

**GEORGIA ASA
COACHES' ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM**

The following is the Georgia ASA Coaches' Accountability Program for Unsporting Behavior which results in the coach being ejected. This is effective beginning April 1, 2010 for all Georgia ASA Events, including Association Berth Tournaments, National Qualifiers, Region Tournaments, Territory Tournaments, Friendly, and any other event that utilizes ASA certified and sanctioned umpires.

Penalties for Unsporting Behavior

EJECTIONS

Level 1 - 1st Ejection

1. Letter of Reprimand.

Level 2 - 2nd Ejection

1. Must sit out the next game (1) at an ASA sanctioned event.
2. \$25.00 fine must be paid prior to the next eligible ASA sanctioned game.

Level 3 - 3rd Ejection

1. Must sit out the next two games (2) at an ASA sanctioned event.
3. \$50.00 fine must be paid prior to the next eligible ASA sanctioned game.

Level 4 - Any Subsequent Ejection

1. Suspension from all subsequent ASA sanctioned games pending a Sportsmanship Review Board meeting.
2. Fine level and penalty to be determined by the Sportsmanship Review Board.

NOTE: Additional penalties shall be assessed for failure to exit the confines of the facility following an ejection, or in the event that a coach becomes confrontational with and umpire or tournament staff in the common areas at a facility.

TRACKING PROCEDURE

It will be the responsibility of the tournament director or U.I.C. to report game ejections to the Coaches Liaison within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event.

The Coaches Liaison will then list the ejection information and maintain the master ejection list and distribute to State Commissioner, J.O. Commissioners, State U.I.C. and the tournament directors for the next Georgia ASA Sanctioned Tournament.

It will be the responsibility of all ASA sanctioned tournament U.I.C.s/tournament directors to obtain a copy of the latest Ejection List at start of their respective event, and insure that pending suspensions are upheld.

DUE PROCESS FOR APPEALS

No appeals shall be submitted for penalties of Levels 1 & 2.

Appeals may be submitted for Levels 3 & 4 ejections and shall be conducted within five (5) days of the registered appeal.

Appeals shall be conducted by the Sportsmanship Review Board.

Suspended coaches may coach their team while their appeal is pending.

The Sportsmanship Review Board shall render a decision on the appeal within (48) hours of the appeal hearing.

SPORTSMANSHIP REVIEW BOARD

The Sportsmanship Review Board shall be comprised of the following:

1. Two (2) members of the Georgia ASA Staff
2. The ASA State Coaches' Liaison
3. J.O. Commissioner
4. One (1) ACE qualified coach (to be designated by the Georgia ASA Staff)

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