



Judicial and Ethics Committee Rules

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Provide a set of rules to allow IYSA to form a committee committed to delivering just actions on behalf of its members, without undue delay or hardship to all parties involved.

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1. Purpose

The purpose for the Judicial and Ethics Committee is to receive complaints alleging rules violations, code of conduct violations, and other actions that are inconsistent with the traditions and spirit of the game of soccer. The parties subject to the jurisdiction of the Judicial and Ethics Committee, against whom complaints may be made include, but are not limited to players or prospective players, coaches or prospective coaches, affiliate members or prospective affiliate members, affiliate's board of directors, affiliate's or IYSA's administrative staff, affiliate's team managers and team officials, team supporters, referees, or referee organization board members. The Judicial and Ethics Committee shall make its best effort to provide timely and concise investigations into complaints allowing the accused and accuser to present evidence, and then report their findings to the IYSA President as well as the accused.

2. Committee Composition

The Judicial and Ethics Committee shall consist of an odd number of members, but in any case not fewer than three and no more than seven members. The Chairperson of the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall be appointed annually by the President, subject to the approval of the Idaho Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors. Other members of the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall be chosen by the Chairperson on a per complaint basis. Eligible members shall include the Idaho Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors, Executive Director, Director of Coaching, or Assistant Director of Coaching unless a conflict of interest exists. If due to conflicts of interests, three members cannot be appointed, the Chairperson shall appoint an unbiased IYSA member to fill each required spot, as set forth in Section 19 below.

3. Conflict of Interest

No member of the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall participate in any case or controversy in which that member has a direct interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the Chairperson. Members of the Judicial and Ethics Committee may decline assignment to any case or controversy based on their actual or perceived conflict of interest.

4. Acting Chairperson

If the Chairperson elects not to participate in a case or controversy due to a conflict of interest or any other reason, the IYSA President shall select a member of the IYSA Board of Directors to serve as Acting Chairperson, who shall be endowed with the rights and responsibilities of the Chairperson for the particular case or controversy.

5. Procedures

The Judicial and Ethics Committee may adopt procedures as it may determine to be appropriate and desirable in order to fulfill its responsibilities. Any objection to the procedures of the Judicial and Ethics Committee must be raised before the Committee in order to be grounds for appeal. At a minimum, the complaining and accused parties are allowed present documentary evidence, and, if the Chairperson deems

it necessary, the parties to a case or controversy shall have the opportunity to be heard, present testimonial evidence, and to respond to the accusations.

6. Original Jurisdiction

The Judicial and Ethics Committee may exercise original jurisdiction over all allegations of misconduct or malfeasance related to the Association and its activities. The Judicial and Ethics Committee shall have jurisdiction over complaints made against players or prospective players, coaches or prospective coaches, affiliate members or prospective affiliate members, affiliate's board of directors, affiliate's or IYSA's administrative staff, affiliate's team managers and team officials, team supporters, referees, or referee organization board members. However, the parties must have attempted to resolve their dispute informally prior to invoking the jurisdiction of the Judicial and Ethics Committee. The original jurisdiction of the Judicial and Ethics Committee is invoked by the filing of a complaint as set forth in Section 10 below.

7. Exclusive Jurisdiction

The Judicial and Ethics Committee may exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all allegations of misconduct or malfeasance arising from any match sanctioned by the Idaho Youth Soccer Association or any match involving a team affiliated with Idaho Youth Soccer Association.

8. Appellate Jurisdiction

The Judicial and Ethics Committee may exercise appellate jurisdiction upon receipt of a referral from District Commissioners.

9. Sources of Authority

The Judicial and Ethics Committee shall be responsible for adjudicating complaints alleging violations of, administering and enforcing the disciplinary rules of IYSA, as well as any other rules of conduct established by IYSA that are not specifically addressed in its Bylaws, including but not limited to, the Code of Conduct, IYSA sanctioned Tournament rules, and District specific rules. These rules also include, but are not limited to, published rules of competition, the rules, regulations, bylaws, and constitutions of IYSA, USYS, USSF, and FIFA.

