## 2024 and 2025 Operational Procedures - Game Related Changes/Rationale

| OP Number | Game Related Change | Rection 1. Governing Documents |
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| P. 1.1 | Delete and move Definition to Section 6 - Game Types. | Better suited in Section 6. |
| P. 1.2 | Delete and move Definition to Section 6 - Game Types. | Better suited in Section 6. |
| P. 1.17 | Delete and move Definition to Section 6 - Game Types. | Better suited in Section 6. |
| P. 1.1458 | Mass Confrontation Brawl shall mean a physical <br> confrontation involving three or more participants. | To align with IFAB terminology. |
| P. 1.176 | A Youth Club may operate as either a registered not- <br> for-profit or for-profit entity, but must be incorporated. <br> The Club is the Governing Organization whose primary, <br> long-term objective is to provide Players with <br> development and training through the provision of <br> necessary training facilities and infrastructure. Youth <br> Clubs shall apply for a level of Canada Soccer Club <br> Licensing as mandated by Canada Soccer. for 2023 | The effective date will no longer be relevant as Canada <br> Socer mandated this as of 2023. |
| Ontario Soccer now needs to work with Districts and <br> Clubs to have all licensed. |  |  |
| P. 1.2388 | Sanctioned Competition shall mean one or more <br> games organized by a Host and will include exhibition <br> games, tournament games, League games, and cup <br> games. | Provides further clarification. |
| P. 1.4035 | Exhibition Game shall mean a single sanctioned game <br> arranged between teams of registered Players, which <br> is neither not a scheduled League game, play-off game, <br> cup game, tournament game or festival game. | Provides further clarification. |
| P. 1.56 | Delete and move Definition to Section 6 - Game Types. | Better suited in Section 6. |
| P. 1.651 | Mental Abuse (also referred to as Psychological <br> abuse) is the use of threats, verbal insults, and other <br> more subtle tactics to control a person's way of <br> thinking. | To recognize the different types of abuse. |
| P. 1.71 | Delete and move Definition to Section 6 - Game Types. | Better suited in Section 6. |
| P. 1.72 | Delete and move Definition to Section 6 - Game Types. | Better suited in Section 6. |
| P.1.10098 | For the purpose of registration on gender-based <br> amateur teams, a Player may register with the gender | To follow the direction of our legal counsel (Sport <br> Law). |


|  | team with which the Player identifies. Transgender Player shall mean a player can register and participate in the gender in which they identify. and confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person's core identity. | Please find full detail in Ontario Soccer Policy document. |
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| Section 2. Administration |  |  |
| P. 5.2.4 | Registered individuals and/or member organizations are designated as Suspended from Soccer Activity when, after the time frame established by their Governing Organization, they have failed to comply with any membership requirements, discipline or misconduct requirements or penalties that have been assessed. The individual or organization designated as such remains a member of its Governing Organization, but is restricted in its soccer activities, including participation in any Ontario Soccer sanctioned competitions (Leagues, exhibition games, tournaments and festivals) or use of registered Match Officials until all issues are resolved. | To clarify the impact of suspension from soccer activities and to include clarification that the use of Match Officials for their soccer activities is also impacted. <br> This is important from a risk management perspective (i.e. Insurance coverage is not in force when organizations or individuals who are suspended participate in sanctioned events). |
| Section 3. Organizations |  |  |
| P. 2.2 | A District Association shall ensure that age and stage appropriate League competition is available to all teams in its District. | To bring into alignment with Long Term Player Development and Grassroots philosophies. |
| P. 6.11 b) | Amateur Clubs who operate a youth programme will be required to apply for, and receive, a Canada Soccer Club Licence. Various levels of youth licence are available, however all amateur Clubs operating a youth program will be required to hold, as a minimum requirement, the Quality Soccer Club Licence by the start of the outdoor season 2023. | The effective date will no longer be relevant as Canada Soccer mandated this as of 2023. Ontario Soccer now needs to work with Districts and Clubs to have all licensed. |
| Section 5. Registration |  |  |


