
1.15	Dismissed or reported for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s). If racist or sexual, please see 1.73	1 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	3 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	3 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	DBR
1.16	Dismissed or reported for "Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s).	3 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	8 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	EXPULSION	DBR
1.16 A	Dismissed or reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported.	6 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	EXPULSION	n/a	DBH
1.17	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball".	1 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	3 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	3 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	DBR
1.18	Dismissed for "Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick".	2 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	4 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	8 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	DBR
1.19	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play". (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent when challenging for the ball, while the ball is in play). Otherwise see 1.21	2 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	4 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	8 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	DBR
1.19 A	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious "attempt to injure" or "a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent" (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.21A	4 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	8 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	EXPULSION	DBH
1.20	Dismissed or reported for "Spitting at an opponent or any other person", other than a game official. NOTE: Spitting at a game official is Misconduct Type 1.52.	4 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	8 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	EXPULSION	DBR
1.21	Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct".	3 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	6 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	EXPULSION	DBR
1.21 A	Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure a registrant or non-registrant.	6 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	10 Game Suspension + \$50 Fine	EXPULSION	DBH

1.22	Received and found guilty of a third dismissal in a season (for categories not already covered above).	<i>Review by Disciplinary Committee</i>		DBH
1.23	Senior player played as an ineligible player except for a player who played while under suspension in which case Misconduct Type 1.64 shall apply..	Forfeit + \$100 fine to team	Forfeit + \$200 fine to team	Review by Disciplinary Committee DBH
1.25	Re-enters the field of play or player bench area after having been dismissed from the game by the game official.	2-game suspension	5-game suspension	EXPULSION DBR
1.51	Game Official Assault for "deliberate physical contact (ie. Pushing, pulling, charging, etc) or attempted physical contact or threatening".	6-12 month suspension +\$200 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$200 fine	EXPULSION OSA DBH
1.52	Game Official Assault for "striking, spitting, kicking or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct".	2-5 year suspension +\$400 fine	5-10 year suspension +\$400 fine	EXPULSION OSA DBH
1.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of game official assault.	Player is fined \$100 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		OSA DBH
1.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended.	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.65	Instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during or after a game.	1-3 month suspension +\$50 fine	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.66	Senior player acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule". (see restrictions in policy 9.14).	1-3 month suspension +\$50 fine	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.67	Acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game (see restrictions in policy 9.14).	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form c) Provided an invalid photograph for registration purpose.	3-6 month suspension +\$50 fine	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.69	Provided false information or withheld information (including date of birth; Club, Country, and year last registered: etc) on a player registration form.	3-6 month suspension +\$50 fine	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.70	Provided a false address on the player registration form..	1-3 month suspension +\$50 fine	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH
1.71	Participated on any soccer related activity under a false name..	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION DBH

1.73	Dismissed or reported by a game official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during the game or in the vicinity of the playing field either during or after the game.	1-3 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION	DBH
1.74	Reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at discipline or appeal hearing panel members(s).	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	EXPULSION	DBH

Appeals of suspensions longer than 3 matches must be made in writing within 24 hours of receiving notice of the suspension and must include payment of any fines and the \$40 appeal fee.

Appeals of discipline and/or fines levied against teams must be made in writing within 24 hours of receiving notice of the discipline and must include payment of any fines and the \$40 appeal fee.

DBR (Discipline By Review); Suspensions are to be served immediately.

DBH (Discipline By Hearing); Hearing dates are posted. If found guilty, fines plus \$40 fee must be paid within 14 days.

All fines are to be paid when "called" or within 14 days when not "called" or before the post season. If fined during the post season the fine must be paid prior to the next post season game.

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Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Team Official

OSA Code Number	OSA Code Description	1st Seasonal Offense	2nd Seasonal Offense	3rd Seasonal Offense	Hearing Type
2.13	Dismissed or reported for persisting in misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game official" for which neither of the offences was directed at the game official(s).	1 game suspension +\$50 Fine	3 game suspension +\$50 Fine	See misconduct 2.22	
2.14	Dismissed or reported for persistent misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game official" for which at least one of the offences was directed at the game official(s)...	2 game suspension +\$50 Fine	5 game suspension +\$50 Fine	See misconduct 2.22	
2.15	Dismissed or reported for using "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at anyone other than the game official(s)..	2 game suspension +\$50 Fine	5 game suspension +\$50 Fine	See misconduct 2.22	
2.16	Dismissed or reported for using "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at the game official(s)..	4 game suspension +\$50 Fine	9 game suspension +\$50 Fine	See misconduct 2.22	
2.16A	Dismissed or reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a game official(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported.	7-9 game suspension +\$50 fine	3-6 month suspension +50 fine	See misconduct 2.22	DBH
2.22	Received and found guilty of a third dismissal in a playing season within that league or competition.	3-11 month suspension			DBH
2.25	Re-enters the field of play or player's bench area after having been dismissed from the game by the game official.	3 game suspension	6 game suspension	See misconduct 2.22	
2.41	Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a mini-soccer registered player or youth registered player.	3-12 month suspension +\$300 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$400 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension +\$500 fine	DBH
2.51	Game Official Assault for "deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening".	6-12 month suspension +\$300 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$400 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension +\$500 fine	DBH
2.52	Game Official Assault for "striking, spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct".	2-5 year suspension +\$300 fine	5-10 year suspension +\$400 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension +\$500 fine	DBH
2.53	Made deliberate physical contact (ie., pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempts physical contact with, or threatens, a registrant or non-registrant of the O.S.A. (excluding a Game Official, or a mini/youth registered player).	6-12 month suspension +\$300 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$400 fine	Minimum 5 year suspension +\$500 fine	DBH

2.54	Struck, spat on, kicked, or committed any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct, against a registrant or non-registrant of the O.S.A. (excluding a Game Official, or a mini/youth registered player).	2-5 year suspension +\$300 fine	5-10 year suspension +\$400 fine	Minimum 10 year suspension +\$500 fine	DBH
2.58	When request by a player, refused to give the player his/her registration book within 5 days.	\$100 fine	\$200 fine	\$400 fine	
2.61	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of game official assault.	Accused is fined \$100 and remains suspended until he/she requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing.			
2.63	Played an ineligible or suspended player in a sanctioned game or permitted a suspended player who is suspended from all soccer related activity.	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
2.64	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended.	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
2.65	Instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during, or after a game.	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
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2.68	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form. d) Knowingly provided an invalid photograph of a person for the purpose of registering that person.	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
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2.71	Participated in a soccer related activity under a false name.	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
2.72	Induced or attempted to induce a registered player to leave his/her team before the end of that team's current playing season.	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
2.73	Dismissed or reported by a game official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during a game	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH

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2.74	Reported for "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member(s).	3-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	1-3 year suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH
2.75	Directly or indirectly encouraged or assisted in the establishment or operation of a soccer organization or competition unless that soccer organization is an affiliated governing organization of The OSA or the Team Official is only acting as a player or team official.	6-12 month suspension +\$50 fine	18-24 month suspension +\$50 fine	2-5 year suspension +\$50 fine	DBH

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