



FAIR PLAY REGULATIONS & SANCTIONS

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The following Regulations have been set by Canada Basketball as recommended minimum sanctions for the conduct identified in the tables below. This Regulation sets out a harmonized approach to the administration of discipline and the implementation of sanctions for inappropriate on-court behaviour at all levels of basketball across the country. The objective of these Regulations is to achieve consistency in the way in which discipline is administered and uniformity in the manner in which the severity of sanctions is imposed. Underlying the Regulation is the overall objective that the disciplinary process shall comply with the fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

The Regulations are intended to be informative and do not in any way restrict a discipline committee and adjudicator from imposing a sanction that they deem appropriate in the circumstances. Discipline committees and adjudicators may deem the misconduct to be more severe and warrant an escalation in the recommended sanction in the Regulations. This conduct may fall within the game, on or off court, or conduct related to the game, tournament, league, event, function, or other activity sanctioned by Canada Basketball or its Members.

Participants are also, separate to this document, subject to discipline and sanctions related to violations of the *Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)*, which is the core document that sets harmonized rules to be adopted by sport organizations across Canada. These disciplinary measures may be assigned and/or enforced by discipline committees, local, provincial/territorial, or national governing bodies, independent third-party adjudicators, or law enforcement.

Subsequent or repeat offenses shall result in an escalation of disciplinary sanctions, to be reviewed by the respective Discipline Committee. Ongoing infractions may be subject to suspensions up to a lifetime ban from approved basketball activities.

Notes:

- During an event, the sanctioning body, or designate, is responsible for the implementation of these regulations.
- No appeals shall be granted if the suspension was two games or less.
- For the purposes of a suspension, a game is defined as a competition between two teams, which is organized or sanctioned by Canada Basketball, a member PTSO, or sanctioned league.

- Clubs, teams, associations, leagues, and other groups may also receive sanctions for (but not limited to) behaviours similar to those outlined in the tables below.

Players

Misconduct	Minimum Sanctions
Disqualification from a game as administered by the game officials	Minimum 1 game suspension.
Spitting	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Verbal abuse or threats (verbal or non-verbal)	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Verbal abuse or threats (verbal or non-verbal) towards an official	Immediate game disqualification. Immediate suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Minimum 4 game suspension. Discipline Committee review.
Disregard or disrespect for authority (including game officials, game management personnel, etc.)	Game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Physical violence or attempted physical violence	Immediate game disqualification. Immediate suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Minimum 3 game suspension. Automatic Discipline Committee review.
Intentional contact with an official	Immediate game disqualification. Suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Minimum 4 game suspension. Automatic Discipline Committee review.
Physical violence or attempted physical violence towards an official	Immediate game disqualification. Suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Suspension for the remainder of the season. Automatic Discipline Committee review.
Substance use and misconduct (drug, alcohol, or dangerous object use)	Minimum 2 game suspension.
Cheating and ineligibility – participating as an ineligible player in a game or sanctioned event	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension. Up to 1 year suspension.

	Discipline Committee review.
Falsified information (e.g. signature, date of birth, false name, etc.)	Minimum 1 game suspension.
Failure to act in accordance with governing bodies' rules, policies, or practices	Minimum 1 game suspension.
Safety violations including intentional damage to facility or intentional unsafe play	Minimum 2 game suspension.
Conduct that potentially violates the Criminal Code of Canada	Indefinite suspension pending Discipline Committee review.
Violation of suspension rules (e.g. participating in a sanctioned game or event while suspended)	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 4 game suspension. Up to remainder of season. Discipline Committee review.

Staff (Coaches, Officials, Administrators, etc.)

Misconduct	Minimum Sanctions
Disqualification from a game for a flagrant or unsportsmanlike actions	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Spitting	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Verbal abuse or threats (verbal or non-verbal)	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Verbal abuse or threats (verbal or non-verbal) towards an official	Immediate game disqualification. Suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Minimum 4 game suspension. Discipline Committee review.
Disregard or disrespect for authority (including game officials, game management personnel, etc.)	Game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension.
Physical violence or attempted physical violence	Immediate game disqualification. Suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Minimum 3 game suspension. Discipline Committee review.
Intentional contact with an official	Immediate game disqualification. Suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Minimum 4 game suspension. Discipline Committee review.

Physical violence or attempted physical violence towards an official	Immediate game disqualification. Suspension from remainder of sanctioned event (i.e. remainder of the tournament). Suspension for the remainder of the season. Discipline Committee review.
Substance use and misconduct (drug, alcohol, or dangerous object use)	Minimum 2 game suspension.
Cheating and ineligibility – knowingly playing an ineligible player or registering an ineligible coach/staff member in a game or sanctioned event	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension. Up to 1 year suspension. Discipline Committee review.
Falsified information (e.g. signature, date of birth, false name, etc.)	Minimum 1 game suspension.
Failure to act in accordance with governing bodies’ rules, policies, or practices	Minimum 1 game suspension.
Safety violations including intentional damage to facility, intentional unsafe play, or a recommendation for someone to create an intentional unsafe play.	Minimum 2 game suspension.
Conduct that potentially violates the Criminal Code of Canada	Indefinite suspension pending Discipline Committee review.
Violation of suspension rules (e.g. participating in a sanctioned game or event while suspended)	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 4 game suspension. Up to remainder of season. Discipline Committee review.

Substance use and misconduct (drug, alcohol, or dangerous object use)	Minimum 2 game suspension.
Cheating and ineligibility – manipulating or attempting to manipulate the outcome of the game	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 1 game suspension. Up to 1 year suspension. Discipline Committee review.
Failure to act in accordance with governing bodies’ rules, policies, or practices	Minimum 1 game suspension.
Safety violations including intentional damage to facility, intentional unsafe play, or a recommendation for someone to create an intentional unsafe play.	Minimum 2 game suspension.
Conduct that breaks the law	Indefinite suspension pending Discipline Committee review.
Violation of suspension rules (e.g. participating in a sanctioned game or event while suspended)	Immediate game disqualification. Minimum 5 game suspension. Up to remainder of season. Discipline Committee review.