



Martinsburg Little League Baseball Association

PO Box 931 • Martinsburg, West Virginia 25402



LOCAL RULE NO. 1 - 1996

PHYSICAL, VERBAL ASSAULT ON OR DIRECTED AT UMPIRES, MANAGERS, COACHES, PLAYERS, FANS OR LEAGUE OFFICIALS

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

Any fan, player, manager, coach, umpire or other person present at Oatesdale Park or other location where any Little League activity is taking place who physically or verbally assaults or threatens harm to any player, coach, manager, umpire, league official or other person in attendance, shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

FIRST OFFENSE

For the first offense, the individual player, coach, manager, parent, fan, umpire or league official will immediately remove him/herself from Oatesdale Park, or other location where the activity is taking place, and will be prohibited from attending, playing, coaching, managing or umpiring the next scheduled game or the next game in which he or she would participate. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors the offense is so severe that additional restrictions or prohibitions may be necessary, the Board of Directors may impose such disciplinary actions as they determine necessary in the circumstance.

SECOND OFFENSE

For the second offense, the individual player, coach, manager, parents, fan, umpire or league official will immediately remove him or herself from Oatesdale Park, or other location where the activity is taking place, and will be prohibited from attending, playing, coaching, managing or umpiring the next three (3) scheduled games in which he or she would participate. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors the offense is so severe that additional restrictions or prohibitions may be necessary, the Board of Directors may impose such disciplinary actions as they determine necessary in the circumstance.

THIRD OFFENSE

For the third offense, the offending party will immediately remove him or herself from Oatesdale Park, or other location where the activity is taking place, and will be prohibited from participating in any activity associated with Martinsburg Little League Association for the remainder of the year, or, by action of the Board of Directors, the individual may be prohibited from participation in the league indefinitely.

APPEAL PROCEDURES

All appeals, except actions of the Board of Directors, are made to the Disciplinary Committee as follows:

1. Appeals must be made in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours of the offense or notification of disciplinary action, to the President of the League or his or her designated representative.
2. Appeals will be heard within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving written appeal. Individuals pending an appeal decision will not participate in any Little League activity during the appeal. Any individual involved

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may be present during the appeal hearing, and my present oral, written or other evidence to support his or her position. Individuals involved in the appeal will be notified of the hearing location, date and time at least twenty-four (24) hours before the hearing.

3. Appeals will be decided by the Disciplinary Committee consisting of a minimum of three (3) board members. This committee will consist of, 1. One (1) elected officer of the Martinsburg Little League Association, (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). 2. The Vice-President of the League involved in the appeal. 3. The Player -Agent, if a player is involved. 4. Two (2) members of the Board of Directors, at large. No person involved in a prohibited action or incident shall be a member of this committee. If he or she is a required member of the committee the remaining members shall appoint a replacement, if the minimum three-(3) members are not present.
4. Decisions of this committee must be made within twenty-four (24) hours after the hearing, with all parties involved in the decision notified immediately thereafter. A written decision, as recorded by the League Secretary, shall be mailed to all persons involved within one (1) week.
5. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may reject any or all appeals with a hearing, based on evidence submitted.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Failure of any individual to abide by the requirements of these rules or decision of the Disciplinary Committee or Board of Directors, will result in the removal of the individual from his or her position with the Martinsburg Little League Association, and if appropriate, referral of the action to the proper authorities (i.e. City Police, Sheriff Dept., or State Police) for prosecution under House Bill 2268 to the fullest extent possible under the law.

HOUSE BILL 2268

An ACT to amend article two, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-One, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section fifteen-a, relating to assault or Battery against an athletic official; and providing criminal penalties therefore.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article two, chapter-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section fifteen-a, to read as follows:

Article 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

61-2-15a Assault, battery on athletic officials; penalties.

- a) If any person commits an assault as defined in subsection (b) section nine of this article, to the person of an athletic official during the time the official is acting as an athletic official, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail not less than twenty- four hours not more than thirty days.

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- b) If any person commits a battery, as defined in subsection (c), section nine of this article, against an athletic official during the time the official is acting as an athletic official, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and , upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail not less than twenty- four hours not more than thirty days.
- c) For the purpose of the section athletic official means a person at a sports event who enforced the rules of that event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervised the participants, such as a coach.