

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

GENERAL

1. The Disciplinary Committee ("Committee") shall be the mechanism within the Maine Amateur Hockey Association ("MEAHA") available to adjudicate (1) disputes among members and/or Associations of MEAHA, (2) playing rule violations / penalties, (3) code of ethics violations. The Committee shall determine all matters referred to it and determine facts, resolve disputes, make recommendations and decisions, and issue suspensions and/or fines it deems appropriate.
2. The Committee shall be composed and operate consistent with Article XII of the MEAHA By-Laws.
3. No person serving on the Committee shall be eligible to sit on a dispute matter or hearing in which he/she has an interest.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. All matters shall be referred to the Committee by an affiliated association president or MEAHA representative, must be submitted in writing, and shall set forth grounds for the Committee to take action.
2. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the written application, the Chair of the Committee shall set a date for hearing and shall so notify all parties to the matter. The notice shall inform the parties of the time, place, date, and purpose of the hearing. The notice shall also advise that if a party does not attend the hearing, the matter may proceed in the party's absence without further notice.
3. A hearing may be adjourned from time to time as may be necessary in order to do justice between the parties in dispute.

HEARING PROCEDURE

1. Any application may be resolved on the written consent of all parties, prior to or during a hearing, and before the Committee takes the matter under advisement to issue its decision, and the Committee shall issue such order as may be necessary to give effect to such consent, provided it is not inconsistent with any policy of the Board.
2. A party to a hearing may be represented by counsel, call and examine witnesses, conduct such cross-examinations of witnesses as may be reasonably required for a fair and full disclosure of any facts given in evidence, submit written documents, and present argument.
3. The hearing shall not be open to the public unless the Chair otherwise orders, for good cause. Witnesses appearing before the Committee shall be sequestered after giving testimony. All reasonable efforts shall be made by the parties, witnesses, and the Committee to keep all matters confidential and preserve the privacy of the parties.

4. In a hearing, the Committee shall:
 - a) determine whether the matter is within its jurisdiction;
 - b) confirm that all papers have been properly submitted;
 - c) permit the parties to present their cases in accordance with due process and in the interests of justice;
 - d) receive such evidence as is relevant and considered to be reliable and trustworthy.
5. The Chair of the Committee may add as a party to a hearing any person or Association that he/she determines might be affected by the resolution of the issues before the Committee.

DECISION

1. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee may allow or dismiss the application or make such order as is just in the circumstances and consistent with the policies and principles of the MEAHA.
2. The Committee shall give its decision or recommendation, and order if any, in writing within 10 calendar days of the hearing date to the parties. The Chair of the Committee shall notify each party by telephone or electronic mail, as soon as reasonably possible after the Committee renders its decision, in addition to mailing the written decision.
3. Where on evidence produced the Committee concludes that there has been a contravention of any order, policy, rule, or prior decision, the Committee may:
 - a) suspend or restrict the privileges extended through the MEAHA to the party in default;
 - b) assess the costs of the enforcement of the decision against the defaulting party;
 - c) impose a monetary penalty on the defaulting party;
 - d) request the parties to appear before the full MEAHA Board of Directors for subsequent action;
 - e) render any other decision in order to do justice between the parties in dispute;
 - f) any combination of the above.
4. Each party, member, and/or Association of the MEAHA agrees to be and shall be bound by decision of the Committee and agrees to take all such steps as are necessary within its organization to ensure compliance with such decisions.
5. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all parties, members, and/or Associations of the MEAHA, subject only to such further rights of appeal as may be available under the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, and Procedures of the MEAHA.

APPEALS

1. Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Committee shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Appeal Committee of the MEAHA ("Appeal Committee"), which

shall process such appeal consistent with the procedures and principles stated herein.

2. The appeal must be submitted in writing with a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) within ten (10) days from the date of the Committee's written decision. The appeal must be submitted to the President of the MEAHA (president@meaha.com), who shall set the time, date, and place for the appeal no later than the next regularly scheduled business meeting of the MEAHA, or at a time, date, and place as the interests of justice may require. If electronic mail is used to request for appeal, please attach scan copy of money order of \$50, which must be received by MeAHA before appeal date.
3. No person designated to hear an appeal shall be eligible to sit on such matter or hearing in which he/she has an interest.
4. The Appeal Committee may receive such evidence as is relevant and considered to be reliable and trustworthy provided that no witness can give evidence who did not give evidence before the original hearing of the Committee, unless the Appeal Committee is satisfied that:
 - a) the evidence was not discoverable by reasonable diligence before the end of the original hearing;
 - b) the evidence is wholly believable;
 - c) the evidence is practically conclusive of an issue in the hearing.The onus shall be on the party seeking to introduce such evidence to satisfy the Appeal Committee that such evidence should be received.
5. At the conclusion of the appeal, the Appeal Committee shall approve or dismiss the appeal, shall uphold or modify, in whole or in part, the original decision of the Committee, or make such other or additional decision to serve the interests of justice.
6. The Appeal Committee shall issue its decision in writing within ten (10) days of the hearing which shall be binding on the parties, members, and Associations affected thereby, subject only to such further rights of appeal as may be available under the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures of the MEAHA and/or USA Hockey.

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**MAINE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
GAME SUSPENSION LIST**

THE FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDED MAXIMUM GAME SUSPENSIONS THAT WILL BE IMPOSED FOR THE 2001-02 SEASON BY THE MEAHA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE AND/OR DANGEROUS CONDUCT.

ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS MAY BE IMPOSED WHEREVER CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES ARE WARRANTED.

ALL ASSOCIATIONS ARE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF THESE SUSPENSIONS AND/OR TO POST THIS LIST IN A CONSPICUOUS (RINK) LOCATION:

INFRACTION / PENALTY

SUSPENSION

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| OBSCENE GESTURES | 3 GAMES |
| ABUSIVE & PROFANE LANGUAGE | 3 GAMES |
| TRASH TALKING | 3 GAMES |
| SPITTING | 4 GAMES |
| ATTEMPT TO INJURE | 4 GAMES |
| DELIBERATE INJURY | 4 GAMES |
| BUTT ENDING | 4 GAMES |
| GRABBING FACE MASK/HELMET | 4 GAMES |
| KICKING | 4 GAMES |
| SPEARING | 4 GAMES |
| HEAD BUTTING | 4 GAMES |
| CHECKING FROM BEHIND (MATCH) | 5 GAMES |
| THREATENING AN OFFICIAL | 6 GAMES |
| PHYSICAL ABUSE OF AN OFFICIAL | INDEFINITE |
| DISCRIMINATORY SLUR | INDEFINITE |

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