

Section 2 – Disciplinary Guidelines

Disciplinary Guideline 1 - Procedure

1. A three member Discipline Committee will rule upon any activity requiring disciplinary action during the season. Each club will submit one member in good standing as a representative to be called upon during the season to serve on this committee, this representative may not rule on any activity involving their own Member Club.
2. Each incident will be investigated and ruled on its own merits, and no single incident can be construed to set a precedent or affect any other incident.
3. The committee will not limit its jurisdictions to incidents occurring on the playing area but will be concerned with the conduct and activities of ALL PERSONNEL involved in any aspect, or any location of any function related to the CDLA lacrosse program.
4. The Discipline Committee can convene a Discipline Committee hearing upon its own initiative or may convene a discipline hearing upon receipt of a written complaint from any third party including but not limited to a referee, an official of a Member Club, a parent, a player or an owner operator of a facility used by CDLA.
5. Upon receipt of a written complaint by the Discipline Committee from a third party the Discipline Committee shall determine whether or not it will convene a discipline hearing and shall notify such third party of its decision. The decision of the Discipline Committee not to convene a discipline hearing may be appealed to the Appeals Committee. If the Appeals Committee determines that a discipline hearing shall convene, the hearing shall convene and the Discipline Committee shall convene a hearing. The Discipline Committee shall conduct the discipline hearing in accordance with its usual procedure. The discipline hearing must take place as quickly as possible but within a maximum of ten (10) days of the incident or receipt of the complaint from a third party. The Discipline Committee shall provide each affected party copies of the original written complaint and such affected parties shall provide their written response within 48 hours of receiving same. Upon receipt of the response a copy shall be provided as soon as practical to the party who filed the original complaint.
6. The decision of the Discipline Committee will be communicated to all parties by the Chair of the Discipline Committee.

Disciplinary Guideline 2 - Disciplinary Guidelines (Regular Season, Playoffs and Tournaments)

1. **Match Penalty** - Players receiving a match penalty will be suspended for 2 games automatically. They may return to play if not notified by committee, however they may be suspended for additional games after the CDLA Discipline Committee reviews the incident and rules on the infraction.
2. **Bench Clearing** - Team members leaving the benches will result in the coach and other team officials being immediately suspended until the incident has been reviewed and is ruled on by the Discipline Committee.
3. **Use of Suspended Players or Non-Registered Players** - Use of suspended players or non-registered players will result in forfeiture of the game. The head coach and/all listed non-playing personnel on the official game sheet, will be suspended until the incident is reviewed and ruled on by the Discipline Committee.
4. **Reports** - The Discipline Committee may review official referee reports or coach's reports and further suspensions may result from the review.
5. **Recommended Guidelines for Suspensions** - In addition to this document, the CLA Box Lacrosse Rule and Situation Handbook will be referred to in addressing all players, fans and non-playing personnel infractions.