

# NEW D & P PROCEDURES

(effective September 1, 2011) <sup>1</sup>

1. If a player receives a red card ***for any reason*** on a Sunday (during the match, before the match or after the match), then the red card match report will be sent to the D & P Committee.
  - Any red card will be sent to the D & P Committee
  - Any red card is considered to be a serious offense
  - You must treat the issuance of any red card as a serious offense, even if the match official verbally tells you otherwise
  - If the match official issued a red card, then that is serious
  
2. You must review the match report (which will be sent electronically) to determine what the match official reported about the red card.
  - This is your notice of the reasons for the red card
  - The match report will be the evidence the D&P Committee will accept as true unless there are other statements submitted to the D&P Committee
  - **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THE MATCH REPORT BY THE TUESDAY AFTER THE SUNDAY WHEN THE RED CARD WAS ISSUED, PLEASE NOTIFY NEIL BACKES IMMEDIATELY**
  - If you do not notify Neil Backes, then you may not argue that you did not receive a copy of the match report as an excuse for not submitting any statements
  
3. You have until 11:59 p.m. on the Thursday following the Sunday (when the red card was issued) either (a) to request an oral live hearing or (b) to submit whatever evidence electronically that you want the D&P Committee to consider.
  - There will be no live hearing unless you request one timely
  - This is your notice of the Thursday deadline to submit any evidence
  - **THERE IS NO LONGER ANY EXCUSE THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE OR REQUEST A HEARING**
  - The evidence may consist of email or other written statements along with any other evidence that you want the D&P Committee to address
  - The statements should address the reasons for the red card set forth in the match report
  - If you request an oral live hearing, then the timetable for that hearing will be determined by the D&P Committee separately. Each oral live hearing will proceed along its own unique timetable. Each player and team is responsible for making sure that they understand what that unique timetable is.

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<sup>1</sup> These New D&P Procedures have been revised to reflect vote of the Leagues on August 25, 2011 on the duly moved and seconded motion by the Foresters. The League votes added the oral live hearing option.

4. If there is no request for an oral live hearing, by the following Thursday, the D&P Committee will announce its decision
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    - The decision may be that time served is the only sanction or the decision may be that the player has to sit out multiple matches
  
  5. If there is no request for an oral live hearing, by the next Monday, the player must appeal any decision to the Board under the normal procedures and bond. The Board will consider the appeal at the next League or Board meeting. The Board's jurisdiction remains limited as provided in the Bylaws.
    - The Board meets the second Wednesday of every month except for December and June. The Board meets the first Wednesday in December and not at all in June
    - The League meetings are toward the end of October, January, March and May and toward the middle of December
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Sunday	Red Card Issued
Monday	
Tuesday	Receive Match Report
Wednesday	
Thursday	Submit all Evidence Electronically or Request for Oral Hearing
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	If No Hearing is Requested, Receive Decision Electronically
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	If No Hearing is Requested, File any Appeal to the Board
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	