A. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Review Board shall be:

1. To serve as a Board for continued study of rules and regulations for administration and fair play in UTM Campus Rec Intramural Program.
2. To serve as a disciplinary Board to consider and, where applicable, to take action on reported cases of fighting and rough play, flagrant misconduct, abuse of officials and all major ejections to players and/or teams.
3. To serve as a disciplinary Board to consider and, where applicable, to take action on reported cases of fair play code infractions by spectators, players, coaches, officials etc. during or immediately prior to or after UTM Campus Rec Intramural games or activities.
4. To rule on game protests involving player eligibility or rule interpretations affecting the outcome of an intramural game.

B. **COMPOSITION OF REVIEW BOARD:** The Review Board shall be comprised of these voting members:

1. One Department of Physical Education (DPE) Program Coordinator in charge of that sport (Chair)
2. One UTM Athletic Council Representative (Vice Chair)
3. Two students at large appointed by the Department of Physical Education
4. If applicable, the League Commissioner/s or Tournament Convenor/s in charge of the appropriate league, tournament, or event
5. If applicable, the Head Referee/s of the sport

In the absence of any voting member, or in cases directly involving one or more Review Board member or their team, the DPE Program Coordinator can appoint proxies.

C. **REPORTING OF NEED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The referees shall report on the game sheet any action that he/she has taken in penalizing a player, spectator or coach in cases of misconduct, fighting, rough play or unsportsmanlike behaviour. The referee shall provide details of the incident and give the names and playing numbers of the players involved. The League Commissioner or Tournament Convenor shall consider all such reports, and where necessary, shall gather further information concerning the incident.

It is the responsibility of the League Commissioner or Tournament Convenor to contact the Program Coordinator on the date of the game ejection/s or game protest. If necessary, the Program Coordinator will call a Review Board Hearing. The Review Board shall meet at the earliest possible date when all members of the
Review Board can attend. Times and dates of the meeting must be posted 24 hours in advance to ensure all players awaiting disciplinary hearings have seen the notice.

D. GENERAL DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Disciplinary guidelines have been established to discourage and penalize individual and team behaviour that would interfere with the basic purpose of the UTM Campus Rec Intramural Program, specifically:

1. Enjoyment of intramural and recreational programs.
2. Increase in participation in intramural and recreational programs.
3. Safety of the participants in the intramural and recreational programs.

The following guidelines have been established for the discipline of individuals:

a. ** Physical abuse of official
   - minimum penalty 1 year suspension plus probation

b. ** Intent to injure an opponent, spectator or official
   - minimum penalty 1 year suspension plus probation

c. Verbal abuse of an official
   - minimum penalty 3 game suspension plus probation

d. ** Fighting
   - minimum penalty 1 calendar year suspension plus probation for next calendar year

e. Ejection under sport specific rules
   - minimum penalty 1 game suspension plus probation

f. Unsportsmanlike conduct behaviour
   - minimum penalty 1 game suspension plus probation

g. Slurs that are racial, gender and or sexual orientation based
   - minimum penalty 4 games suspension plus probation

h. Spitting at or on an opponent, spectator or official
   - minimum penalty 5 game suspension plus probation

**Note:** **Cases of Physical abuse and Intent to Injure and Fighting are also potentially subject to action under the Criminal Code of Canada. In addition, these cases could be subject to review in accordance with the U of T Code of Student Conduct. UTM Campus Police may become involved in these cases.**

E. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Each case reviewed by the Review Board where disciplinary action is considered, must be treated on its own merits. The Review Board may take action as follows:
1. A participant who is to appear before the Review Board is suspended from all UTM Campus Rec Intramural activity until the Review Board has met. Failure to comply with this regulation automatically causes that player’s team to forfeit any games in which the suspended player participates. In the case of blatant disregard of this rule, the Review Board may institute more severe action (i.e. Expulsion of the offending team from the league).

2. It is the responsibility of the offending individual to ascertain the date and time of the Review Board’s next meeting, and be present at or send a representative to that meeting. The League Commissioner will advise all team reps of this fact at the Team Entry Meeting. Review Board meetings are posted on the UTM Campus Rec Intramural Bulletin Board.

