

DISQUALIFICATION RULING – UPDATE VERSION (SPRING 2015)

Note: The disqualified participant **must** leave the playing and bench area immediately (i.e. gym, rink, field, etc.).

1. FIGHTING

Definition

- One blow (punch, slap, kick, head-butt), or an attempted blow, is taken at an opposing player.

Penalty

- Minimum **ten (10) games** suspension from **all Intramural sports**.
- Review by the Intramural Coordinator and/or Recreation Services Supervisor within one week of the incident.

2. FIGHTING (by 2 or more members of the same team during the same game)

Definition

- One blow (punch, slap, kick, knee, head-butt), or an attempted blow, is taken at an opposing player.

Penalty

- Minimum **ten (10) games** suspension from **all Intramural sports**.
- Review by the Intramural Coordinator and/or Recreation Services Supervisor within one week of the incident.

Provision

- The teams involved may be suspended from the league dependent upon the nature of the incident.

3. Deliberate Attempt to Injure

Definition

- Any action by a player directed at an opponent that is intended to cause bodily harm (whether contact is made or not is irrelevant).

Penalty

- Minimum **ten (10) games** suspension from **all Intramural sports**.
- Review by the Intramural Coordinator and/or Recreation Services Supervisor within one week of the incident.

4. Unsporting Conduct

Definition

- Any swearing, threat, harassment, or derogatory comment towards referees or opponents.

Penalty

- Minimum **one (1) game** suspension from **all Intramural sports**.
- Review by the Intramural Coordinator and/or Recreation Services Supervisor within one week of the incident.

5. Physical Abuse Of An Official

Definition

- Any action (bump, push, punch, slap, kick, knee, head-butt) where a player physically contacts, or tries to intimidate, an official; either before, during or after the game.

Penalty

- Indefinite suspension from **all Intramural sports**.
- Review by the Intramural Coordinator and/or Recreation Services Supervisor within one week of the incident.

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6. Alcohol or Drugs

- Participants under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be given an automatic suspension for the remainder of the game and **must** leave the facility.

Note

- The individual(s) name(s) will be recorded. If the offence is repeated the individual(s) may be given an extended suspension; as decided by the Intramural Coordinator and Recreation Services Supervisor.

7. Procedure

- The game will not be restarted until the disqualified player(s) is/are absent from the playing area.
- If the disqualified player(s) does not leave immediately then his/her team **may** be forced to forfeit the game.
- The referee(s) must submit a full and complete report of the incident within 24 hours (also provide names and phone numbers of witnesses) of the incident to the Intramural Coordinator.
- In order to protest a disqualification, the protest form must be received by the Recreation Services Office (PE 207) no later than 72 hours after the incident (addressed to the Intramural Coordinator) After this time appeal will not be accepted.

8. Player/Team Conduct Penalties

- This section includes general guidelines that the Intramural coordinator will follow when suspensions are warranted.
- All suspensions must be served concurrently, starting the date immediately following the date of the offense. Suspensions may carry forward to the next season depending on the length of the penalty assessed (ie. If the league ends before the suspensions is over). Also, in extreme circumstances participant(s) may be penalized to the fullest extent as outlined in the student discipline section of the University of Lethbridge Calendar.
- Game suspensions will cover **all Intramural sports for that suspension period** (eg. If a player is playing in 2 sports, floor hockey and volleyball, and receives a 1 game suspension in floor hockey the player must sit out 1 game in floor hockey and 1 game in volleyball).
- The penalties assessed for each suspension may vary depending upon the severity and circumstances of the incident. Thus, each suspension will be handled on an individual basis by the Intramural Coordinator. The penalties for suspension stated here are the minimum standard, additional penalties may be assessed depending on circumstances.
- Following are minimum criteria for Game Disqualification penalties: (exclude physical abuse of an official suspension – these will be handled separately.)
 - 1) First Game Disqualification: One (1) Game Suspension
 - 2) Second Game Disqualification (within one calendar year) Four (4) Game Suspension
 - 3) Third Game Disqualification (within one calendar year) One (1) Calendar Year Suspension
- The following process will be followed by Recreation Services:
 - 1) Recording of incident(s)
 - 2) Intramural Coordinator meeting with participant regarding incident(s)
 - 3) A written contract drafted detailing suspension, accepted or rejected by participant
 - 4) Phone call and/or email to team captain regarding team member(s) suspension(s) and penalty(s).