



# MHYSC Discipline Policy

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Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club (MHYSC) follows a strict set of Discipline Policies and Procedures set out by Ontario Soccer. It is the responsibility of every MYHSC Parent/Guardian to educate themselves on the Ontario Soccer rules regarding discipline and appeals. This information can be found by [clicking here](#) (Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures: Section 12-Discipline)

## **Discipline Committee**

House League – MHYSC Discipline Committee is composed of both volunteers and staff. The Discipline Chair will have attended the Discipline Program run by the Hamilton Soccer Association and are fully qualified to oversee the process.

Competitive – All district and provincial leagues have their own discipline procedures. We recommend that coaches and team officials familiarize themselves with their respective processes. MHYSC does provide support at the hearing stage and we will do our best to answer any questions that may arise at the team level.

## **Yellow/Red Cards**

Yellow – Two yellow cards in the same game is an automatic dismissal (red card).

Three yellow cards in the same playing season result in a one game suspension.

Four yellow cards in the same playing season result in no suspension.

Five yellow cards in the same playing season result in a two game suspension.

Red – If a player is shown a red card but has not received any notification of suspension, they are allowed to play until notified otherwise. Referees have up to five days to submit a report, and the club has 30 days to act, so please do NOT assume that the suspension automatically takes place the following game.

**Discipline by Review** – Less serious charges as per the Ontario Soccer discipline policies, section 12: Registrant is found either guilty or not guilty and there is NO APPEAL once the decision is rendered.

**Discipline by Hearing** – More serious charges as per the Ontario Soccer discipline policies, section 12: The player charged is requested to attend a hearing before a panel of three MHYSC Discipline Committee members. A hearing date will be set within the timelines under the process required by the Ontario Soccer. The Panel will render a decision resulting in either guilty (could result in ban from ALL soccer related activity), or not guilty. Appeals are allowed after a hearing but are made to Ontario Soccer.



**Special Incident** – Reports filed as a result of incidents that take place on or off the field that are outside of the standard ‘laws of the game’ guidelines. Incidents include verbal abuse by team officials, spectator behaviour, weather issues etc.

**Special Note:** Any team official who for whatever reason during a game pulls his/her team off the field will be subject to disciplinary action depending on the Discipline Committee findings.

Teams will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators, and will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. If the team is found guilty it shall forfeit the game and will be fined as per findings of the Discipline Committee. Forfeits will be recorded as 1:0 loss by default

**Referee Assault** – Referee reports are immediately filed to Hamilton Soccer. The accused player is suspended immediately by MHYSC from playing, pending the hearing at Hamilton Soccer. MHYSC will also follow the [City of Hamilton’s Zero tolerance](#) to this type of incident.

**Appeal Process** – For discipline cases which fall under the Discipline by Review policy of the Ontario Soccer, the accused has the right to request that their case be dealt with under the Discipline by Hearing system should they believe the dismissal was unwarranted. This request for a hearing must be received within 72 hours of receiving the dismissal and must be accompanied by the request for hearing fee of \$50.00.

MHYSC will only deal with discipline complaints filed in writing and signed. Anonymous complaints will not be considered. Remember that you are appealing the dismissal, and there is no appeal once the decision has been rendered. The \$50.00 fee is refundable only if the appeal is successful. Note: you cannot appeal two yellow cards that resulted in a red card.

**Protests** – Game protests based upon the referee’s interpretation of the ‘laws of the game’ will not be considered. Referee decisions are final and cannot be overturned. Protests can only be made on the basis that rules of the MHYSC or Ontario Soccer have been broken.

Protests must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 which is refundable in the event that the protest is successful.

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