

University of Guelph Intramural Protest and Appeals

Rules and Procedure

The Protest and Appeals Committee is a body of students and staff involved with the intramural program at the University of Guelph who convene weekly to hear incidents of alleged misconduct that occur within any of the intramural events of sports. In addition to this, the Committee will also hear protest of any kind related to any unfair treatment they feel they have incurred as an individual or as a representative of a team.

Section 1 – Function

- 1) To judge incidents of student behaviour that are deemed inappropriate by the officials of a sport or are contrary to the rules handed out to the team Captains which govern that sport. After hearing the information the Committee will impose an appropriate disciplinary penalty if they feel one is warranted. These penalties may include suspension, fine, or expulsion from intramural programs.
- 2) To hear protests or in some cases, appeals which related toward unfair treatment incurred by individuals, or teams by officials or other players. This can include complaints about facilities, which may have affected a teams performance and standing.
- 3) To recommend changes to the Intramural Athletic Association, the coordinators, and the Director of Intramurals regarding weaknesses or potential problems with rules and regulations which may be revealed as a result of proceeding of the committee.

Section 2 – Membership

The membership of the Protest and Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Director of Intramurals, and confirmed by the Intramural Athletic Association.

Section 3 – Quorum

A quorum shall be the Chairperson (or in the event of their absence, a duly appointed substitute), one of the Intramural Coordinators, or the Directors of Intramurals in their stead, and one of general student representatives or peer helpers.

Section 4 – Voting

All decisions of the Committee shall be made by a majority vote.

Section 5 – Departmental Powers

In the event that the Director of Intramurals feels that the decision of the Committee was inappropriate, the decision may be overturned. If the Director so

deems, the Committee may be asked to reconvene and amend the decision, or the Director may impose a penalty at their discretion.

Section 6 – Student Responsibilities

Students who have been accused of misconduct have a responsibility to appear before the Committee. The accused player will not be able to play on any intramural teams in any sport until they have appeared before the committee.

Section 7 – Rights for Appeal

Any student has the right to appeal a decision made by the Committee, but must notify the Committee of the decision to appeal **within two weeks** of the initial hearing. If they are not satisfied with the second hearing, they may contact the Director of Intramurals. In the event that the Director supports the decision of the Committee, but the student is still dissatisfied, the student will be referred to the University Judicial Committee.

Section 8 – Suspension Guideline

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

Class 1 - Relatively minor, however it should be addressed and will warrant some disciplinary action or probation

Class 2 - Inappropriate and warrants disciplinary action limited to the immediate activity

Class 3 - More serious incident with longer lasting consequences limited to the immediate activity

Class 4 - Very serious; warrants major consequences regarding participation in other Intramural activities

Class 5 - Extreme; actions should result in an Intramural program-wide ban as well as be referred to other University of Guelph disciplinary systems.

CLASS 1 (minimum 1 game suspension)

Including, but not limited to:

- Excessive arguing with officials, building supervisor, or Fitness and Recreation staff
- Unsportsmanlike/disruptive conduct
- 2 yellow cards or a red card in one game for outdoor/indoor soccer

- 2 technical fouls in one basketball game

CLASS 2 (minimum 2 game suspension)

Including, but not limited to:

- Excessive arguing (aggressive behaviour, profanity, intimidation) with officials, building supervisor, or Fitness and Recreation staff
- Any single punch thrown (includes a player fine)
- Verbal abuse directed at official, building supervisor, Fitness and Recreation staff, or another Fitness and Recreation participant
- Use of racial or sexual degrading language
- Leaving the bench sideline with the purpose of getting involved in an altercation
- Spectators getting involved in an physical altercation (with each other)
- Participant getting involved in an non-physical altercation with a spectator
- Major penalties for checking from behind (ball hockey and ice hockey)

CLASS 3 (minimum 6 game suspension)

Including, but not limited to:

- Multiple punches thrown (includes a player fine)
- Intentional striking to the head of a participant with ball or other object
- Spectators getting involved in an physical altercation w/ participants or an official
- Illegal participant - playing for a team without being on the roster (team penalties may apply)
- Squirting a water bottle at an official, building supervisor, or Campus Recreation staff
- Violating a probationary measure
- Fraudulent act - i.e. Intentional misrepresentation
- Travesty to the game
- Incident instigator
- Open alcohol or drug use at an event by a spectator (team penalties may apply)

CLASS 4 (minimum 12 game suspension)

Including, but not limited to:

- Intentional striking to the head of an participant - with stick
- Intent to Injure a participant (bodily harm)
- Shoving or striking an official, building supervisor or Campus Recreation staff
- Intentional spitting on/at a Campus Recreation staff or participant
- Using racial or sexual degrading language or gestures directed at a participant, official, building supervisor, or Campus Recreation staff
- Spectators getting involved in a physical altercation with participant or official
- Playing while suspended
- Leaving the penalty box/returning after being ejected with the purpose of getting involved in an altercation
- Vandalism, destructiveness or abuse of equipment and/or facility
- Intoxicated at game (participants)
- Open alcohol and/or drug use at an event by a participant

CLASS 5 (minimum 365 day suspension)

- A number of the above listed incidents maybe classified as a Class 5 , depending on the severity of the incident

Note: Each Class gives a minimum suspension but is not limited to a maximum. Lifetime bans can be given if deemed necessary.

Understand that these rules are in place and are strict, not just to punish, but to also protect you as a player from other players. If you have any questions about these penalties or need to appeal something, please send an email to iplayim@uoguelph.ca.