



## **TRIANGLE ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE**

### **Discipline and Appeals Process**

FIFA and Triangle Adult Soccer League (TASL) Rules will be used as a guide in determining player suspensions or other sanctions. TASL reserves the discretion to provide increased suspensions and other sanctions based on player misconduct.

When a player receives a card during or related to conduct at a TASL match, the TASL office will issue a suspension or other sanction of future playing time or privileges by email to the said player and the team captain within six days of the player receiving the card (provided that the TASL office received written notification from the official within 48 hours of the match where the player was issued a card). An automatic one game suspension, as a minimum, will be issued for two yellow cards or a straight red card.

Additional sanctions may be required for more serious player misconduct such as red card infractions for Violent Conduct. As these types of incidents often require additional review time, the TASL office will notify the player and the team captain of the automatic minimum one game suspension and will inform them that additional penalties may be warranted pending review. The TASL office will have an additional fourteen calendar days for review and to issue additional sanctions. While the incident is under review, the said player may not participate in TASL matches.

When a TASL player receives a suspension or other sanction during or related to conduct at a TASL match, said player may appeal his/her suspension or its severity to the TASL Discipline & Appeals Committee (D&A) per the following rules and procedures:

1. Only suspensions greater than one match and cases of mistaken identity may be appealed.
2. A player may file a Notice of Appeal for a suspension of more than one match.
  - a) The Notice of Appeal must be submitted by the player's team captain/coach. In the event the team captain/coach was not present for the match or competition in question, then the team captain/coach in charge of the team at the time of the match or competition must file the appeal;
  - b) The Notice must be in writing or by email to the League Registrar;
  - c) The Notice must be received by the League Registrar within 48 hours of said player and team captain receiving notice by email from the TASL office of the sanction issued for the suspension.
  - d) The Notice must be accompanied with a \$25.00 non-refundable filing fee.
3. The TASL D&A will review the Notice of Appeal within seven days of receiving the Notice. While the suspension is under appeal, the said player may not participate in TASL matches.

4. In the event an appellant wishes to have an expedited appeal with a determination within five business days, said appeal must be accompanied by an additional \$50.00 expedite fee. In the event an appellant's suspension is overturned, the fee for an expedited appeal (only) will be refunded.

5. A player appealing a sanction may present a written statement as well as statements from two additional witnesses in support of his/her appeal to the D&A. Any such statements should be submitted to the League Registrar along with the Notice of Appeal.

6. D&A will follow the following guidelines in reviewing an appeal:

- a) D&A may contact any and all appropriate persons for information regarding the matter appealed;
- b) While statements will be taken from appellant and witnesses, testimony will only be required where D&A feel such will aid any understanding of the facts and circumstances of the incident or conduct in question;

7. TASL reserves the right to suspend players or coaches from participation in league matches pending a hearing on sanctions. Where TASL investigates conduct involving abuse of a referee, assault on a referee, or serious bodily injury to player(s) or person(s) associated with a TASL match or event, D&A may request appearance of a player and/or coach/manager/captain to appear at said sanction hearings to answer questions related to said conduct or incident.

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