| P. 1.7 | A person may not be registered as a Team Head Coach <br> for more than two Competitive teams in any one <br> season. | This statement further directs Clubs to be compliant <br> with Section 11 requirements. Stating this in the <br> registration section provides further clarity for Club <br> and District Administrators when entering and <br> validating Competitive Team Head Coaches. |
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| P. 2.7 | At a Club's discretion, it may register when registering <br> its recreational Players into Ontario Soccer's digital <br> registration system, it may register Players in their <br> Local League competition without assigning these <br> Players to teams. | To clearly state that Clubs have the option of <br> registering those Players who play in the house League <br> on block without assigning them to teams. If said <br> teams wish to play outside of their local Club League <br> they may need to be more formalized and assigned to <br> rosters to participate in external competitions. |
| P. 2.12 | An amateur Player may register on the following <br> number of outdoor teams: <br> a) A grassroots Player may only be registered at any <br> one time with only one Club; <br> b) A youth Player may have only a maximum of three <br> registrations, with one or more Clubs, only one of <br> which may be a competitive team; and <br> c) A senior Player may register on an unlimited number <br> of teams with one or more Clubs, only one of which <br> may be a competitive team | Clarification that a youth or senior Player may register <br> with multiple Clubs to make up their three (youth) or <br> unlimited (senior) teams, but still limiting to 3 teams <br> total for youth and only 1 competitive team for both <br> youth and senior. |
| P. 2.13 | An amateur Player may register on the following <br> number of indoor teams: <br> a) A grassroots Player may only have one registration, <br> per season, with only one Club; <br> b) A youth Player may register on a maximum of three <br> indoor teams, only one of which may be a competitive <br> team; and <br> c) A senior Player may register on an unlimited number <br> of teams with one or more Clubs. | Clarification that a youth or senior Player may register <br> with multiple Clubs to make up their three (youth) or <br> unlimited (senior) indoor teams, but still limiting to 3 <br> teams total for youth and only 1 competitive team for <br> both youth and senior. |
| P. 4.3 | All District, Regional or Provincial Level teams <br> ("competitive level") of a registered Club with a District <br> Association must be identified on the field of play by | This new Operational Procedure is to standardize Club <br> competitive level teams, to display their official Club <br> colors and logo on their kits. We have received |

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\begin{array}{|c|l|l|}\hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { its Club name and/or emblem and be displayed by its } \\
\text { Clubs common colors. No third party or affiliated } \\
\text { soccer organization markings or colors are permitted }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { complaints from membership of some teams playing } \\
\text { in sanctioned games/tournaments wearing uniforms } \\
\text { that are NOT that of the Club, leading to confusion and } \\
\text { misrepresentation in the marketplace. }\end{array} \\
\hline \text { P.5.6 } & \begin{array}{l}\text { In the team age divisions Over-30 and over, each Player } \\
\text { on: } \\
\text { a) An outdoor team must exceed the stipulated age } \\
\text { before January } 1 \text { preceding the current outdoor } \\
\text { playing season; and } \\
\text { b) An indoor team must exceed the stipulated age } \\
\text { before January } 1 \text { during the current indoor playing } \\
\text { season } \\
\text { Notwithstanding 5.6 a) and 5.6 b), a League may } \\
\text { choose to permit an exception for a maximum of two } \\
\text { (2) Players who are one year younger than the required way, help increase } \\
\text { age. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Players want to register for over 30 and 35 Leagues, } \\
\text { but they just miss the registration limit. }\end{array} \\
\hline \text { P. 5.7 } & \begin{array}{l}\text { In Open Age divisions, teams may contain Players of } \\
\text { any age over the age of 13 16. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Many youth Players that aren't ready to play senior } \\
\text { soccer, are being pulled into senior soccer by their } \\
\text { teams, because their Clubs feel that there is better } \\
\text { competition for their teams in senior soccer. The loss } \\
\text { of many youth U16 to U18 teams from youth soccer to } \\
\text { senior soccer. This leaves the remaining teams in } \\
\text { those youth divisions with low numbers and the need } \\
\text { to combine age groups. }\end{array} \\
\hline \text { P. } 5.8 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Club shall register its Players on its teams, subject to } \\
\text { the following maximum and minimum limits. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { We need to remove the ability for youth teams to easily } \\
\text { switch to senior soccer in order to maintain or } \\
\text { reinstate a thriving youth regional and District program. }\end{array}
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Please refer to the Player Classification Table following <br>

this chart.\end{array}\right\}\)| Redundant as it is included further along in the |
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| procedure. |


