



DICIPLANRY POLICY OF NSWTA - Suspensions - Section A

Offences by All participants, officials, and spectators

Notes:

- I. This policy is to be used by the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary for all affiliated bodies of the NSWTA for offences assessed by the respective Chair of Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary or their nominee as being from Level 1 to Level 5 and carrying suspensions.
- II. The aim of the policy is to aid in streamlining limiting the number of the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary hearings that need to be held by allowing the individual to accept the charge and penalty. If they choose to challenge the charge and elect to have the matter heard by the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary the minimum penalty if found guilty his greater than a guilty acceptance.
- III. The referee/official who lodges the Incident report indicates which charge and level they are applying. Based on the written report the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary or their nominee has the power to down grade, upgrade or move straight to the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary hearing.
- IV. Should the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary hearing be required, then current guidelines on the conduct of such hearings are to be followed.
- V. If a hearing is required, the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary has the power to down grade or upgrade the charge based on evidence provided during the hearing. In such case where the charge is downgraded, the defendant will be offered the opportunity to accept the new grading and penalty prior to further proceeding. Should they accept the guilty charge on the new grading they will be suspended at the acceptance level and the hearing concluded with no further evidence required to be taken.
- VI. Any suspension is from all Touch. That is if a person is suspended from one Affiliate they are suspended from all affiliates.
- VII. A match is deemed to be represented as one (1) game in the division that they were playing at the time of the offense. It will not count as a match in any other division that the guilty party may be participating in. That is if registered to play in both a Men's and Mixed competition, and the party is suspended for an offense committed in the Men's division, they cannot participate in the mixed competition until such time as they have served their sentence from the men's competition.
- VIII. For weekend tournaments where a player is only registered in one team the suspension will be served as stated. Should they be eligible to be registered in two or more teams the same principle as clause (vii) will apply.
- IX. For any appearance before a Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary hearing where the party is found guilty, the level of remorse, the seriousness of the incident and their previous record can all be used in setting sentence above the minimum stated in the policy.
- X. The full Range of Suspensions applies to all offences referred to the Disciplinary Panel/Judiciary and shown herewith under NSWTA guidelines.

D1 - SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	SERIOUS FOUL PLAY- PHYSICAL ABUSE — Incident involving striking (with ball or object included), kicking, elbowing or head butting, tripping, violent charging/tackling, fighting, spitting either on or off the field, against an opponent, teammate, or any other person. Involvement in a brawl or melee or fight. On field players running in to join a melee causing the incident to escalate but not if attempting to prevent a fight or shield a player. Off field persons running into a brawl or melee or fight and engaging in a brawl or melee.		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 25 years
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5
<i>Accept- 2 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 3 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 4 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 5-6 match suspension</i>
<i>Challenge- min 4 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 5 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 6 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge min 7-8 match suspension</i>
<p>Use of minimum force to strike or push, possibly in frustration or retaliation.</p> <p>Minor attempt to strike an opponent without making contact. Continual swearing or sledging.</p>	<p>Striking once or twice to the body or head with moderate force, in retaliation or in response to provocation.</p> <p>Deliberate tripping/tackling.</p>	<p>One or more strikes to the head or body using strong force with a risk of causing injury, whether provoked or not.</p> <p>Involvement in a melee, brawl, or fight. Leaving the sub box to become involved in a melee, brawl, or fight.</p>	<p>Level 4 – Striking in any way, including kicking or stomping, with very strong force, whether provoked or not.</p> <p>Running in to take part and prolonging a melee, brawl, or fight.</p> <p>Level 5 – Striking with strong and or brutal force. Head butt, eye gauging or spitting on or at.</p> <p>Very aggressive and ongoing involvement in a brawl or melee</p>
VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES UNDER D1 WILL ALWAYS BE REFERRED TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE			

D1a - SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	PHYSICAL ABUSE OF A REFEREE OR OFFICIAL		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 12 matches to 30 years
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	NO LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5
<i>Accept- 12 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 12-month suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 20 years</i>	
<i>Challenge- min 14 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 24-month suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 30 years suspension</i>	
Threatening or intimidating a referee by word or action.	Deliberate tripping. Pushing with open hand or shoulder or hip or body. Striking with ball or another object.	Striking. Punching. Elbowing. Head butting. Eye Gauging.	
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D2 - OFFENSIVE OR DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE OR GESTURES	USE OF OFFENSIVE, INSULTING, INDECENT, DISCRIMINATORY OR RACIST LANGUAGE OR GESTURES, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC OR SEXIST REMARKS		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 25 years
LEVEL I	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3 LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5	
<i>Accept- 2 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 3 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 4,5 or 6 match suspension</i>	
<i>Challenge- min 4 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 5 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 6,7 or 8 match suspension</i>	
One or two words or gestures carrying minor offence, possibly in frustration. Very minor offensive, but not insulting words to a match official, player, or any other person.	Minor offensive, insulting or abusive words, actions, or gestures. Minor offensive but not insulting words to a match official, player, or any other person.	Strong to very strong offensive, insulting or abusive words, gestures, or actions, including discriminatory, racist, religious, ethnic, or sexist remarks. The assessed level to depend on the wording and descriptions provided in the referee's report	
VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES UNDER D2 MAY BE REFERRED TO THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL			

D3 - SPITTING AT A PLAYER, REFEREE or ANOTHER PERSON	ANY ACT OF SPITTING AT OR ONTO A PLAYER OR OTHER PERSON		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 25 years
NO LEVEL I OFFENCE	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
	<i>Accept- 3 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 4 match suspension</i>	<i>6 match suspension</i>
	<i>Challenge- min 5 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 6 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 8 match suspension</i>
	Minor act of spitting.	Spitting towards but not onto a player or another person.	Spitting on the lower body of a player or another person
VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES UNDER D3 WILL ALWAYS BE REFERRED TO THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL			

D4 — MISCONDUCT AND BRING THE GAME INTO DISRUPT	ANY ACT OF CHEATING OR BREACHING THE CODE OF CONDUCT, MEMBER PROTECTION, CODE OF BEHAVIOUR, ACTIONS NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME OR BRING THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE.		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 25 years
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5
<i>Accept- 2 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 4 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 6 match suspension</i>	<i>Accept- 8 match/ 3-month suspension</i>
<i>Challenge- min 4 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 6 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge- min 8 match suspension</i>	<i>Challenge min 10 match/ 6-month suspension</i>
<p>Calling Phantoms,</p> <p>Professional foul,</p> <p>Professional foul to deny a touchdown,</p> <p>Repeated infringements and</p> <p>Second sin bin offense warranting dismissal from the game.</p>	<p>Breach of the NSWTA Code of Conduct, bring the game into disrepute.</p> <p>Abusing a team or affiliate/regional/state official or referee</p>	<p>Inciting spectators, spitting toward spectators, making inappropriate gestures towards spectators.</p> <p>Aggressively abusing a team or affiliate/regional/state official or referee</p>	<p>Level 4 – Fighting with spectators, deliberately misleading the disciplinary committee (in addition to original suspension).</p> <p>Level 5 – Initiating or encouraging a breach of the playing conditions or tournament conditions or association rules.</p> <p>Playing or performing team duties when under suspension (in addition to original suspension)</p>
VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES UNDER D4 WILL ALWAYS BE REFERRED TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE			