



Sanctioned Competition Discipline Procedure

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Definitions

1. Defined terms used in the Sanctioned Competition Discipline Procedure (the Procedure) include:

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| a) <i>Athlete</i> | i) <i>Member Curling Club or Facility</i> |
| b) <i>Athlete Support Personnel</i> | j) <i>Misconduct</i> |
| c) <i>Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP)</i> | k) <i>Organization(s)</i> |
| d) <i>Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP) Consent Form</i> | l) <i>Organizational Participant(s)</i> |
| e) <i>Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP) Participant</i> | m) <i>Prohibited Behaviour</i> |
| f) <i>Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP) Sport Organization</i> | n) <i>Sanctioned Competition</i> |
| g) <i>Maltreatment</i> | o) <i>Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel</i> |
| h) <i>Member Association</i> | p) <i>Sport Integrity Canada (SIC)</i> |

Purpose

2. Curling Canada and its *Member Associations* are committed to providing a competition environment in which all *Organizational Participants* are treated with respect.

3. This Procedure outlines how allegations of *Maltreatment, Prohibited Behaviour* and *Misconduct* during a *Sanctioned Competition* will be handled.
4. This Sanctioned Competition Discipline Procedure does not supersede or replace the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Scope and Application

5. This Procedure will be applied to all events or activities designated by Curling Canada and its *Member Association* as using this Procedure.
6. If the *Sanctioned Competition* is being sanctioned by an organization other than Curling Canada or its *Member Association* (e.g., by a commercial host or by an international federation), the procedures for *Sanctioned Competition* discipline adopted by the host organization will replace this Procedure, which may include the CSSP Rules.
7. Incidents involving *Organizational Participants* connected with Curling Canada or its *Member Associations* (such as *Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel*, and directors and officers) must still be reported by the head coach or team representative to Curling Canada or the relevant *Member Association*, to be addressed under the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*, if necessary.
8. This Procedure works in concert with the Discipline and Complaints Policy by outlining, for a designated person with authority at a Sanctioned Competition sanctioned by Curling Canada or its Member Association, the procedure for taking immediate corrective action in the Sanctioned Competition of a possible violation of the Code or other applicable conduct standard.

Misconduct During Sanctioned Competition

7. Incidents that violate or potentially violate the *Code* or any additional applicable conduct standards, which can occur during a competition, away from the area of competition, or between *Organizational Participants* connected to the *Sanctioned Competition*, shall be reported to the designated individual responsible at the *Sanctioned Competition*.
8. The designated person at the *Sanctioned Competition* shall use the following procedure to address the incident that violated or potentially violated the *Code*:

- a) notify the involved *Parties* that there has been an incident that violated or potentially violated the *Code* or an applicable conduct standard, including Rules of Curling;
 - b) convene a *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* of three (3) people (one of whom shall be designated the chair), who shall not be in a conflict of interest or involved in the original incident, to determine whether the *Code* or an applicable conduct standard has been violated;
 - c) The *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* may interview and secure statements from any witnesses to the alleged violation;
 - d) If the violation occurred during a competition, interviews may be held with the officials who officiated or observed the competition and with the coaches, captains of each team and other *Organizational Participants* present when necessary and appropriate;
 - e) The *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* will attempt to secure a statement from the *Organizational Participant(s)* accused of the violation;
 - f) Following their review of the available evidence related to the complaint, the *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* shall issue a decision, determining whether, on a balance of probabilities, any of the incidents identified in the complaint occurred, if there was a violation of the *Code* or an applicable conduct standard, including Rules of Curling.
 - g) If there has been violation of the *Code* or an applicable conduct standard, the *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* shall determine the appropriate sanction; and,
 - h) The chair of the *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* will inform all *Parties* of the *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel's* decision.
9. The sanction imposed by the *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel* may include any of the following, alone or in combination:
- a) oral or written warning;
 - b) oral or written reprimand;

- c) suspension from future competitions and activities at the *Sanctioned Competition*;
 - d) ejection from the *Sanctioned Competition*; or
 - e) other appropriate penalty as determined by the *Sanctioned Competition Discipline Panel*.
10. Decisions made pursuant to this Procedure may not be appealed.
 11. The *Sanctioned Competition* Discipline Panel does not have the authority to determine a sanction that extends beyond the conclusion of the *Sanctioned Competition*.
 11. A full written report of the incident and the *Sanctioned Competition* Discipline Panel's decision shall be submitted to the CEO or Executive Director of the Organization (or identified designate) by the chair of the *Sanctioned Competition* Discipline Panel following the conclusion of the *Sanctioned Competition*.
 12. A complaint, and further discipline, if warranted, may then be applied in accordance with the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.
 13. This Procedure does not prohibit any *Organizational Participants* from reporting the same incident to Curling Canada to be addressed as a complaint under the *Discipline and Complaints Policy* and/or as a report through the CSSP process, if applicable.
 14. Curling Canada shall record and maintain records of all reported incidents. Summaries of decisions of the *Sanctioned Competition* Discipline Panel may be published according to the Publication Guidelines.

Timelines

15. The procedures outlined in this Procedure are *Sanctioned Competition* specific and therefore shall be exercised and implemented as soon as it is reasonable to do so.
16. The decision of the *Sanctioned Competition* Discipline Panel must be reached and communicated to the *Parties* prior to the conclusion of the *Sanctioned Competition* for it to be enforceable.
17. Decisions issued by the *Sanctioned Competition* Discipline Panel after the conclusion of the *Sanctioned Competition* will not be enforced.