|  | Each Club Team may have (a) Team Manager(s), <br> Assistant Manager(s), Assistant Coach(es), <br> Goalkeeper Coach(es), and Fitness Coach(es) as (a) <br> Team Official(s). <br> Such Club Team Officials shall be registered with <br> Ontario Soccer and shall be responsible for the team <br> during the game. Only Team Officials with a Team <br> Official Ontario Soccer Registration shall be eligible to <br> participate in a game, to be listed on the team sheet <br> and to be present in the team's bench technical area. | Create a more comprehensive list of staff to align OR <br> better define the role of Assistant Coach given <br> available stakeholder education and the requirements <br> of the modern game. |
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| For the purpose of registration on gender-based <br> amateur teams, a Player may register with the gender <br> team with which the Player identifies. and confirmation <br> sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by <br> documentation or evidence that shows the stated <br> gender is sincerely held, and part of a person's core <br> identity. Documentation satisfying the herein stated <br> standard includes, but is not limited to, government <br> issued documentation or documentation prepared by a <br> health care provider, counsellor, or other qualified <br> professional not related to the player. In accordance <br> with Canada Soccer, this procedure shall not apply to <br> Ganada Soccer's National Teams programs, but <br> application of this or a similar policy shall be re- <br> evaluated at such time as FIFA addresses the issue. <br> Also, in accordance with Canada Soccer, this <br> procedure shall not apply to Professional Leagues | To follow the direction of legal council (Sport Law). | To further detailed in an upcoming Ontario Soccer |
| Players and Team Officials are responsible for having <br> their validated Ontario Soccer REGISTRATION <br> IDENTIFICATION at all games (including League, cup, <br> tournament and exhibition games) for presentation at <br> the request of an ID check. | For clarity and correct terminology. |  |
| P. 6.2 |  |  |


|  | Failure to present physical Ontario Soccer <br> REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION, when requested to <br> do so shall render: <br> the Player ineligible to play in that game as per Section <br> 12 Procedure 9.11.2 h) Playing after failing to produce <br> proof of Ontario Soccer registration when requested to <br> do so. <br> a Team Official ineligible to participate in that game, to <br> be listed on the team sheet and to be present in the <br> team's bench-technical area. |  |
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| P. 98.1 | A Player may be de-registered for any of the following <br> reasons: <br> a) The Player's League playing season has ended. <br> b) The Player has been injured | To add an option to de-register for injury. |
| P. 98.2 | A Player shall be de-registered by one of the following <br> methods: <br> a) Automatic de-registration of outdoor Player by <br> Ontario Soccer's registration system on December 31 <br> and automatic de-registration of indoor Player by <br> Ontario Soccer's registration system on May 31; <br> b) Their/The Club de-registers the Player in Ontario <br> Soccer's registration system; with the effective date of <br> deregistration being the date of validation by Ontario <br> Soccer's registration system; <br> c) Their/The Club submits a De-Registration Form to <br> its District Association which de-registers the Player in <br> Ontario Soccer's registration system after which the <br> de-registration is effective. | For clarity and correct terminology. |$\quad$| P. 98.3 |
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| A Player who has been de-registered during the playing <br> season may register as a new Player. <br> i. A Player can only register as a new Player if deemed <br> to be in good standing |
| Ensuring Players meet all obligations to previous |
| Clubs. |


| P. 9.4 | If the player de-registers and registers with an <br> organization within his/her District Association, the <br> player may not return to his/her original team until <br> after a period of thirty days | Redundant. This is covered in Procedure 12, Player <br> Transfers. |
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| Team Status | Player Classification and Team Classification | Team playing season | Maximum Limit | Minimum Limit |
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| Amateur | Grassroots Player <br> Classification: <br> 3V3 (No Goalkeeper) for Outdoor/Indoor/Futsal U6 Age Group only | Outdoor Indoor | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) <br> Game Day: 6 Players | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) |
|  | Grassroots Player <br> Classification: <br> 4V4 (No Goalkeeper) for Outdoor/Indoor/Futsal U7 \& U8 Age Group only | Outdoor Indoor | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) <br> Game Day: 8 Players | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) |
|  | Grassroots Player <br> Classification: <br> 5v5 (With Goalkeeper) for Outdoor/Indoor/Futsal U8 Age Group only | Outdoor Indoor | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) <br> Game Day: 10 Players | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) |
|  | Grassroots Player <br> Classification: <br> 7v7 (With Goalkeeper) for Outdoor/Indoor/Futsal U9 \& U10 Age Group only | Outdoor Indoor | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) <br> Game Day: 12 Players | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) |
|  | Grassroots Player <br> Classification: <br>  <br> U12 Age Group only | Outdoor Indoor | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) <br> Game Day: 16 Players | Roster: Player Pool (no limit) |
|  | Youth Outdoor Competitive Player/Team Classification: | Outdoor | 20 Players | 11 Players |


