

Discipline Committee Report 2017 -2018 Season

The past year has been a busy year for the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee continues to be in need of additional members / volunteers as it seems that the same few people bear the brunt of the workload. Many thanks to those who have volunteered their time to assist in the resolution of discipline matters throughout the year.

The Discipline Committee and District Registrars reviewed approximately 1038 electronic Referee Incident Reports this past season. There were approximately 30 Match Penalties reported through the electronic reporting system. There were several summary suspensions issued by MassHockey this past season as well. Members of the Discipline Committee participated in discipline hearings throughout the state and there were a number of discipline appeals processed also.

One of the areas of concern the past season was the failure of programs to roster players and coaches, resulting in referees being unable to find players or coaches in the online system when trying to enter the player or coach in the incident reporting system. If a player or coach receives a misconduct or match penalty and s/he is not rostered, it results in a lot of work by several different people trying to track that person down so that the penalty can be properly documented. Players and coaches should not be on the ice or bench if they are not on the team's roster.

Members of the Discipline Committee continue to be available for any and all inquiries regarding, and assistance with, any and all discipline matters. The discipline process works far better when assistance is sought prior to any discipline proceedings taking place.