

North Mississauga Soccer Club (NMSC)

Zero Tolerance for Abusive Conduct

An objective in the North Mississauga Soccer Club's Constitution is "to develop, encourage and promote community spirit, sportsmanship and good fellowship among all Members." In order to endorse this objective and demonstrate support for our referees, the following policy is in place and will be enforced as required.

Policy

This policy applies to all non-playing attendees at North Mississauga Soccer Club ("NMSC") indoor and outdoor games.

Any coach found guilty after a hearing by the NMSC Discipline Committee of harassment or abusive conduct during a NMSC game will be notified of the assessed penalty as per OSA Standard Penalties for Misconduct.

Any parent, guardian, or spectator found guilty after a hearing by the NMSC Discipline Committee to be guilty of harassment or abusive conduct during a NMSC game will be notified in writing of the assessed penalty. Failure to attend a hearing after proper notification will result in automatic assessment of the penalty.

1.0 1st Conviction:

A 1st offence will result in the following penalties:

1. The parent, guardian or spectator will not be allowed to attend the next 1 to 3 games depending upon the seriousness of the offence,
2. (NMSC Run Leagues only) the team is deducted 3 points from the league standings, and
3. In extreme cases, as determined by the Discipline Committee, the de-registration of all playing members of the immediate family in question may be invoked after the 1st offence.

2.0 2nd Conviction – Same parent, guardian or spectator:

A 2nd conviction, during the same season will result in:

1. All playing members of the immediate family in question being de-registered from the NMSC.
2. Neighbouring soccer clubs will be advised of the de-registration.
3. (NMSC Run Leagues only)The team is deducted 6 points from the league standings,

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4. (NMSC Run Leagues only)The team is automatically eliminated from any Playoff / League Cup competition, and
5. (NMSC Run Leagues only)The team is warned that upon a 3rd offence the team could be disbanded.

3.0 2nd Conviction – A different parent, guardian or spectator:

A 2nd offence for the same team but a different parent, guardian or spectator will result in the following penalties:

1. The parent, guardian or spectator will not be allowed to attend the next 1 to 3 games depending upon the seriousness of the offence,
2. (NMSC Run Leagues only)The team is deducted 6 points from the league standings,
3. (NMSC Run Leagues only)The team is automatically eliminated from any Playoff / League Cup competition, and
4. (NMSC Run Leagues only)The team is warned that upon a 3rd offence the team could be disbanded.

4.0 3rd Conviction – Same team:

A 3rd offence for the same team will result in the following penalties:

1. (NMSC Run Leagues only)the team may be disbanded, and
2. (NMSC Run Leagues only)the possibility of placing the players on all remaining teams will be considered only if there are spaces available.

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1.0 1st Incident of Harassment or Abuse:

1.1 Game is Stopped:

When a referee or game official feels that they are being harassed or abused, as per the scope of this policy, by either a coach or spectator, the referee will suspend the playing of the game to deal with the situation. If the abuse is physical, the referee or game official will inform the coaches that the game has been abandoned and then proceed with step 2.0.

1.2 Referee to Advise Coaches:

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The referee will then verbally advise both coaches that the game has been stopped due to the harassment or abuse and inform both coaches as to the source of the abuse.

1.3 Source is a Coach:

If the source is one of the coaches, the referee may dismiss the coach for offensive, insulting or abusive language or may warn the coach and advise that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in an abandonment of the game. A report must be sent to the NMSC Discipline Committee for review.

1.4 Source is a Spectator:

If the source is a spectator, the appropriate coach will provide the referee with the name of the spectator. The coach must advise the spectator that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in an abandonment of the game and a report to the NMSC Discipline Committee will be sent in for review. If the spectator is not associated with either team, both coaches are asked to speak to the spectator and ask the individual to leave.

1.5 Restart the Game:

Once the prescribed action in steps 1.1 through 1.4 has been completed, the game will restart as per the Laws of the Game.

1.6 Referee's Duty to Inform:

If the game continues without any further incident, the referee or game official will inform their referee scheduler that the game was temporarily suspended due to abuse towards a game official. Further, a note should be made on the game sheet.

2.0 Harassment Continues or Physical Abuse:

2.1 Game Abandonment:

If the harassment continues or there is physical abuse, the referee will stop the game and advise the coaches that the game has been abandoned. Further a Special Incident Report will be forwarded to the NMSC Discipline Committee. The referee must clearly indicate on the game sheet that the game was abandoned due to harassment or abusive conduct.

2.2 Referee's Duty to Inform:

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The referee must contact either their referee scheduler or the head referee to verbally report the incident within 24 hours.

2.3 Special Incident Report:

A Special Incident Report, with the assistance of the referee scheduler or head referee, must then be forwarded to the head of the Discipline Committee within 72 hours.

1.4 NMSC Discipline Committee:

The NMSC Discipline Committee will then review and deal with the report as per their guidelines.

1.5 Physical Abuse:

Any incidents of physical contact with the referee must be reported on a Referee Assault Form and sent to the Peel Halton Soccer Association (P.H.S.A.) with copies to the NMSC Discipline Committee.

1.6 Status of Game:

If the game was abandoned due to the conduct of a spectator not associated with either team, the House League Coordinator or Technical Staff will determine the status of the game.