|  | (for U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 \& U18 Teams ONLY) |  |  |  |
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|  | Youth Outdoor Recreational Player/Team Classification: <br> (for U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 \& U18 Teams ONLY) | Outdoor | 25 Players | 11 Players |
|  | Youth Indoor (small sided) Player/Team Classification: <br> (for U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 \& U18 Teams ONLY) | Indoor | 18 Players | 7 Players |
|  | Youth Indoor (11v11) Player/Team Classification: <br> (for U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 \& U18 Teams ONLY) | Indoor | 20 Players | 11 Players |
|  | Youth Futsal Player/Team Classification: (for U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 \& U18 Teams ONLY) | Indoor | 18 Players | 5 Players |
|  | Senior Outdoor Competitive Player/Team Classification | Outdoor | 25 Players | 11 Players |
|  | Senior Outdoor Recreational (11-a-Side) Player/Team Classification | Outdoor | 25 Players | 11 Players |
|  | Senior Outdoor Recreational (5-a-Side) Player/Team Classification | Outdoor | 25 Players | 5 Players |
|  | Senior Indoor (small sided) Player/Team Classification | Indoor | 25 Players | 7 Players |
|  | Senior Indoor (11v11) Player/Team Classification | Indoor | 25 Players | 11 Players |
|  | Senior Futsal Player/Team Classification | Indoor | 25 Players | 5 Players |
|  | A Club with one Professional/Pro-Am Senior Outdoor Competitive Team | Outdoor |  |  |
|  | Professional/Pro-Am Senior Indoor | Indoor |  |  |
| Professional or Pro-Am | Professional/Pro-Am Senior Futsal | Indoor | As per Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations and Ontario Soccer's Terms Of League Operations with Professional/Pro-Am League. | As per Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations and Ontario Soccer's Terms Of League Operations with Professional/Pro-Am League. |

## Section 6. Game Types

|  | 4.6Walls and board are not permitted in Futsal <br> competitions. <br> All Futsal competitions shall adhere to Futsal Laws of <br> the Game. |  |
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| P. 56.4.1 | If a Player is evaluated and approved to play with an <br> older age group, that Player shall be registered in that <br> age group exclusively. The Club's Technical Director <br> must sign off on the Player movement and there must <br> be rationale as to why there is Player movement. <br> a) A Technical Director signing-off on any Fast <br> Tracking Player Evaluation forms must hold a <br> minimum of either a Canada Soccer Children's Licence <br> or Ontario Soccer Technical Director Diploma. | Provide a minimum standard of training to effectively <br> assess Player movement in alignment with Long Term <br> Player Development philosophies as prescribed by <br> Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer. As well as remove <br> duplication with previous procedure wording. |
| P.56.5 | An under 12 and younger age Player may play with a <br> squad with which they are not registered under the <br> following conditions: <br> a) They use a Short Term Registration Permit: <br> i. May only be used by Players who are not registered <br> with Ontario Soccer or a Provincial <br> Association affiliated to Canada Soccer <br> ii. Must be used in accordance with Operational <br> Procedure Section 5.0 Registration <br> Procedures 8.0 Short Term Registration Permit. <br> b) Movement of Players may occur between <br> recreational to development programs within the same <br> Club provided the Player abides by the maximum <br> number of competition days per week. <br> c) Grassroots Club Player Movement Agreement <br> With permission of the District Association and Ontario <br> Soccer a Grassroots Club Player Movement <br> Agreement is a document which may be signed by two <br> Clubs under which they agree to allow Players to play <br> for the affiliated Club that offers a suitable program at <br> the specified age group as a result of the | More inclusive gender neutral language. The second <br> part; clarification is important to enforce that Players <br> whom are predominantly recreational Players, when <br> called to play in the development program, do not play <br> in both games that week. This has been a recurring <br> question from Clubs and Districts on how to manage. |


