

NATIONAL LEAGUE AND CUP DISCIPLINARY REPORT



- 15.1 The match officials or game Commissioner where appointed are the only people who can report a disciplinary incident. A disciplinary incident relates to all participants who are on the team bench, bench vicinity and court during a game. The participant disqualified does not have to be named on the scoresheets and can include physiotherapist, doctors, statisticians and any team supporters as well as players and coaches.
- 15.2 A player, coach or team official/member disqualified during a Scottish National League or Scottish Cup game will incur an automatic one game ban at all National League and Cup levels they are eligible to participate in. For coaches and team followers this will be deemed as a single match ban at all levels the club participates in at National League or Cup Competitions.
- 15.3 The automatic ban, referred to in regulation 1.3 applies immediately after disqualification. Clubs will be informed of automatic suspensions in writing via e-mail and post on receipt of the officials report following the disqualification. However it is the responsibility of Club Secretaries to ensure participants are not involved in games the ban relates to. This includes games scheduled on the same day or weekend that disqualifications took place and covers both National League and Scottish Cup games.
- 15.4 In the event of a player, coach, team member or follower being disqualified or expelled from a match the matter will automatically be considered by the basketballscotland Disciplinary committee.
- 15.4.1 Each Match Official shall submit a written report on the matter to the basketballscotland Competition and Events Officer by 12 noon of the Tuesday following the incident.
- 15.4.2 Each club and any individual may submit written reports if they so choose. These must be with the basketballscotland Competition and Events Officer by 12 Noon of the Wednesday following the incident. Any reports received after these deadlines, will not be accepted under any circumstances. basketballscotland will not contact the clubs/individuals to request this information; it is purely at the discretion of the club or individual to submit this report.
- 15.4.3 The Disciplinary and Appeal Committees shall discuss all cases individually and make decisions as appropriate on the Wednesday evening after the incident.
- 15.5 The Normal Process for the Disciplinary Committee and any subsequent appeal will be as follows.
- 15.5.1 The Disciplinary Committee will be informed of any disciplinary incidents via e-mail on the receipt of the officials report.
- 15.5.2 Reports in writing received from officials, clubs and individuals involved in the incident are submitted to the Disciplinary Committee immediately after the final 12 Noon deadlines. (Regulation 15.6.1 and 15.6.2).
- 15.5.3 The Group shall discuss all disciplinary matters on Wednesday evenings as required. The Group shall not convene if there are no outstanding matters. The Group will discuss each case on an individual basis and decide which Level of Offence (i.e. Violent Conduct Level 1 or 2) they feel has been committed, and what the appropriate level of punishment with this offence is (i.e. 3 or 4 Games at each Level).
- 15.5.4 The decision of the group will be communicated via e-mail and telephone to the appropriate club secretary by 12 Noon of the Thursday immediately after the meeting. The decision shall also be sent in writing through the post and via e-mail, within these communications clubs shall be provided with the floor official reports viewed by the Committee.
- 15.5.5 Clubs have 24 hours to advise basketballscotland if they wish to accept or appeal the decision made by the Committee. The club must communicate this decision to basketballscotland by 12 Noon of the Friday following the ruling. If basketballscotland have received no communication within the 24 hours, this will be taken as an acceptance of the decision by the club.
- 15.5.6 If clubs accept the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, the punishment will take affect immediately after the deadline (as of 12 Noon on the Friday after any decision) and clubs shall have confirmation of punishment details provided via e-mail, telephone and post.
- 15.5.7 If the club appeal the decision, they have until 12 noon on the Tuesday following the decision to provide basketballscotland with written evidence to support the appeal. There is a £100 administration fee that must accompany all appeals. The club shall be advised of the time, venue and date of appeal by 12 Noon on the Monday following the original decision.
- 15.5.8 The Appeals Committee, as appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, is solely responsible for all appeals with regard to disciplinary matters. The committee shall be made up of a maximum of six members with a minimum of three dealing with each case. The Chairman of this committee will be the primary line of communication between basketballscotland and the Committee. In the case of his/her absence they shall appoint a member of the group to act on his/her behalf.
- 15.5.9 The Appeals committee shall convene and hear all appeals. These meetings will be held in conjunction with Disciplinary meetings and where possible held on Wednesday evenings as well.
- 15.5.10 The Appeals Committee decision is final and cannot be appealed under any circumstances. Clubs and Individuals are made aware that the Appeals Committee has the authority to increase punishments as well as reduce, where they feel this action is required and justified.
- 15.5.11 Any punishments administered by the Appeals Committee will take affect as of 12 Noon on the Friday following the decision.
- 15.6 Penalties imposed by the Disciplinary and Appeals Committees against a player, coach or team official/member relate to all levels the participant is eligible to participate in, i.e. a Under 16 Cadet Man disqualified for Verbal Abuse 1, who is given a 2 game ban – is banned from playing the next two Under 16 Cadet, Under 18 Junior and Senior Men's games, within their clubs fixture schedule. Bans shall encompass both National League and Scottish Cup matches.
- 15.7 Where disqualification takes place for 2 un-sportsmanlike fouls, the automatic one game ban will not apply, however subsequent disciplinary action will be considered by the Disciplinary Committee if this is a continual occurrence.
- 15.8 A player under suspension for a match may not play in the match, act as a team coach or assistant coach, or sit on the team bench as a team follower. They may attend pre-game and half time team meeting and be present in the arena during the match.
- 15.9 A coach under suspension for a match may not play in the match, act as a team coach or assistant coach, or sit on the team bench as a team follower. He/she may not communicate with the team 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the match until after the end of the match. He/she may be present in the arena as a spectator unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary Committee, or where the floor official or commissioner feels that they may have an effect on the game.
- 15.9.1 All Under 18 Junior and Under 16 Cadet(te) fixtures must have a responsible adult (registered coach or volunteer) on the team bench for the full duration of the match. Failure to have a responsible adult will result in the game being forfeited by the offending team. (It is recommended that all Under 18 Junior and Under 16 Cadet(te) teams have two responsible adults present to ensure a Coach disqualification does not result in the match being forfeited).
- 15.10 In the event of a fixture in which a suspension is due to be served being postponed, the suspension will be served in the re-arranged fixture. In the event of a fixture in which a suspension is due to be served being defaulted, the Disciplinary Committee will allocate another fixture in which the suspension will be served.
- 15.11 All disciplinary records are kept on record for two years from the date of the incident, unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary or Appeals Committee. After this time the information will be removed from the file and this incident will not be taken into consideration with regard to future disciplinary incidents