

Disciplinary Protocol

Aliso Viejo & Lake Forest Ice Palace Adult Hockey Leagues

I. In Game Authority

- A. Referees are the **FINAL & ULTIMATE** authority on the ice
- B. The on ice decisions of Referee's are FINAL, pertaining to the game

II. Head of Discipline/Compliance (Off-ice)

- A. The Head of Discipline/Compliance will be the **FINAL & ULTIMATE** authority off-ice
- B. The Head of Discipline (HOD) will oversee the assessment of suspensions for players involved with on-ice incidents/misconducts.
- C. The HOD is the **FINAL** authority on all disciplinary action/assessment
- D. The HOD Decisions and Rulings will be **FINAL**

III. Discipline & Procedure

- A. Game Sheets involving incidents are available on Aliso/Lake Forest Website or the Hockey Shift Stats App
- B. The HOD will notify the designated team captain of player suspension not earlier than 24 hours after the game, with said incident, is completed ("cooling off" period)
- C. ***ALL discipline will be enacted through the HOD & the Team Captain ONLY***
 1. The Team Captain will act as a liaison between the HOD and the infracting player

IV. Suspension Protocol

- A. Players assessed a game suspension will be mandated to serve that suspension the next scheduled team game
 1. There is no exception to this rule involving playoffs or new seasons
 2. Suspension Carry over from season to season
 - a. Players suspensions that carry into a new season for the same team will be served in the new season, before the suspended player is eligible to return
 - b. in the event of a suspended player's team not returning the next season, the suspended player will serve the duration of the suspension on: a) the new team the player is on in the same level b) another team that the player plays on in another level
 - c. in the event of a suspended player not returning to play on any team, at any level, the following season, the player will immediately serve the duration of their suspension before playing in any league upon their return.

V. Appeals

- A. Generally, appeals of suspensions will not be granted by the HOD, unless under extra-ordinary circumstances
 1. **ALL APPEALS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE HOD BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN ONLY**
 - a. ALL appeals **MUST** be made in writing (e-mail) to the HOD; no calls/texts
 - b. HOD reserves the right to deny any appeal

- c. ALL rulings by the HOD in the appeal's process are **FINAL**
- d. 1 GAME Suspensions **WILL NOT BE** allowed to be appealed, unless if the appeal is initiated by the HOD **ONLY**

e. **MATCH PENALTIES**

i. Players assessed a MATCH PENALTY will be IMMEDIATELY & INDEFINITELY suspended from ALL USA hockey sanctioned activity for at least 30 days or until a USA hockey disciplinary hearing reviews and adjudicates on the match penalty

ii. ALL match penalties are submitted to the USA Hockey National Database for Permanent Record Keeping

VI. Ratification

- A. Management will refer to this Declaration of "Disciplinary Protocol" for all sanctioned USA Hockey Adult games at the Aliso Viejo Ice Palace & Lake Forest Ice Palace
- B. Management of the Aliso Viejo Ice Palace & Lake Forest Ice Palace reserve the right to change, amend, add or adjust to the above "Disciplinary Protocol" at any and/or all times, without declaration

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