

4.1 Team Penalties

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| a) Walkover | As per league handbook |
| b) Walk off points. | Automatic loss plus deduction of 2 league points. |
| c) Fielding a player under a false name | Automatic loss plus deduction of 2 league points. |
| d) Supplying false registration information | Disqualification from the competition (timeframe to be determined by the manager) |
| e) Unsportsmanlike conduct/bringing the game into disrepute | Suspension/Disqualification/league penalty |

NB. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, themselves and team spectators, so please ensure you are familiar with the codes of conduct.

4.2 Individual Penalties

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| a) Playing under a false name | 3 game ban |
| b) Physical violence against another player. | 4 – 16 game ban |
| c) Physical violence against a referee, table official or other official | 12 game ban (minimum) to a lifetime ban |
| d) Verbal abuse against another player | 3 game ban |
| e) Verbal abuse against a referee, table official or other official | 4 – 12 game ban |
| f) Intentionally or recklessly damaging equipment or other Ball Hall property | 4 game ban |
| g) Unsportsmanlike conduct/bringing the game into disrepute | Suspension/Disqualification/league penalty as determined by the programme manager |
| h) Possessing, taking or supplying banned substances. | Lifetime ban |

BALL HALL

DISCIPLINARY CODE

WINTER SEASON 2007 - 2008



Ball Hall - Disciplinary Code

1. Introduction

The main objective of this disciplinary code (here after “the code”) are as follows: -

- a) To give guidance to all users of the Ball Hall Centres, as to their responsibilities towards other users, and the sports of involved, generally by imposing penalties for undesirable conduct.
- b) To achieve a degree of consistency in punishing similar offences by setting down a list of standard penalties.
- c) To lay down a procedure for reporting breaches of the code, administering and enforcing punishments and appealing against punishments imposed.

The primary responsibility for administering and implementing the code shall be vested in the Programme Manager. This being the person appointed to that post by Ball Hall management.

1.3 Individuals and teams shall be entitled to appeal against punishments or refer disciplinary matters for decision to the disciplinary panel (“the panel”) as detailed in section 3 of the code.

1.4 The list of possible offences set out in section 4 of the Code is not intended to be exhaustive and the Panel shall be entitled to consider any other disciplinary matter or complaint as they shall deem appropriate.

1.5 Whilst it is intended that the Code shall have general application to all users of the Ball Hall. The programme manager or Panel shall be entitled to decline jurisdiction in relation to disciplinary incidents occurring during games, competitions or training sessions not directly controlled by the Ball Hall.

1.6 The programme manager or Panel shall be entitled to refer details of any disciplinary complaint or punishment to the appropriate governing body, area association or league committee; or such other body or organisation as they shall think fit.

2. Disciplinary Complaints

2.1 A complaint of an alleged breach of the Code may be made by any user of the Ball Hall (including spectators and Ball hall staff) in respect of any other Ball hall user.

2.2 A complaint may relate to conduct either before, during or after, or unrelated to a game, provided the conduct arises inside or in the immediate vicinity of the Ball Hall.

2.3 A complaint shall be made in writing & lodged at reception, within 24 hrs of the alleged breach of the Code.

2.4 As soon as possible thereafter (& generally within 7 days of the lodging of a complaint) the programme manager shall investigate the complaint in such a manner as they think fit & endorse his/her decision.

2.5 The programme manager shall retain the original complaint in a Disciplinary File & as soon as practicable, supply copies to the person lodging the complaint and the individual/team who are the subject of the complaint.

2.6 The programme manager shall be entitled to make one of the following decisions;

Dismiss the complaint

Impose the standard penalty

Impose a lesser penalty (eg warning as to future conduct)

Refer the matter to the Panel either because the programme manager is unable to reach a decision or considers the standard penalty to be insufficient punishment.

2.7 Any individual/team penalised by the programme manager is under the provisions of clause 2.6, & shall be entitled to appeal against the penalty in writing at Ball Hall reception within 24hrs of being notified of the penalty.

3 Disciplinary Panel

3.1 The Panel shall comprise the following persons:-

The Ball Hall Programme Manager

A representative of the Ball Hall Referee / Umpire Association

2 representatives chosen by the Ball Hall recognised clubs

Any other person co-opted by the Panel.

3.2 The Panel shall not exceed a membership of seven and the quorum shall be three persons.

3.3 The Panel shall deal with referrals from the Programme Manager & appeals from individuals/teams as provided for in clause 2.6 & 2.7 of the code.

3.4 The programme manager shall organise a meeting of the Panel as soon as practicable after a referral/appeal has been lodged, & unless otherwise agreed, the programme manager shall chair the meeting.

3.5 The Panel shall determine the procedure for hearing a referral/appeal, but generally the programme manager and the individual/team subject to a complaint/lodging an appeal shall be limited to calling one witness in support of their respective cases.

3.6 Any person appearing before the Panel shall be entitled to object to any member of the Panel hearing his/her case, & if the Panel consider the objections to be well founded, the member of the Panel shall withdraw & take no further part in proceedings.

3.7 The Panel shall be entitled to impose such penalty as it shall think fit &/or uphold, remove or vary any penalty previously imposed by the programme manager.

3.8 The programme manager shall endorse the decision of the Panel on the appropriate form & retain the original form in the Disciplinary file. A copy shall be supplied to the person lodging the complaint & the individual/team who are subject of the complaint.