

GENERAL DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS OF THE 18th MACCABIAH

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1. Sanction

- a. These regulations are in force and approved by the 18th Maccabiah Organizing Committee (Hereinafter the Organizing Committee).
- b. The regulations will remain in force unless amended by a majority of two-thirds of those IMC members present with voting rights.

2. Application

- a. These regulations will apply to all participants of the 18th Maccabiah including athletes and other accredited members of each country's delegation as well as the Game's officials.
- b. These regulations will also apply to the referees of the 18th Maccabiah only with reference to complaints they may submit.

3. Elections and Authority

- a. The Court of Discipline will include 15 members, Israelis and members of at least four countries (including 2 from the ISC) and may function in each meeting with 3 in accordance with section 8a. of the Basic Regulations.
- b. The Organizing Committee will appoint the Chairman of the Court of Discipline.
- c. The Court of Discipline is entitled to invite any player, observer, referee, or delegation representative for investigation or to testify as it deems.

Those invited should appear at the time published in these regulations, or by written personal invitation. A referee will be invited only if he was attacked or if there were exceptional outbursts and this also by decision of the Court of Discipline.

Only members of the Court of Discipline will question the referee, if necessary. A referee of a game which was interrupted or in which there was an exceptional outburst must appear before the Court of Discipline to testify, on the date specified in these regulations, or by written invitation.

- d. If the accused fails to appear, the Court of Discipline has the right to deal with the complaint and to decide according to the material presented in absence.
- e. The sentence of the Court of Discipline will be in force on the date signed by their representative members or at any other time published by the Court of Discipline in their sentence.
- f. The Court of Discipline is sovereign in its discussions and decisions, and no other body has the right to intervene. The Court of Discipline sentences are final and need no additional confirmation.
- g. The Court of Discipline is not bound to any Israeli common law, and has the right to fix the order of the hearings. The Court of Discipline may, but is not be obliged to, hear witnesses as requested by the accused.

4. Scheduled Meetings of the Court of Discipline

- a. The meetings of the Court of Discipline will take place every morning at 09.00 a.m. At the 18th Maccabiah Headquarters office and at other venues. In special cases, additional meetings will take place, by decision of the Chairman of the Court of Discipline.
- b. The behavior of the accused and witnesses appearing before the Court of Discipline will be the same as in civil court and any infringement of the proper behavior will be considered contempt of court and will be penalized accordingly.
- c. The Court of Discipline will complete the trial of each accusation brought before it in its first meeting. If the Court of Discipline deems it necessary to postpone the discussion, it may do so only by giving an interim decision stating the status of the accused, until it delivers the final verdict.

5. **Procedure**

- a. A complaint to be considered must be filed according to the procedures stated below:
 1. Through the Chairman of the Sport Department.
 2. The Referee's report, which will include the exact details, relating to the offence.
(The referee's report will be written immediately after the end of the game/event and will be promptly delivered to the Sports Department at the Maccabiah offices)
- REMARK:** The referee's report will be written immediately after the end of the game/competition and will be promptly delivered to the Sports Department at the Maccabiah offices.
3. A complaint by an official observer.
 4. A complaint from the ISC and/or the Sports Department concerning organizational offences, disobeying orders given by Sports Department, disorderly conduct by a participant either during or out of competition.
- b. The Court of Discipline will decide upon the result of a competition or game in which a disciplinary matter has been heard.
 - c. If the sentence of the Court of Discipline decision is not carried out, it will give rise to an additional claim.
 - d. A player or competitor expelled/excluded/sent off by the referee from a game or competition, whether or not his credential was taken by the referee, must automatically appear, without an invitation, at the next meeting of the Court of Discipline, at the Sports Department at the Maccabiah offices at Kfar Maccabiah at 09.00hs the next morning, or earlier, if he is so notified. If he fails to appear, the Court of Discipline will have the right to discuss the matter and arrive at a verdict in absence.
- The above regulations relates to all participating athletes in the Maccabiah except Football, Futsal and Rugby where a player sent from the field of play is automatically suspended from the next game (and/or any other automatic punishment defined in the Sport's Rules and Regulations). However, in the case where a player is sent from the field of play and/or is reported for a serious misdemeanor (see section 7), the above procedure d will be adopted.
- e. A player or a competitor who was not expelled from a game or a competition, or did not participate in a game or competition, and against whom there is a complaint in the referee's report, must appear before the Court of Discipline meeting to which he will invited through his head of delegation or team manager. If he fails to appear, the complaint will be discussed and a verdict taken in his absence.
 - f. A complaint made against a team, an official, a delegation official or a coach, requires that they must appear before the Court of Discipline, to which the accused will be invited through the head of his delegation. If he fails to appear, the complaint will be discussed and a verdict taken in his absence.
 - g. The accused must appear in person before the Court of Discipline and has no right to appear with anyone on his behalf except an interpreter.
 - h. An accused found guilty by the Court of Discipline, and punished, will not be able to appeal, and the decision and the punishment will be final.