10. Review and Investigation

The Judicial and Ethics Committee is empowered to investigate and review matters within its jurisdiction. All matters referred to the Judicial and Ethics Committee must be submitted in writing using the IYSA Incident Report Form which constitutes a complaint within the meaning of these rules, and shall be delivered to the IYSA office within twenty (20) days of the incident, or twenty (20) days after the discovery of the incident should have reasonably been made (whichever is earlier) to be considered timely. office. The committee will not consider verbal allegations of misconduct or unethical behavior or any complaints that are not timely made except as noted below. The Executive Director or Directors of Coaching of Idaho Youth Soccer Association may invoke the jurisdiction of the Judicial and Ethics Committee on their own initiative if they

receive information which they believe constitutes a violation of any rules or code of conduct applicable to Idaho Youth Soccer Association or its affiliates.

All complaints referred to the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall be in writing and include the nature and specifics of the allegations, including the identification of all rules or procedures that have been violated OR the ethical and/or behavioral actions personally observed by the complainant, and all supporting documentation. . Referee game reports and USSF Misconduct reports submitted via IYSA are considered to have met the above requirements and will be automatically submitted to the Judicial and Ethics Committee Chairperson for review. Once a complaint is received by Idaho Youth Soccer Association, the Executive Director or Directors of Coaching of Idaho Youth Soccer Association will review the complaint to determine if it meets the jurisdictional requirements of the Judicial and Ethics Committee.

11. Temporary Orders

The Judicial and Ethics Committee is empowered to issue temporary orders that may suspend or otherwise condition IYSA participation until the timely completion of the committee's review of a matter. The President of IYSA can override temporary orders for special cases as he/she deems fit (for example, in cases where such a decision may cause serious financial burden upon the parties and the nature of the grievance is not likely to cause any harm until conclusion of the Judicial and Ethics Committee investigation and hearings).

12. Appearance Request

The Judicial and Ethics Committee, at its sole discretion, may request any person or entity subject to its jurisdiction to appear before the Committee and/or to provide information or materials related to any pending complaint or disciplinary matter. Appearance before the Judicial and Ethics Committee is not mandatory; however, failure to cooperate with such requests or efforts made to tamper with requested materials may be grounds for immediate suspension from IYSA activities.

13. Investigative Member

The Chairperson of the Judicial and Ethics Committee may appoint an Investigative Member to investigate any matter within the jurisdiction of the Judicial and Ethics Committee prior to determining whether a hearing on the matter is appropriate.

14. Notification

Parties subject to the disciplinary action will be provided with notice of the specific charges or alleged violations. Service may be accomplished by certified, registered, or regular US Mail; facsimile; telephone; or electronic mail (e-mail).

15. Discovery

Parties subject to the jurisdiction of the Judicial and Ethics Committee will be granted access to all pertinent information and materials related to the case or controversy, as determined by the Chairperson of the Judicial and Ethics Committee. Disputes related to discovery shall be presented to and decided by the Chairperson of the Judicial and Ethics Committee.

16. Misconduct During Proceedings

Misconduct occurring during or as part of proceedings before the Judicial and Ethics Committee is neither privileged nor immunized. The Judicial and Ethics Committee may consider such matters of misconduct and impose sanctions as part of the same proceeding. The filing of a complaint or report not made in good faith or personal knowledge, as determined by the Judicial and Ethics Committee, may be grounds for disciplinary action against the person or entity making the complaint.

17. Hearings

Upon request by a party subjected to automatic discipline by IYSA bylaws, or upon the initiative of the Chairperson, the Judicial and Ethics Committee will convene a hearing to take testimony, examine evidence, and/or consider arguments. The committee may adopt hearing procedures it deems appropriate, provided that the parties to a complaint are allowed an opportunity to appear and represent their positions. A hearing cannot be requested to dispute automatic discipline as a result of a red card. If additional rules violations are verified within the investigation of the initial complaint, the Judicial and Ethics Committee may act on these additional violations when determining the merits of a complaint or entering decisions or orders..

18. Request for Hearing

A party subjected to automatic suspension may request a hearing to contest the suspension. Notice of a request for a hearing must be filed at the IYSA office within five (5) business days of the effective date of the suspension.

