

ETOBICOKE HOUSE LEAGUE RULES, DISCIPLINE & PROTEST COMMITTEE

PROTESTS

D.1.01

- A. All protests will be dealt with by a Protest Committee consisting of at least three (3) E.B.A. executive members appointed by the E.B.A. President. The E.B.A. President may preside at a protest hearing.
- B. Protests will only be accepted if they are based solely on a baseball rule violation.
- C. Protests must be made at the time of the incident and before the next pitch is made or a runner is retired by the manager to the chief umpire who will:
 - i. advise the other team
 - ii. ensure that the scorebooks of both teams are appropriately noted
 - iii. Sign both scorebooks

Protests are not valid if these steps are not taken.

- D. A protest is not official until it is confirmed in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident. Copies of the protest must be sent to the:
 - i. Series Convener or Division VP
 - ii. Etobicoke Umpire in Chief & both Local UIC's
- E. All protests must be accompanied by a fifty (50) dollar fee that will be refunded if a protest is upheld.
- F. Each team may be represented at the Protest Committee hearing by two (2) representatives. Teams shall be advised by the E.B.A. Secretary through their E.B.A. representatives as to the date of the hearing.
- G. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.

SUSPENSIONS

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- H. All matters which may require disciplinary action must be reviewed by the Discipline Committee consisting of three (3) EBA Executive members appointed by the E.B.A. President. To ensure a quorum can always be achieved, a Discipline Committee of more than three (3) members shall be formed by the E.B.A. Executive. Members of the Discipline Committee presiding can include the Umpire in Chief, General Managers of Rep and/or Select and the President and such other people who have not specific league affiliation.
- I. The Discipline Committee shall have the right to suspend or reprimand individuals or member leagues involved in any matter under its jurisdiction.
- J. All incidents which occur during the course of a ballgame and which require disciplinary action must be reported by the chief umpire of that game to the Series Convener or Division VP within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident. The Series Convener must report to the Etobicoke Umpire in Chief. If deemed necessary, the Series Convener or Division VP, as applicable will advise the Secretary who will advise the appropriate Executive members and the Discipline Committee will set the date, time and place for the said Committee to meet. This should take place forty-eight (48) hours after being notified of the incident.
 - i. The parties involved will be informed of the meeting, advised to attend and present material relevant to the matter under consideration.
 - ii. Any incident involving an assault or harassment of a coach, manager, E.B.A. official, player or umpire shall result in an automatic suspension until the Discipline Committee reviews that matter.
 - iii. Any bench-clearing incident that occurs during the course of a game will result in the automatic suspension of the managers involved. Such suspension will be for minimum of three (3) games and will be reviewed by the Discipline Committee.
 - iv. Any minor who is subject to suspension and is invited to this meeting is entitled to representation by a parent or team official.
- K. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a sanctioned E.B.A. (exhibition, regular season or playoff) game is suspended for one game, and this to be the next scheduled sanctioned game. Any further ejection during the course of the season will result in the automatic

suspension of the individual until the matter is reviewed by the Discipline Committee.

L. Decisions reached by the Discipline Committee will be final..

D.1.03 Discipline:

a) In the case of a player or coach being ejected from a game, specific discipline shall apply:

COACH/PLAYER EJECTED:

Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam

Completely leave the vicinity of the ball park plus **automatic one (1) game** suspension to be served for the next league game played by his team. Any person who has been suspended shall not be permitted to attend any game(s) from which he has been suspended.

Midget and Junior

Completely leave the vicinity of the Ball Park plus **automatic one (1) games** suspension to be served for the next league games played by his team. Any person who has been suspended shall not be permitted to attend any game(s) from which he has been suspended.

Any Midget or Junior participant who is ejected for the second time during the regular season will be **suspended for two (2) games**.

D.1.04 Any coach or player wishing to appeal the "automatic" suspension shall do so in writing to the Chairman of the RD&P Committee no later than 48 hours (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory holidays) after the event by registered mail, hand delivery or fax or email.

The RD&P Chairman after compiling the facts shall decide whether or not the appeal merits a special meeting of the Committee. If he believes there are not sufficient grounds to merit such a meeting he shall decline the appeal. The RD&P Chairman does not have the authority to approve any such appeal. Only the RD&P Committee may do so.

These suspensions may be delayed by the Chairman of the RD&P Committee provided an appeal has been filed by the injured parties and the Chairman has agreed to hear the appeal. Written confirmation of the delay in the suspension pending a hearing must be obtained by the suspended parties, otherwise the suspensions must be served.

In such case the Umpire shall submit a full report of such matters to the RD&P Committee and if the Committee deems further action necessary it may so act.

b) 1. The RD&P Committee has the authority to suspend any player, coach, manager or team official for a maximum of **five (5) games** (the total of five games shall include the automatic suspension). Any suspension of up to five (5) games may be appealed, in writing, by registered mail or hand delivered within seven (7) days to the Chair, RD&P Committee.

The RD&P Committee shall submit any recommendation for further suspension to the EBA Council.

2. The EBA Council shall review the RD & P Committee's recommendation for further suspension and may accept it as submitted, add to it, or reduce it. Under no circumstances may the EBA Council reduce the first five (5) games of any player's, coach's, manager's or team official's suspension.

3. Any additional suspension invoked by the EBA Council or R.D. & P. is subject to appeal in writing, by registered mail or hand delivered within seven (7) days, to the President. In receipt of a written appeal, the President shall invite the suspended party(s) to attend the next EBA Council meeting where the Council shall review the appeal.

The Secretary shall notify the appellant of the Council's decision in writing within seven (7) days of the meeting.

c) Ejections (Umpire Submit Report)

Umpires must ensure that any ejected player, coach, manager or team official is advised at the time of the ejection and record it on the game sheet of both teams. (Failure to record it on the game sheet does not nullify the ejection.) In the case of a player being ejected the coach or manager of that team shall also be verbally advised of the ejection at the time it happens. At the conclusion of the game, the umpire is responsible for informing the Etobicoke Umpire-In-Chief of the ejection(s).

D.1.05 Complaints:

A person wishing to register a complaint due to the actions of any EBA representative, umpire, player, coach or manager shall submit such complaint in writing to the applicable Series Convener not later than 48 hours (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) after the event by registered mail, fax, e-mail or hand delivery.

The Convener shall then advise the person(s) against whom the complaint has been made and invite the person(s) to respond in writing within 48 hours (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) after notification of the complaint. After reviewing the complaint and response, if any, the Convener may either mediate a solution between the parties, determine that the complaint is not warranted and dismiss the matter, or refer the matter to the RD & P Committee or Council for appropriate action. The Convener will forward a report on the action taken to the Chair of the RD & P Committee for record purposes.

