



Zero Tolerance Policy

There will be zero tolerance for abuse of O.L.A. certified officials, during sanctioned lacrosse games in Zone 9, in either tournament or league play.

Immediate Ejection and Suspension:

- Immediate action to be taken by the Official, will be to eject the offending player/coach/team official/spectator from the game.
- Failure of the offender to leave the area as requested, will result in a forfeiture of the game to the non-offending team.
- The offender will be suspended indefinitely from all sanctioned lacrosse activities, until the occurrence has been dealt with by the Zone Disciplinary Committee.

Verbal Reporting:

- The Official must verbally report all instances of ejection due to 'abuse of an official', immediately following the game.
- This verbal report is to be filed with the Zone Technical Director to inform him that the suspension has occurred. (Must be followed up with a written report).
- The association hosting the event where the offence occurred, will be required to deal with the incident as per the following procedures:

Written Follow-up:

- Collect game sheet and a copy of the incident report from the Officials.
- Prepare a list of names and phone numbers of witnesses who were in attendance. These are to be submitted to the Zone Technical Director, who will then contact the Chair of the Zone Disciplinary Committee and the respective Convenor.
- Discipline Committee to be convened (within seven days) to meet with the offender(s) to have them explain their actions and to determine the length of suspension to be served.
- The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee will report the decision of the committee to the offender, the Association rep, the Convenor and the Zone Executive.
- Repeated occurrences will be dealt with by increasingly stiffer penalties and the ultimate penalty may be permanent removal from the arenas and the game.

Appeals:

- The offender may appeal the suspension to the Zone Executive via the Zone Appeal Process.