



Disciplinary Guidelines

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1. Authority of the Executive

Pursuant Article 7.2 sub-article f.1 of the CIHL Constitution the CIHL Executive has the authority to impose these guidelines for the 2004-2005 CIHL season.

2. Discipline Committee Appointments

The President of the CIHL shall appoint 3 members of the Executive and / or persons from the Volunteer list (having no involvement with the team, player or team official being dealt with, herein known as “the aggrieved party”) to act as the Discipline Committee, of which one member shall be appointed Chairperson.

3. Responsibilities of each team

Each member Association shall provide a Volunteer list of 2 possible persons that would be willing to act on the Discipline or Appeal Committee (complete with telephone numbers, email addresses, and fax numbers if available) who are familiar with the CIHL Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations and have some hockey experience, for the League President to choose from, if necessary.

4. Process for Disciplinary Action

4.1. Lodging a complaint with the League

The Discipline Committee shall act on written complaints only. Acceptable forms of receipt are faxes, e-mails and letters. The complaint and any accompanying information shall be delivered to the President to the CIHL, who will then appoint a Disciplinary Committee and forward all pertinent information to them within 48 hours of the President receiving the complaint.

4.2. Investigations of a complaint

The Disciplinary Committee shall then investigate the complaint, contacting all the appropriate persons involved. Within 3 days of receiving the complaint, the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee will forward the Committee’s recommendation for disciplinary action(s) (if any), to the CIHL President. The CIHL President will then inform a member of the aggrieved party’s team Executive of the Discipline Committee’s decision.

5. Process of Appeals

The aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal decisions made by a Disciplinary Committee.

5.1. Lodging an appeal with the League

The Appeal by an aggrieved party shall be submitted in writing to the President within 48 hours of the Discipline Committee's decision. Acceptable forms of receipt are faxes, e-mails and letters. The President will then forward the information to the Chairperson of the Appeal Committee. The appeal shall:

- Outline how they feel the Discipline Committee did not address all of the facts when it made its ruling.
- Include an appeal fee of \$300.00 payable to the CIHL, for consideration by the appeal committee.

5.2. Investigations of appeals

Based on this letter, the Appeal Committee will evaluate the Discipline Committee's treatment of and ruling on the matter. If the Appeal Committee feels there are grounds for further investigations, then it could take the case file with all the information used by the Discipline Committee and make a final ruling. All rulings made by the Appeal Committee are final. Within 3 days of receiving the Appeal, the Appeal Committee will forward their recommendations to the CIHL President. The CIHL President will then inform a member of the aggrieved party's team Executive of the final decision.

5.3. Appeal Committee Appointments

The President shall appoint 3 members of the Executive and / or persons from the Volunteer list (having no involvement with the team, player, or team official being dealt with) to act as the Appeal Committee, of which one member shall be appointed Chairperson. Individuals selected for the Appeal Committee will not have taken part in the Disciplinary Committee that made the initial ruling.

6. Suspensions

Suspensions levied by the CIHL are pursuant to Section 6. of the CIHL Regulations.

Any suspension levied by the Disciplinary Committee, is in effect immediately upon the ruling being delivered to the aggrieved party's team Executive. Any Appeal will not impact the ruling of the Disciplinary Committee until the Appeal Committee makes its ruling. For example: If the Disciplinary Committee ruling, results in a player being

suspended, the player must begin serving the suspension immediately upon their team Executive being notified. The suspension will remain in effect during the appeal process. If the Appeal Committee overturns or modifies the suspension, the aggrieved party will not be compensated for any lost time or points in the league.

7. Appeal Fees

The appeal fee shall be held in trust pending the outcome of the appeal. The CIHL shall retain the appeal fee if the appeal is dismissed. The fee shall be returned to the appellant if the appeal is upheld.