

DISCIPLINE PROCESS

Bendigo Amateur Soccer League



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1. Background

BASL Discipline operates under the Leagues Grievance, Discipline and Tribunal by-laws that can be found on the BASL Website.

More details on Red/Yellow Cards and Misconduct can be found in this document.

The BASL Discipline Process and Timeline document (this document) is not designed to replace the GDT, but to provide a simple overview of Red/Yellow Cards, Misconduct, and Complaint Handling Processes and target timelines.

2. Red Cards

Section 4.7 (d) of the GDT states:

Upon notification to BASL by the Referee of a Red Card, BASL shall grade the severity of the Red Card in accordance with the Red Card Offence penalties in Schedule 1 Part 3 of this GDT and advise the Player or Team Official. BASL reserves the right to refer a Red Card to the independent Tribunal for additional consideration of penalty in its absolute discretion where BASL is of the opinion the incident giving rise to the Red Card is of a serious or egregious nature.

The discipline team meets on Wednesday evenings to assess all red card reports. Notification of findings will be sent to clubs on Thursday (after the discipline group meeting)

Note: This is dependent on the receipt of red card reports from referees prior to meeting. Those received after the meeting are assessed at the next meeting of the group.

All information relating to Red Cards is in sections 4.7 – 4.12 of the GDT

3. Misconduct

Misconduct requests are also assessed by the discipline team at the weekly meeting. Unlike red cards however, these are received by several different processes and need to be investigated including responses from all parties involved.

3.1. Misconduct Timelines (Including Club Complaints)

There are several processes that a misconduct investigation can be initiated. These include:

1. Official Misconduct Reports from Match Officials.



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2. Complaints received from Clubs from Official Communication Channels.
3. Complaints received from Other Official Members of the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (i.e., Committee Members)
4. Complaints received from other members of the League (i.e., Coaches, Parents etc.) – These will be referred to the associated club to determine if the club wishes to pursue.

Investigations are targeted to be completed within 3 weeks of receipt of the initial report at discipline. (Except those type of investigations in section 3.2 of this document)

As each incident is often different, this can vary due to several factors including receipt of information requested from all parties, availability of investigator, mediator etc. All efforts are made to complete in a timely manner.

**** Longer timeframes possible if information is not received as requested.**

All information relating to Misconduct is in section 5 of the GDT.

3.2. Misconduct Timelines – Racism (including discriminatory, homophobic, religious, ethnic or sexist) Complaints.

Upon receipt of any complaint relating to discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist through any of the league's reporting process, an investigation will be launched into the alleged incident.

The league has a racism reporting form which is located on the BASL website at:

<https://form.jotform.com/210750982286865>

This form can be used as a way to report incidents other the racism, however complaints directly for clubs are also accepted for all discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist incidents.

The league will approach the accused club/individual for a response to the alleged incident within 3 business day of receipt of the report via the league's on-line reporting form.

The club/individual will be given up to 5 business days to provide a response (and any other statements, evidence, or documents). The reporting club will also be asked to provide any other statements or evidence during this same 5 business day period.

Upon receipt of all documents from all parties, the league will within 5 business days review all documents and where appropriate refer the matter to the BASL Tribunal as soon as practical understanding that tribunal sittings are dependant upon availability of its members.



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4. Yellow Card Accumulated Penalty

Yellow card numbers are reviewed regularly and where a player has received 5, 8, 11 or 14 yellow cards in the season, they will be issued with a penalty related to the accumulated number of red cards. Until notified by BASL, the player can continue to play soccer.

