

By-Laws and Regulations

By-Law 1: Operation

- 1.1 To operate under rules and by-laws outlined by Ringette Canada and Ringette Alberta Policies and Operating Procedures

By-Law 2: Cancellation Policy

- 2.1 Teams must provide seven (7) days notice when canceling a game. Teams who fail to provide seven (7) days notice when cancelling a game are expected to pay for one half of the games costs.

By-Law 3: Players

- 3.1 Any player currently registered with Ringette Alberta at one level higher than your teams' current level, can play in a regular league games with the approval of the opposing team.
- 3.2 Players who have been registered at the 'A' level or equivalent skill levels in hockey within the past five (5) years shall not be eligible to play at the Masters 'B' or Open 'C' divisions.
- 3.3 Players must be 18 years of age as of December 31st to register with WRAC and will be on probation for one season.
- 3.4 Male players are allowed to register with WRAC teams to play in regular league games as a goal keeper only.

By-Law 4: Referees

- 4.1 Referees must be paid at the start of the game according to the current rate per game as provided by the Calgary Ringette Referee's Association.
- 4.2 Referees must reimburse teams with overpayments by July 1st of the end of the current season.
- 4.3 Should a referee not show up at a game, a team representative must call WRAC Referee Coordinator within 24 hours to record the information and adjust the billing.

By-Law 5: Discipline Policy

5.1 Reporting

Matters requiring disciplinary review shall be referred to the President or designate, who will notify the Vice President who will act directly or appoint a Disciplinarian to review each case referred to the President or Ringette Calgary.

All misconduct and match penalties will be referred to the Vice President, for review and appropriate action. Section 5.5 indicates the criteria for convening of a disciplinary review committee.

Incidents requiring immediate suspension are to be reported to the Vice President or Disciplinarian by the Official issuing the penalty by phone as soon as possible. A hearing will be convened as soon as possible to deal with the incident. The required suspension will be verified by the Vice President to ensure the penalty is served. The head coach and/or captain is responsible to ensure a suspended player or bench member serves their full suspension, and that proof thereof is provided to the Vice President (submit gamesheets).

5.2 Procedure

The President or Disciplinarian will review the nature of the incident with respect to the Ringette Canada Rule book, and the requirements for action and supplementary action. Specific functions are:

1. Review the case report and determine if game suspensions were issued that have or must be served as directed by the requirements of the Ringette Canada Rule Book.
2. Determine from Section 5.5 as contained in this section, if a Disciplinary Review Hearing is required.
3. Contact the coach and/or captain or individual to ensure that they understand the procedure, process and requirements of the disciplinary review process.
4. Organize and chair a disciplinary hearing if required.
5. Verify in conjunction with the coach and/or captain that the issued suspension has been served in accordance with the rules and regulations laid out herein.
6. Where a hearing is required as directed by the Discipline Policy, the coach or player is automatically suspended until the hearing is held. The Vice President or Disciplinarian will convene the hearing as soon as practical to deal with each case.

5.3 Disciplinary Review Committee:

The Review committee will consist of two of the following members:

1. The WRAC President, or if appointed, the Disciplinarian.
2. The Treasurer, or the WRAC Representative thereof.
3. WRAC Referee Coordinator, or the WRAC Representative thereof.

5.4 Suspension:

1. An individual under suspension is deemed to be ineligible in all games for the length of the suspension regardless of the team they were part of when the incident took place until their suspension has been fully served.

- a. Suspended **players, coaches, captains and/or team staff** may NOT be on the bench or in the area of the players bench during the game. (In some arenas this would include the timekeepers/penalty box). Suspended coaches may not work as a minor official.

2. Individuals under suspension are deemed to be ineligible team members until their suspension has been fully served. In the case where an individual participates in more than one capacity they are suspended in ALL CAPACITIES until the suspension has been fully served.

For example (but not limited to)

- a. suspended player is also ineligible to participate as a coach
- b. a suspended coach is also ineligible to participate as a player

3. Games which count towards the serving of a suspension are: any regular Game or Exhibition Game which were scheduled for your home team prior to the incident occurring.

5.5 Criteria for Convening of Disciplinary Hearing:

1. The following excerpts are direct quotes from the Ringette Canada Rule Book with respect to the assessment of penalties.

- a. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty** -- two (2) minutes fully served.
- b. **Major Penalty** -- four (4) minutes fully served.
- c. **Misconduct Penalty** -- game ejection and a two (2) minute unsportsmanlike conduct penalty fully served by a teammate. If any bench personnel receives a misconduct, he/she is required to attend a disciplinary hearing.

2. **Match Penalty** -- game ejection, automatic (per Ringette Canada rules) suspension for one (1) game (next scheduled game), and a four (4) minutes major penalty fully served by a teammate. The offender is required to attend a mandatory disciplinary hearing, which may result in further disciplinary action.

3. The convening of a disciplinary hearing is required when a player or coach has accumulated two (2) of the following penalties in any combination in a single playing season:

- a. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
- b. Major Penalty.
- c. Misconduct Penalty
- d. Match Penalty

4. The convening of a disciplinary hearing is required when a player has accumulated one (1) Misconduct/Match Penalties in a single playing season.

5. The convening of a disciplinary hearing for the head coach of a team is required when a team has accumulated four (4) of the following penalties in any combination in a single playing season:

- a. Misconduct Penalty
- b. Match Penalty

6. The convening of a disciplinary hearing is required in all cases when a MATCH PENALTY is assessed. The Disciplinary review committee may assess additional disciplinary action that would be carried into the next playing season.

7. Not with standing 5.1 the Disciplinary Review Committee reserves the right to deal with individuals, players, or coaching staff who through their actions create an unsafe or unacceptable environment affecting players, referees, coaches or spectators.

5.6 Automatic Suspensions:

Automatic suspensions shall be served at the next scheduled game for the team (scheduled means referees were booked prior to any of the following occurring):

1. The acting game captain of a team shall serve an automatic one game suspension in the following cases:

- a. When a team has accumulated ten (10) unsportsmanlike conduct or major penalties in any combination in a single playing season.
- b. When a team has accumulated three (3) misconduct and/or match penalties in any combination in a single playing season.

2. The acting game captain or acting head coach of a team shall serve an automatic one game suspension in the following case:

- a. When a team has accumulated more than thirty (30) penalty minutes in any one league, or exhibition game.

3. Any player on a team shall serve an automatic one game suspension in the following case:

- a. When that player has a accumulated a total of five (5) unsportsmanlike conduct and/or major penalties in any single playing season.

5.7 Procedure for the filing of a dispute of a decision rendered by the Disciplinary Review Committee:

1. Disputes, and all the evidence in support thereof, must be submitted in writing to the President or Vice President of WRAC, signed by disputee, and presented when reasonable from the rendering of the decision which is being disputed. The dispute must be accompanied by a certified cheque or cash in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

2. If the original decision is over-turned, the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be refunded.

3. Members of the **Disciplinary Review Committee** will convene within one week to deal with the dispute.

