

Red Card Procedure Policy

Procedure to follow after a Red Card is Issued

Rugby Ontario and Toronto Rugby have detailed regulations to be followed when a player receives a red card from the referee during a game. These regulations place obligations on the club for actions to be taken and the timing of those actions.

This procedure describes the actions to be taken by club coaches, directors of rugby and the responsible board members.

Red Card Issued

The team coach will advise the Director of Rugby for their section (Men, Women, and Junior), The President and Vice President by email of the incident. The report should include:

- Date, location, opponent, referee's name if known
- Team and Name of player
- Description of incident, include any information that could be obtained from the game sheet or discussion with the referee after the game and the player's comments. Note if there is any video evidence or if there were assistant referees at the game.

Do not make any commitment to the player that an appeal will be made.

Submission

The DoR, Vice President and President will review the incident information and determine whether to submit a statement to the Discipline Director prior to a sanction being determined. If consensus cannot be reached the President will make the final decision. A copy of the referee's report may be requested.

Appeal

The DoR, Vice President and President will review the Discipline Officer's decision and determine whether there is a basis for appeal.

Please note there are generally only two grounds for appeal:

1. New evidence exists which was not available to the Discipline Officer when the incident was reviewed.
2. The R.O. discipline regulations were not followed.

This procedure is designed to ensure a consistent approach for all club teams. Please be aware that a submission prior to the sanction being determined is generally the most beneficial approach if there are extenuating factors for the incident. Appeals are costly, time consuming and are seldom successful.