

## **Rights of The Accused**

Accused are allowed to bring witnesses who must appear in person

All notified to attend a TSA discipline hearing are required to bring their Ontario Soccer Registration Book or any applicable certification.

If no prior disclosure was requested full disclosure will be provided 30 minutes prior to hearing start.

Ontario Soccer RULE 8.44 If the accused does not appear, the hearing will not proceed, the accused will be fined in accordance with the “Schedule of Fees, Fines, Bonds and Penalties” as published by the Governing Organization, and the accused will be suspended from all soccer related activities until he/she requests and attends a hearing

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Ontario Soccer RULE 15.4.1 Any registrant failing to pay a fine, fee, or bond imposed by a Discipline Hearing/Review Panel shall be subject to an additional monetary penalty and, if still unpaid, shall be subject to suspension and shall remain under suspension until any imposed penalty (plus the original fee fine or bond) is paid

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Ontario Soccer 9.3.2 Within 24 hours after receipt of the report from the Game Official, or after charges have been laid by the police, the District Association shall notify the alleged offender his/her club/league that he/she is immediately suspended from all soccer related activity, pending a hearing by the District Association Discipline Hearing Panel with which he/she is registered or with which his/her club is affiliated

Parties who are required to attend will be sent notice to the accused/'s club. Club is expected to share all notice and disclosure documents with all parties.

Parties indicated on the face of this Notice as “parties required to attend” must attend the Discipline Hearing (at the noted time, date and place) and must bring all proper documentation and identification (i.e. referee certificate, player identification book or recreation team form). A registered youth player must be accompanied by an advisor.

An official representative of the Club is required to attend. This representative many NOT act as a witness as well.

Failure to appear by any of the “parties required to attend” following receipt of notification shall result in the suspension of that absent party from all soccer related activities until such time as he/she requests in writing another hearing and appears at that subsequent hearing.

Requests for postponement of a Discipline Hearing must be submitted in writing by registered mail or recognized Courier Service; and be received by the Association no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing on the face of this notice. All requests must be accompanied

by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to the District Association. If the request is denied, the fee shall be refunded. No fee is payable by game officials.

The accused will receive a copy of the Referee Report from Ontario Soccer or District Association in advance of the Discipline Hearing.

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

Any person or Club suspended shall not take part in any soccer activity during the period of the suspension as indicated on the face of this notice.

Soccer activities include: playing, practicing, coaching, managing, administrating, officiating, or any game-related activities (other than spectating).

All fines, administrative fees and bonds levied are to be submitted by certified cheque or money order 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.

You have the right to appeal the decision. The procedures for appeals are outlined in the "Right of Appeal Information" page, which is enclosed with the decision.