

2017 TNWPOA Disciplinary Committee

1. Membership

- a. The disciplinary committee for 2017 shall be Brandon Nicholson, Kevin Heinrich, and Seth Frank.
- b. In a one-game incident, no official working the game in question shall be permitted to serve on the disciplinary committee. In this instance, another member(s) of TNWPOA will serve on the committee. This member(s) is (are) to be appointed by the remaining existing committee member(s).
- c. This committee shall be three (3) members of TNWPOA in good standing.

2. Reportable Events

- a. All acts of misconduct including minor acts of misconduct and all red or yellow cards are considered Reportable Events and are to be reported to the Disciplinary Committee. All Reportable Events are subject to review.
- b. Yellow cards, misconduct, and minor acts of misconduct are Minor Reportable Events.
- c. Red cards and flagrant misconduct are Major Reportable Events.
- d. All Reportable Events shall be reported to the committee at the conclusion of the game in which they occurred.
- e. At their discretion, the committee can elevate a Minor Reportable Event to a Major Reportable Event.

3. Decision Process

- a. The committee shall examine all evidence regarding the incident as it deems necessary. This may, but is not necessary or limited to, include interviewing the player in question, interviewing witnesses, examining player history, and interviewing the officials working the game.
- b. The committee shall render a timely decision, although the speed of this decision will depend on the complexity of the case. Any player with a Reportable Event in question shall not participate in a game until a decision has been reached.
- c. In the event that a committee member cannot be reached within a reasonable amount of time to decide on a case (e.g. at a tournament), then the other available committee members may appoint a substitute as outlined in Section 1b.
- d. The committee has at its discretion the power to levy suspensions in addition to those outlined in Section 4 and in the NFHS rulebook. It cannot, however, reduce the length of suspensions prescribed herein or in the NFHS rulebook.
- e. Any players or coaches suspended by the committee must serve their suspension by attending their team's next game and checking in at the desk prior to the game start. They will then serve their suspension in the stands, and check in at the desk at the conclusion of the game. Failure to check in both prior to and after the game will not count as a suspension game served.
- f. Suspensions can carry over to subsequent seasons.

- g. All decisions of the disciplinary committee shall be final and binding.
 - h. All decisions shall be reported to the appropriate coaching authority.
4. Automatic Suspensions
- a. Any player or coach who leaves the bench area to engage in a fight shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.
 - b. Any player or coach caught uttering a discriminatory slur (racial, sexual, religious, etc) during an official's jurisdiction will be issued a one-game suspension.
 - c. Any player who receives a Major Reportable Event after serving a suspension will be suspended for the remainder of the season.