3. In addition to the members of the Review Board and the offending player, the referee(s) from the game in which the offense occurred may be asked to attend to provide an account of the incident. Other witnesses, if deemed necessary, may be asked to attend the meeting.

4. The Review Board has the right to suspend a player or a team from any or all of the remaining games of that sport.

5. A unanimous decision of the Review Board is required to suspend a player:
   a) from all intramural activity for the remainder of the school year
   b) from all participation in a sport for the balance of his/her academic career
   c) from all intramural activity for the balance of his/her academic career
   d) lifetime ban from all athletic facilities

   Note: The maximum penalty that the Review Board can deliver to a player is a lifetime ban from all athletic facilities. In addition, severe cases may be referred to the Dean of Student Affairs for a further disciplinary hearing under the code of non-academic offenses.

6. Any player receiving a suspension of one or more games from the Review Board is automatically placed on probation for a calendar year.

7. Players’ suspensions and probations do carry over into the playoffs. Any player receiving a suspension of more games than are remaining in the regular season and playoffs, (if his or her team participates in the playoffs) shall serve the remaining games in the following school year. All-star/Charity and any similar games associated with the league do not count towards a player’s game/s served. However, players who are scheduled to play in such games while under suspension are prohibited from playing in these events.

8. Coaches, Spectators and Officials are considered the same as players and are subject to all of the above regulations and suspensions while attending or participating in a UTM Campus Rec Intramural Program or Event.

ANYONE UNDER SUSPENSION FROM A CAMPUS REC SPORT IS NOT PERMITTED TO OFFICIATE, TIME, SCORE, COMMISSION OR CONVENE GAMES IN THAT SPORT WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION.

F. GAME PROTESTS
   a. Grounds
      1. There was a misinterpretation of the playing rules and regulations by the referee or referees of the game in question.
2. Questions of player eligibility.

**No judgment calls made by officials/referees during a match are subject to protest.**

b. **Procedure**

1. Any intention of a Game Protest by teams must be indicated on the reverse of the score sheet at the time of the game and signed by the team captain/coach or representative. A protest letter must be then submitted in writing to the Program Coordinator in charge of that sport in the main DPE Program Office within 24 hours of the game. Failure to indicate intent to protest on reverse of game sheet will nullify any written protest within the 24 hour period.

2. The Game Protest will be reviewed by the Program Coordinator and League Commissioner. If deemed necessary, a Review Board meeting will be called within three days of the game.

3. A team representative will be invited to attend the meeting and allowed opportunity to present the protest grounds to the Review Board. The opposing team representative will be asked to attend and the game officials, if applicable, may be asked to attend the meeting.

4. The Review Board’s decision is final on all Game Protests. Teams or players may not appeal the Review Board’s decision on matters dealing with Game Protests.

5. During Intramural Tournaments, where a ruling on a Game Protest is required immediately, the Tournament Convenor will contact a DPE Program Coordinator by cell phone, for a decision. This decision is final, as there is no time for a full Review Board meeting in these cases.

G. **APPEALS**

a. **Grounds**

Appeals may only occur in cases where a player has been disciplined by the Review Board.

1. Improper review/decision process in relation to the guidelines set within the Review Board Handbook.

2. Improper penalty or punishment in relation to the guidelines set within the Review Board Handbook.

3. Cases where a timer, scorer or referee has recorded the player’s number erroneously.

Appeals will not be heard on the basis of facts not being presented at the initial Review Board hearing.

b. **Procedure**
1. Any player disciplined by the Review Board has the right of appeal to the Program Committee of the UTM Governing Council on Athletics.

2. Notice of intent to appeal must be submitted in writing to the UTM Department of Physical Education, Director of Athletics within five business days of notification of penalty assessed.

3. Appeals will be heard at the first available Program Committee of the UTM Governing Council on Athletics meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Review Board and the suspended player will be asked to attend this meeting.

4. A player who is to appear before the Program Committee of the UTM Governing Council on Athletics, is suspended from all UTM Campus Rec Intramural Programs until the appeal is heard.

5. All decisions on appeals heard by the Program Committee of the UTM Governing Council on Athletics are final.

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