|  | other affiliated Club not being able to provide an equivalent program. |  |
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| P. 78.3 | Ontario Soccer may use its discretion to enable athletes participants with a disability to play soccer in an age group other than the groups dictated by their birth date, including "playing down." | To be more inclusive. |
| Section 8. Competitions |  |  |
| P. 5.9 | Minimum Requirements in Tournament Rules Team Eligibility Criteria: <br> a) All teams must be registered with their Provincial, State, or National Association. <br> b) Each team must include with tournament application written proof of team travel permission authorized by its governing Association. <br> c) In North American and International Class <br> Tournaments, all teams from outside Ontario must supply proof of accident/injury/illness medical insurance to the Tournament Host no later than seven days prior to the tournament. <br> d) Teams may only use Players who are registered with them, except as otherwise stipulated. <br> e) All Youth teams regardless of the competition must have a minimum of one registered Team Official on the bench at all times. If a team does not have a registered Team Official on the bench prior to the game or at any time during the game, the game will be abandoned and result awarded to the opposition. <br> Number of Players Dressed In a Game <br> Teams may only dress and play up to a maximum of twenty (20) Players in each game of the tournament. | Addition provides a requirement for a Team Official on the bench, which currently does not exist. It also provides a course of action if a Team Official is not present, so there is consistency and eliminates inconsistent decisions being made. Would think that this aligns with Safe Sport practices. <br> Number of Players dressed in a game - Some Leagues and tournaments are already allowing 20 Players to dress and play in a game. Operational Procedures allow 20 Players on a roster, so there is confusion when only permitted to dress 18. Leagues or tournaments can still put an 18 Player limit, it just cannot exceed 20. |
| P. 5.14 | "In all cases of alleged game official assault, the misconduct report shall be forwarded by the referee to: <br> a) Ontario Soccer | To show the correct process required, and the responsibility for oversight. |


|  | b) Her/his District Association <br> c) The Tournament Host <br> within 72 hours of the conclusion of the game. <br> A Match Official pre-assault report must be filed with the League, District, Tournament Host and Ontario Soccer no more than 24 hours after assault occurred. <br> In all cases of Match Official assault, the Tournament Host shall have the responsibility for overseeing that the referee assault report has been completed |  |
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| P. 12.4 | Laws of the Game All games shall be small-sided soccer played under Ontario Soccer's Grassroots Small Sided Soccer Rules. | To correct terminology. |
| P. 21.3 | A higher level team shall be defined as a team which meets any of the following criteria: <br> a) Registered in a higher team age classification; <br> b) Registered in a higher Player classification (recreational/development) <br> c) Registered in a higher team classification; (Club team/District team/regional team) <br> d) Playing in a higher League level; or <br> e) Playing in a higher division of the same League <br> For further clarification see Procedure 21.4 below. | To further clarify the definitions for Player classification. |
| P. 21.5 | A Tournament Team, either "competitive" or "recreational", does not fall within the hierarchy of League divisions. Therefore, a player registered to a Tournament Team may only "play up" by team age classification, player classification or team classification. The player may not play up by League level.-Therefore, a Player registered to a Tournament Team may not "play up". | Tournament teams do not currently fall into the vertical hierarchy of levels of Player (aka. League Classification). Furthermore, the mechanism can be abused. As found recently, Club ' $x$ ' will place Players on a tournament roster and then "call-up" to both District and Regional levels of Player for outcome-related purposes (promotion/relegation). This adjustment will see that Players assigned to tournament rosters are "locked" to that group. |