There is also a process in place for clubs to self-report where they become aware of a player reaching the threshold of accumulated yellow cards and the club decides to stand down the player in lieu of BASL advice. This is located in section 4.6 of the GDT which states:

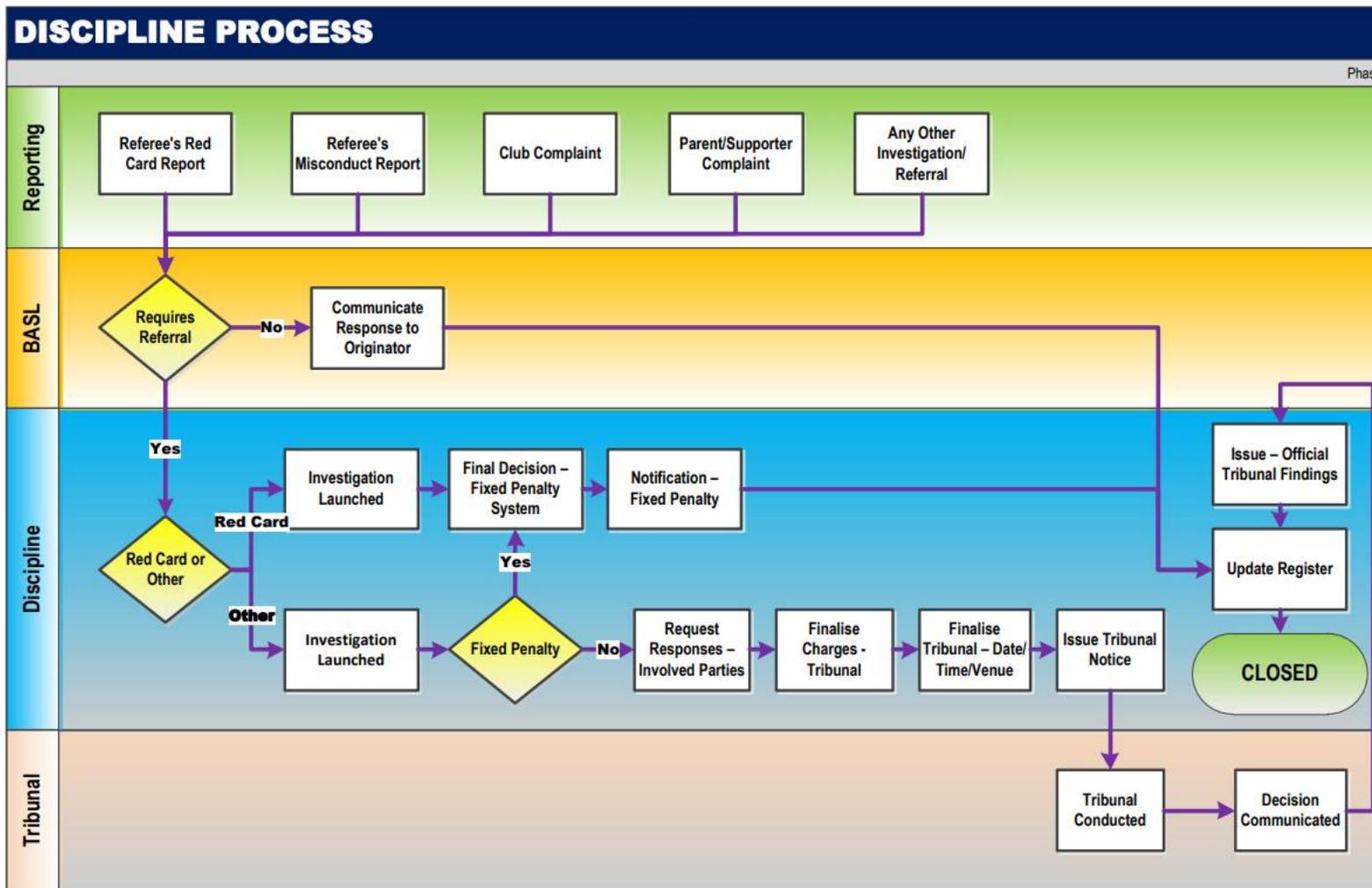
- (i) notify (via email to BASL Administration and BASL Discipline) of the Player's accumulated Yellow Card status and the Club's intent to exclude the Player from the Fixture (by 5.00pm on the Friday prior to the next match to be played by that team); and
- (ii) if requested, provide the Match Records for the Player showing the Yellow Cards received.

If a Club excludes a Player from a Fixture without prior notification to BASL, then that exclusion will not be considered as an Automatic Suspension served for that Player, in BASL's sole discretion



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5. Process Flow - Discipline





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6. Process Flow – Racism (and other complaints as mentioned in 3.2 above)

