

## **PROCEDURES ON STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS**

**These Rules will be applied to all OWP Sanctioned Events unless the event host states the changes, the reasons for the changes and the rules that will be followed in the Sanction Application. The Changes must also be in the tournament invitation package and announced to all participating clubs/teams.**

### **BRUTALITY/DISRESPECT/VIOLENCE or RED CARDS**

- Athletes committing an act of Brutality, Disrespect or Violence during the game; the penalty will be an automatic one (1) game suspension.
- Coaches or staff that receive a RED CARD during the game; the penalty will be an automatic one (1) game suspension.
- The Referee in Chief can also review any incident to determine if any additional action is required to be taken at the event. The decision of the Referee in Chief is final and is in affect until the end of the event.
- The Referee in Chief must file an incident report to the OWP office within 48 hours of the completion of the event.

### **GROSS MISCONDUCT**

- OWP and all member clubs will not tolerate any physical or verbal abuse toward the officials, coaches, players, OWP staff/representatives, or the tournament organizers of any event sanctioned by the OWP.
- All incidents in violation of the OWP behaviour standards that occur outside of the game or field of play will be viewed as Gross Misconduct.
- Gross Misconduct incidents can occur prior to, during or following an actual game.
- The Referee in Chief can automatically warrant a tournament suspension to the offender guilty of Gross Misconduct.
- All incidents of Gross Misconduct will be referred to an OWP Discipline Committee. Further sanctions could apply.
- The decision of the Referee in Chief is final and is in affect until the end of the event.
- The Referee in Chief must file an incident report to the OWP office within 48 hours of the completion of the event.

## **POST EVENT FOLLOW UP**

All incidents of un-sportsmanlike acts (violence, brutality, Red cards, multiple Yellow Cards at the same event) and/or any act of Gross Misconduct MUST be reported to the OWP office within 48 hours of the tournament completion by the Referee in Chief.

## **FOLLOW UP FOR BRUTALITY, VIOLENCE, RED CARDS**

1. The OWP office will make efforts to track all un-sportsmanlike acts committed by OWP members at all sanctioned events in Ontario and across Canada. This tracking is to include the OUA water polo league, the MLWP, CSL, all PSO sanctioned events and all national championships. The OWP recognizes it will only be able to impose suspensions and penalties on OWP, WPC and FINA events BUT will notify and report all suspensions to the OUA league convenor or other governing bodies.
2. As soon as the OWP receives a second un-sportsmanlike incident for any member of the OWP in the same program year, the OWP Executive Director, or designate, will investigate both incidents. The Executive Director or designate will contact the individual and discuss the incidents and remind/inform the individual of the consequences of a third incident. The Executive Director, or designate is empowered to immediately call a discipline committee if he/she feels the one or both of the incidents warrant.
3. If a third un-sportsmanlike incident occurs in the same program year an automatic indefinite suspension to all OWP, WPC and FINA member governing body sanctioned events will be immediately invoked.
4. An OWP discipline committee will be formed. The committee will be presented with all incident reports and relevant information, including any incidents in OUA league, to determine what, if any actions should be taken. The individual will have the right and be provided with the information to appeal the discipline committee decision.

## **FOLLOW UP FOR INCIDENTS OF GROSS MISCONDUCT**

All incidents of Gross Misconduct will be referred to an OWP Discipline Committee. Further sanctions could apply.