

OREGON ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Policies and Procedures



Subject: D&A Committee Jurisdiction Regarding Players Subject to Referee Abuse and Assault Hearings

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- (A) As required by US Soccer Policy 531-9, any alleged instance of referee abuse and/or assault that occurs in an OASA-affiliated league game must be dealt with solely by OASA via its Discipline & Appeals Committee. Often, however, in conjunction with the referee abuse/assault situation, the player may also have committed other offenses, such as violent conduct toward another player, which would rightfully come under the review of the league/tournament judicial body. The league is entitled to review those offenses separately, but only after the OASA D&A Committee review of the referee abuse/assault incident has been concluded.
- (B) At the point that a potential incident of referee abuse and/or assault is reported:
 - a. the league will refrain from issuing any suspension decision or holding any hearing on related misconduct until after the referee abuse/assault incident has been released by the OASA D&A Committee, and
 - b. the OASA office will notify the player of the allegation of referee abuse and/or assault and of the impending hearing, also noting that the league may elect to deal separately with any other offenses once the D&A Committee review is complete.
- (C) During the period of OASA D&A Committee review, inquiries made to the league regarding sanctions for the incident will be forwarded or referred to the OASA office for response.
- (D) The league-level review process will commence only after:
 - a. the OASA D&A Committee Chair determines that an OASA hearing on the incident is NOT warranted, or
 - b. in the event that an OASA D&A Committee hearing is to be scheduled, the hearing process has concluded and the final decision of the D&A Committee has been issued.
- (E) The OASA staff will communicate the OASA D&A Committee's determination to the league and player as soon as the decision has been issued.
- (F) At this point, the league may initiate its own disciplinary proceeding relating to any Laws of the Game "sending-off offense" or violation of league rules.
- (G) Any league-level suspension decision will then be made and communicated within established timelines, using the date of the D&A Committee's decision notice as the starting point. For

example, if under normal circumstances the league review of a red card is concluded within 10 days of the offense, in cases of OASA D&A Committee involvement, the league decision will be issued within 10 days of either the D&A Committee's decision NOT to pursue a hearing or within 10 days of the Committee's final decision notice.

- (H) Once the league-level suspension decision has been issued, the player must be allowed the standard window of time to file an appeal of that decision.