



# Eastern Ontario Soccer

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEARING and the RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED

**REMOTE HEARINGS** – The majority of hearings are held remotely using an online meeting app. Any reference in this document to ‘in person’ means attending online.

**REQUIRED TO ATTEND** - Parties indicated on the face of this Notice as “Parties Required to Attend” must attend the Discipline Hearing (at the time, date and place) and must bring all proper documentation, an official team roster and identification (i.e. referee certificate or Ontario Soccer Identification).

**A YOUTH REQUIRED TO ATTEND** - A registered youth player must be accompanied by an adviser over the age of 18 yrs. Without an adviser, the hearing will be postponed, and the accused will be suspended until a new hearing can be held.

**THE ACCUSED** - An accused person may be accompanied by an adviser. The adviser may only speak to the accused and may not address the discipline panel members.

**THE CLUB** - An official representative of the club is required to attend. This representative may NOT act as a witness as well. The Club representative will have an opportunity to address the discipline panel.

**FAILURE TO ATTEND** - Failure to appear by any of the “Parties Required to Attend” will result in a fine and suspension from all soccer activity until such time as the accused requests, in writing, another hearing and appears at that subsequent hearing. Failure of a Club to attend will result in a fine to the Club.

**POSTPONEMENT OF THE HEARING** - Requests for postponement of a Discipline Hearing must be submitted by email and be received by EOS no later than four (4) days prior to the date of the scheduled hearing. All requests must be accompanied by payment of the postponement fee of \$250.00 by e-transfer to EOS. If the request is denied, the fee will be refunded. **No fee is payable by game officials, except in a matter wherein the Match Official is the accused. The Match Official may request 1 postponement, however, must still be received within the 4-day period prior to the hearing date.**

**REPORTS** - A copy of the Referee Report or other report must be provided to the accused and their Club at least 30 minutes in advance of the Discipline Hearing.

**WITNESSES** - Witnesses are entitled to attend but they must appear in person. Written reports by witnesses are not acceptable.

**PLEADING GUILTY** - The accused has the option to plead guilty to the charge(s) and avoid a hearing, in which case the maximum fine and/or suspension will be levied.

*Further procedural details can be found in OS Procedures – Section 12 – Procedure 5.4*

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECISION

**SUSPENSION** – Suspensions can either be for a specific number of games or for a period of time. If the suspension is for a specific number of games the league will notify your Club of exactly which games for which the guilty person is suspended. Do not sit out any games in anticipation of a suspension, wait for notice. If the suspension is for a period of time, then the suspension applies to all soccer activities and will start once the hearing decision is received. The suspension may carry over to another season in which case you must ensure that you have served the entire suspension.



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**FINES & FEES** - All fines, administrative fees and bonds levied are to be paid to EOS and received in the District Office prior to the date set on the face of this notice. Failure to receive the money by that date will result in an additional fine (i.e. penalty) being levied against the delinquent party without further notice and may result in an additional suspension.

**APPEALS** - You **may** have the right to appeal the decision. The procedures for appeals are outlined in the *"Right of Appeal Information"* page which will be enclosed with the decision.

**Further procedural details can be found in [Ontario Soccer Operating Procedures, Section 12 Discipline](#)**