| Section 11. Coaches |  |  |
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| P. 1.0 | A person may not be registered as a Competitive Team Head Coach per season for more than two outdoor teams at any one time. | This needs to be at the top of the section to ensure it is read and has impact. |
| P. 3.3 | All Youth teams regardless of the competition must have a minimum of one registered Team Official on the bench at all times. If a team does not have a registered Team Official on the bench prior to the game or at any time during the game, the game will be abandoned and result awarded to the opposition. | Provides a requirement for a Team Official on the bench, which currently does not exist. It also provides a course of action if a Team Official is not present, so there is consistency and eliminates inconsistent decisions being made. Would think that it would line up with Safe Sport practices. <br> Also included this rule in Competitions - Tournament Rules as a Rule Amendment. |
| P. 3.4 | Each Club Team may have (a) Team Manager(s), Assistant Manager(s), Assistant Coach(es), Goalkeeper Coach(es), and Fitness Coach(es) as (a) Team Official(s). | Align to procedure change in Section 5 -P. 5.12. |
| Section 12. Discipline |  |  |
| P. 2.0, 2.1 b) | A registrant or third party submits a written complaint and all supporting evidence and documentation that supports the complaint to a governing organization that an offense has been committed. Action shall only be taken if the Complainant willingly agrees to act as a witness. <br> In cases of serious misconduct, disciplinary action may be taken even if the referee and the assistants did not see the event in question and do not submit a report. | Action behind the officials back i.e., Player punched in stomach. <br> A registrant or third party submits a written complaint and all supporting evidence and documentation that supports the complaint to a governing organization that an offense has been committed. Action shall only be taken if the Complainant willingly agrees to act as a witness. |
| P. 9.5.2.1 | Abuse including verbal, physical or mental (psychological) of a youth registered participant (Player, Match Official, Coach, Volunteer) will result in a suspension from all soccer activities | Abusive behaviour is on the rise. Supporting Zero Tolerance initiative under approved \#No Ref. No Game" campaign. |


| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { P. 9.16- Table } \\ 1: 1.19 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play" (as defined by the current IFAB Laws of the Game). Otherwise see 1.21. | The description of serious foul play does not match with the actual IFAB Law. |
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| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { P. 9.16- Table } \\ 1: 1.21 \end{gathered}$ | Dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct" (as defined by the current IFAB Laws of the Game). | Procedure required a clearer definition. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { P. 9.16-Table } \\ 1: 1.74 \end{gathered}$ | Reported for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member(s) any affected party at a discipline hearing. | Creates consistency around behaviour expectations. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { P. 9.16- Table } \\ 2: 2.10 \end{gathered}$ | Deliberately leaving the technical area to show dissent towards, or berate, a Match Official or act in a provocative or inflammatory manner. | Remove "remonstrate with" and replace with "berate". |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { P. 9.16- Table } \\ 3: 3.70 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Provide any false contact information on the Player registration form. | To provide further clarity. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { P. } 9.16 \text { - Table } \\ 4: 4.55 \end{gathered}$ | Publicly criticized any other Match Official or Soccer Organization; made derogatory statements to the media, including across any digital platforms relating to any game in which he/she they was were involved concerning the performance of the Players or other Match Officials. | Current policy does not cover criticizing another Match Official by electronic means. Expands the scope of the section by including criticizing a referee to other persons through any means. |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { P. 9.16- Table } \\ 5: 5.53 \end{gathered}$ | A Club's team failed to prevent its spectators or Players' parents from disrupting a game or for persisting in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a Match Official(s) or any other person that caused the Match Official to make a full stoppage of play. <br> 1st Team Offence: $\$ 500$, 2nd Team Offence: $\$ 750$, 3rd/More Team Offence: $\$ 1,500.00$ fine + full team suspension from all soccer related activities for 30 days | The rationale for the change is to clarify the disruption of the game. For example, if the persistent behavior caused the Match Official to stop the game to speak to a Coach of the team. That makes it very clear that the game was disrupted. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { P. 9.16- Table } \\ 5: 5.59 \end{gathered}$ | Permitted unregistered teams and/or unregistered Players to participate in their sanctioned Club competitions. | Remove "their" for better clarity. |


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| 5: 5.61 | Club failed to attend a discipline hearing at which <br> it is accused of Match Official assault for the <br> actions of its spectators and/or unidentified <br> Players, Team Official, Administrators on one of <br> the Club's teams. <br> First offense: \$500, Second Offense \$1,000 Third <br> offense \$1,500 | Increased fines to support zero tolerance for Match <br> Official abuse, initiative of the "\#No Ref. No Game <br> campaign." |
| P. 9.16- Table <br> 5: 5.67 | Acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the <br> game. (see restrictions in Section 12 Operational <br> Procedure 9.12) | Clarification. |
| P. 9.16- Table <br> 5: 5.77 | Did not register all of its Teams, Team Officials and <br> Players with Ontario Soccer | Re-write to include Team Officials (i.e. Coach). |
| P. 9.16-Table <br> 5: 5.78 | Did not register all of its Leagues, Divisions, coaches <br> and Administrators with Ontario Soccer | Removes duplication of Team Officials in 5.77 (above). |