6. **General**

- a. Every person is responsible for the natural results of his deeds and is of sound mind until proven otherwise.
- b. Lack of knowledge of a program, sport regulation, game or match regulations, disciplinary regulations or any other regulations of the 18th Maccabiah, will not serve as an excuse or defense.
- c. In the case of a conviction for a repeated offence, the Court of Discipline will have the right to impose a more severe punishment than otherwise might be given for a similar offence.
- d. Subject to each Sport's International Rules and Regulations, a player or competitor who is expelled from a game or competition, whether or not his credential was taken by the referee, will be considered under suspension, and will not be able to participate in games or competitions until the discussion of his case has been finalized by the Court of Discipline.
- e. Notwithstanding 5d, a player will appear before the Court of Discipline if the complaint relates to any of the offences listed in section 7.

- f. If the Court of Discipline has not finalized the discussion of his case on the day of the game, or the day after, the Court of Discipline must decide on an interim decision, whether or not the competitor will be allowed to play, until his case has been finalized.
- g. The Court of Discipline may decide that within the framework of the punishments under their authority, each punishment imposed may be suspended punishment. The details of the suspension and the date of the enactment of the punishment may be unconditionally considered by the Court of Discipline. The Court of Discipline must enact the suspended sentence in the case of offence noted in the Sentence being repeated.
- h. The Court of Discipline, in deciding the expulsion of a player or competitor or suspending a team's activities, is allowed to set the expulsion period to the maximum, i.e., until the end of the 18th Maccabiah.

7. Suspension

- a. A suspended team will not be allowed, during the period of suspension, to participate in any competition (including a friendly competition).
- b. The players of a suspended team are not allowed to play as a team in any other framework or under different name.

8. Expulsion.

- a. An expelled player or competitor is not allowed to participate in any competition (including a friendly one), during the period of his expulsion.
- b. An expelled player, competitor, or official is not allowed to fulfill any official role on his team.

9. Prohibited Representation and Execution of Official Duties.

If such a punishment is imposed on an official or coach, he will not be allowed to represent his delegation in the Maccabiah during the period of the punishment, nor may he appear on behalf of the delegation, in any Maccabiah institution, nor will he be allowed to sign any official document on behalf of his delegation.

10. Compensation.

- a. In case of bodily harm inflicted on a referee, after which he cannot continue his regular work, the Court of Discipline may be allowed to punish the team or delegation to which the offender belongs, with an additional compensation sum, for the lost working days and medical expenses (this is in addition to the regular punishment). The Court of Discipline will fix the sum on condition that the referee will present proper documents justifying his claim for compensation.
- b. The above-mentioned rule will also apply in cases where players, competitors, officials, etc., will be hurt intentionally.
- c. In the case of damage to a referee's or a team's property, the Court of Discipline will be allowed to punish the guilty team or delegation, in addition to the regular punishment, with expenses of the damage.

11. Offences

A player or any accredited official/member of a delegation found guilty of one or more of the following offences will be punished in accordance with section 8.

