



MHYSC Harassment Policy

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MHYSC is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Everyone has the right to participate and work in an environment that promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.

This environment should be free of harassment based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or disability. Harassment is a form of discrimination. Harassment is prohibited by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and by Human Rights legislation in every province and territory in Canada.

This Policy applies to all directors, officers, employees, volunteers, coaches, officials, athletes, and members of MHYSC.

MHYSC encourages the reporting of all incidents of harassment, regardless of who the offender may be. Notwithstanding this policy, every person who experiences harassment continues to have the right to seek assistance from their provincial Human Rights Commission even when steps are being taken under this policy.

Definitions

a) Discrimination: Differential treatment of an individual based on one or more prohibited grounds which includes race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability.

b) Harassment:

Such behaviour may be verbal, physical, deliberate, unsolicited, or unwelcome. It may be one incident or a series of incidents, it may include:

- Behaviour, which is intimidating, hostile, abusive and/or abuse of power and authority
- Verbal abuse or threats
- Unwelcome remarks, jokes, innuendos, or taunting about a person's body, attire, age marital status, ethnic or national origin, religion, etc;
- The display of pornographic racist or other offensive or derogatory pictures
- Practical jokes can cause awkwardness or embarrassment
- Unwelcome invitations or requests, whether indirect, explicit, or intimidating
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- Leering or other gestures
- Condescension or patronization which undermines self-respect

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- Unnecessary physical contact such as touching, patting, pinching, or punching
- Physical assault

c) Sexual Harassment:

Unwanted sexual attention of a persistent or abrasive nature made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know, that such attention is unwanted and/or inappropriate.

A sexual solicitation or advance made by a person who is in a position to confer any benefit on, or deny any benefit to, the recipient of the sexual advances.

A course of abusive and unwelcome conduct or comment made on the basis of sex, or sexual orientation when it has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment in which the person works

c) Child Abuse (Under 18):

- Neglect which endangers a child's welfare by failing to provide for physical, emotional or medical needs'
- Physical abuse which causes any intentional non-accidental injury of a child.
- Emotional abuse is damaging by whatever means of a child's self-image by an adult responsible for the child's nurturing or learning. It results in a decrease in the child's feeling of personal worth and thus his or her ability to love, trust and feel at one with the human race;
- Sexual abuse includes any manual, oral or genital, sexual contact, or the use of any object for sexual touching or penetration or to any other explicitly sexual behavior that an adult imposes on a child by exploiting the child's vulnerability and powerlessness.

Any allegation or suspicion of sexual abuse must be reported to the appropriate Child and Family Services and/or agencies and the police.

Responsibility:

The Technical Director & General Manager of MHYSC are responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

The policy of the Club includes:

- Discouraging and preventing harassment and discrimination within the MHYSC and ensuring formal complaints of harassment are investigated in a sensitive responsible and timely manner
- Imposing appropriate disciplinary or corrective measures when a complaint of harassment/discrimination has been substantiated, regardless of the position or authority of the offender
- Providing advice to a person or persons who experience harassment/discrimination
- Doing everything in the Club's power and resources to support and assist any employee or member of the Club who experience harassment by someone who is not an employee or member of the Club
- Making all members and employees of the Club aware of the problem of harassment/discrimination and of the procedures contained in this policy



- Informing both complainants and respondents of the procedures contained in this policy and their rights under the law
- Regularly reviewing the terms of this policy to ensure that they adequately meet the legal obligations and public policy objectives of the MHYSC
- Appointing unbiased case review panels and appeal bodies and providing the resources and support they need to fulfill their responsibilities under this policy

Every member of the MHYSC has a responsibility to play a part in ensuring that the soccer sports environment is free from harassment. This means not engaging in, allowing, condoning, or ignoring behavior contrary to this policy. In addition, any member of the MHYSC who believes that a fellow member has experienced or is experiencing harassment/discrimination is encouraged to notify an Officer appointed under this policy. Any form of Harassment/Discrimination should be reported to the MHYSC President as well as Technical Director & General Manager using the Serious Occurrence form that can be found by [clicking here](#)

If either the Technical Director & General Manager and the Discipline Director are involved in a complaint that is made under this policy, the Board shall appoint a suitable alternate for the purpose of dealing with the complaint.

Revision History

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