



## EVENT DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

**Section:** Safe sport policies  
**Approved by:** SBC Board of Directors

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This *Event Discipline Procedure* does not supersede or replace the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*

### Definitions

Terms in this Procedure are defined as follows:

- a) **Event** – An event sanctioned by Swim BC.
- b) **Participants** – Refers to all categories of individual members and/or registrants defined in the By-laws of Swim BC who are subject to the policies of Swim BC, as well as all people employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with, Swim BC including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, Athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, volunteers, judges, managers, administrators, committee members, parents or guardians, spectators, committee members, and Directors and Officers.
- c) **Person in Authority** – Any Participant who holds a position of authority within Swim BC including, but not limited to, staff, coaches, instructors, officials, managers, support personnel, chaperones, committee members, and Directors and Officers.

### Purpose

Swim BC is committed to providing a competition environment in which all Participants are treated with respect. This Procedure outlines how alleged misconduct during an Event will be handled.

### Scope and Application of this Policy

This Procedure will be applied to all Events sanctioned by Swim BC.

If an Event is sanctioned by an organization other than Swim BC (e.g., Swimming Canada), the procedures for event discipline of the host organization will replace this procedure. Incidents involving Participants connected with Swim BC (such as athletes, coaches, and Directors and Officers) must still be reported by the head coach or club. This Procedure does not replace or supersede the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*. Instead, this Procedure works in concert with the *Discipline and Complaints Policy* by outlining, for a person in authority with authority at an event sanctioned by Swim BC, the procedure for taking immediate, informal, or corrective action in the event of a possible violation of the *Code of Conduct and Ethics*.

### Misconduct During Events

Incidents that violate or potentially violate the *Code of Conduct and Ethics*, which can occur during a competition, away from the area of competition, or between parties connected to the Event, shall be reported by the head coach or club representative to a person in authority (usually the Meet Referee) responsible at the Event.

The person in authority at the Event shall use the following procedure to address the incident that violated or potentially violated the *Code of Conduct and Ethics*:

- a) Notify the involved parties that there has been an incident that violated or potentially violated the *Code of Conduct and Ethics*
- b) Convene a jury of either one person or three people (one of whom shall be designated the Chairperson), who shall not be in a conflict of interest or involved in the original incident, to determine whether the *Code of Conduct and Ethics* has been violated. The person in authority at the Event may serve on the jury
- c) The jury will interview and secure statements from any witnesses to the alleged violation



- d) If the violation occurred during a competition, interviews will be held with the officials who officiated or observed the competition and with the coaches and captains of each team when necessary and appropriate
- e) The jury will secure a statement from the person(s) accused of the violation
- f) The jury will render a decision and determine a possible penalty
- g) The Chairperson of the jury will inform all parties of the jury's decision

The penalty determined by the jury may include any of the following, singularly or in combination:

- a) Oral or written warning
- b) Oral or written reprimand
- c) Suspension from future competitions at the Event
- d) Ejection from the Event
- e) Other appropriate penalty as determined by the jury

The jury does not have the authority to determine a penalty that exceeds the duration of the Event. A full written report of the incident and the jury's decision shall be submitted to Swim BC by the Chair of the jury following the conclusion of the Event. Further discipline may then be applied in accordance with the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*, if necessary.

Decisions made pursuant to this Policy may not be appealed.

This Policy does not prohibit other Participants from reporting the same incident to Swim BC to be addressed as a formal complaint under the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Swim BC shall record and maintain records of all reported incidents. In the event that an investigation and /or jury is undertaken to understand the allegations, all involved parties are held to a standard of confidentiality.

### **Minors**

1. Complaints may be brought by or against a Participant who is a Minor. Minors must have a parent/guardian or other adult serve as their representative during this process.
2. Communication from a Person in Authority must be directed to the Minor's representative.
3. A Minor is not required to attend an oral hearing, if held.

### **Timeliness**

The procedures outlined in this Procedure are Event-specific and therefore shall be exercised and implemented as soon as it is reasonable to do so. The final decision of the jury must be reached and communicated to the Parties prior to the conclusion of the event for it to be effective.

Decisions issued by the jury after the conclusion of the event will not be enforceable.