List of Offences:

- a. Dangerous play – Play contrary to the rules of the sport and could physically injure an opponent or results in an opponent being taken out of competition.
- b. Unsporting behavior – Conduct considered to be unsporting and contrary to the rules of the competition either before, during or after the event at the venue or in the surrounding area including:
 - 1. Leaving the playing area before completion of the competition without consent or refusal to continue in competition so that the event could not be completed.
 - 2. Failure to appear at competition at the designated time.

3. Disruption by fans causing the event to be suspended.
4. Injury or threatening behavior to the event official(s) or opposition players by fans at the playing area or surround before, during or after the event.
- c. Insulting or assaulting an event official – Verbal or physical or assaults on event officials including swearing, gestures, spitting etc. by athletes or delegation officials before, during or after the event whether at the playing area or surrounds.
- d. Refusal to leave the competition – Where an athlete or delegation official is ordered from the playing area and refuses to comply with a resulting delay in the continuation of the event.
- e. Non-support for the event official by the captain/manager/Head of Delegation when the event official orders the athlete from the playing area and the captain/manager/Head of Delegation does not offer support to the event official.
- f. Illegal Participation in an event – An athlete who participates in an event who is either unregistered, has been dismissed, is serving a suspension or is participating in contradiction of the statutes/regulations of the sport.
- g. Disturbances – An accredited athlete or official who causes any disturbances or riots in the playing area or surrounds, Maccabiah HQ, accommodation centers or any other place connected with the 18th Maccabiah.
- h. Contempt of Court – Disrespect or disregard toward any Maccabiah court or refusal to fulfill any decision or order issued in writing by a Maccabiah official.
- i. Failure to play - Failure of individual or team to fulfill playing commitment.

12. Punishments

- a. A rebuke or caution.
- b. Suspended sentences (6g).
- c. Suspension from the 18th Maccabiah or future Games (the latter subject to appeal to the Court of Discipline of the 18th Maccabiah). This could apply to an individual or whole team according to the offence.
- d. Where appropriate, deduction of points.
- e. A fine of \$100 - \$1000 in NIS.
- f. Compensation payment to the opposing country, or event official, for the damage caused to their property or injury to body to be assessed by the Court of Discipline.
- g. A country that wishes to suspended their own player/team from participation so that the punishment will be recognized by the Organizing Committee, must immediately notify the Court of Discipline and, if agreed, the punishment will be considered as any other punishment given by the Court of Discipline

13. Operating procedure of the Court of Discipline

- a. Event official will appear at the Court of Discipline in the case where the event official was forced to stop or abandon an event due to disturbances (see Section 7.g).
- b. Only the Court of Discipline will hear the event official's evidence without the presence of other persons.
- c. If the accused asks that the event official be invited, the Court of Discipline will decide if to do so and that decision is final.

14. Witnesses

- a. The Court of Discipline will decide whether evidence by witnesses will be permitted and that decision will be final.
- b. The Court of Discipline may invite witnesses on its own initiative.

15. Failure of accused to appear

If the accused fails to appear before the Court of Discipline, the Committee has the right to proceed and consider the matters in absence.

16. The prosecution

- a. The claimant, in accordance with Section 5, will prepare the claim in detail.
- b. Each claim will include the appropriate clause (Section 7) in the Disciplinary Regulations.

- c. Details of the claim will be forwarded to the Court of Discipline, which will consider whether to call witnesses.

17. Procedure

- a. Reading the claim.
- b. Asking the accused if he pleads guilty or not guilty.
- c. If the accused pleads guilty he has the right to plead in mitigation for a reduced sentence.
- d. If the accused pleads not guilty, the Court will hear his submission and make a decision. If found guilty, the verdict will be decided immediately (see 4c).

18. Sentencing.

The Court of Discipline may pass its sentences as follows:

- a. Reading it out in the presence of the accused.
- b. By notifying the accused one-day after the hearing through the Sports Department.
- c. In the case of a conviction after admission of guilt, the Court must only justify the sentence as to its severity and not on the essence of the conviction.
- d. If the accused denies guilt and was found guilty, the Court of Discipline must justify both the conviction and the severity of the sentence.
- e. Each sentence will state exactly when the punishment will take place and will also notify the Sports Department.

NOTE: Male wording refers to female as well.