19. Panel Assignment

Upon receipt of a request for hearing or upon the chairperson's initiative, the Chairperson of the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall appoint a panel an odd number of panelists consisting of not fewer than three and no more than seven members of the IYSA board, IYSA's Executive Director, Director of Coaching, or Assistant Director of Coaching to consider the matter. In the event that a suitable panel cannot be seated due to disqualifications, the Chairperson may appoint impartial individual(s) to consider the particular case.

20. Telephonic Hearings

If deemed necessary and appropriate, the Judicial and Ethics Committee may convene a hearing during which parties or witnesses may participate by telephone.

21. Notice of Hearing

Parties shall be given reasonable notice of date, time and place of a hearing as well as a reasonable notice of the matter under review. The Chairperson shall have the discretion to sustain an objection to the date, time or place of a hearing, and may reschedule the hearing upon reasonable notice. Notice may be accomplished by certified, registered, or regular US Mail; facsimile; telephone; electronic mail; or by hand-delivery to the IYSA office.

22. Failure to Appear

Any person or entity given notice to appear before the Judicial and Ethics Committee are expected to appear or telephone into the hearing. Appearance before the Judicial and Ethics Committee is not mandatory; however, failure to cooperate with such requests may be grounds for immediate suspension from IYSA activities.

23. Sanctions

The Judicial and Ethics Committee is empowered to impose any form of discipline deemed appropriate by the Committee after a majority vote of its members unless otherwise prohibited by IYSA, USYSA, or USSF constitution, bylaws, rules or policies.

24. Decisions

The Judicial and Ethics Committee shall issue a final decision, resolving a case or controversy, not more than ten (10) business days after the close of a hearing. The Judicial and Ethics Committee may, as it deems appropriate, make findings of fact, and issue determinations of violation in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, rules regulations, and procedures of the IYSA, USYSA, and USSF. Deliberations after hearing shall be in private and the Committee's deliberations shall not be disclosed to the public.

25. Orders

The Judicial and Ethics Committee is empowered to issue both temporary and final orders, after the review of the IYSA President and informing the IYSA Executive Board, to enforce to its decisions. After review, if the President finds the decision to be in violation of a rule, then the decision is to be resubmitted to the committee for further review.

26. Notice of Decision and Orders

Decisions and orders of the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall be conveyed to parties by certified, registered, or US Mail; facsimile; telephone; or by hand-delivery. Copies of decisions and orders of the

Judicial and Ethics Committee shall be maintained on file at the IYSA office. Such decisions and orders may be maintained in a confidential file.

27. Enforcement of Decisions and Orders

All officers of Idaho Youth Soccer Association including team and club officers and coaches must honor the enforcement of all appropriate decisions and orders that are not appealed and considered final..

28. Procedure to Appeal

Decisions and orders of the Judicial and Ethics Committee may be appealed to the IYSA President in accordance with the applicable bylaws, policies, and procedures of the IYSA Board of Directors. If an appeal is taken, the appellant must also provide a copy to the IYSA Judicial and Ethics Committee via the IYSA office. The IYSA President's decision is final.

29. Preparation of Record on Appeal

Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the Chairperson of the Judicial and Ethics Committee shall prepare and certify the record for appeal.

30. IYSA as Exclusive Remedy

No player, coach, referee, team, club, league, district, or member of IYSA, or their representative, may invoke the jurisdiction of the courts of any state or of the United States regarding the subject matter of a complaint made to the Judicial and Ethics Committee without first exhausting all available remedies and avenues of appeal within the IYSA and USSF.

31. Sanctions for Failure to Follow Exclusive Remedy

For any violation of the Exclusive Remedy section noted above, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines (fines may not be levied against a player), and shall be liable to the IYSA and USSF for all costs and expenses incurred by IYSA, USSF, and their officers and members in defending each court action. The IYSA and USSF shall be entitled to all costs and expenses, including but not limited to, court costs, attorneys fees, travel expenses, and reasonable compensation for time spent by the officers and employees of IYSA and USSF in responding to the defending against allegations in each action, including discovery and court appearances.