



Guidelines for sanctioning disciplinary violations¹

¹ Adopted by the joint BENE-League disciplinary courts with reference to Article 13(4) of the Disciplinary Regulations

**The general chairman of the appeals committee and
the general chairman of the disciplinary committee**

after hearing the members of the Appeals Committee and the Disciplinary Committee,
decide
to establish the following guidelines from the 2022-2023 season,

The general chairman of the
appeal committee

The general chairman of the
disciplinary committee

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These guidelines provide general principles for disciplinary boards when sanctioning a number of offenses committed (by an association, national association, their officials, a player, a BENE-League (match) official, or other official authorized by a national association or association. charged with exercising a function within the national federation or association during the organization before, during or after a match.

Article 1 Violation of game rules

A. Violation of Law 8:10 (extremely unsportsmanlike conduct).

- The following examples are given in Rule 8:10:
 - o Insult or threat by word and/or gesture of a person.
 - o Deprivation of a clear scoring chance by the intervention of a team official or a substitute entering the field of play, or by the intervention of a team official or player reaching into the field of play from the substitution area.

This may also include taking revenge after an offense has been committed against the person concerned.

ACTOREN	Player counterparty	Teamofficial counterparty	Matchofficial (referee/ timekeeper/ delegate)	Others	Number of matches unconditional exclusion	Number of matches conditional exclusion (probation 1 year)
Player	x				1	3
Player		x			1	3
Player			x		3	2
Player				x	1	3
Team official	x				2	2
Team official		x			2	2
Team official			x		3	3
Team official				x	2	2

Settlement proposal

Pursuant to Article 16a BENE-League Disciplinary Regulations, the person concerned can be offered a settlement proposal. After acceptance of the settlement proposal, the penalty stated in the proposal will apply. If the settlement proposal is not accepted, the file will be dealt with by the disciplinary committee in a regular session. The following exclusions apply as a basis for settlement proposals regarding a violation of Rule 8:10 under a and b:

ACTOREN	Player counterparty	Teamofficial counterparty	Matchofficial (referee/ timekeeper/ delegate)	Others	Number of matches unconditional exclusion	Number of matches conditional exclusion (probation 1 year)
Player	x				1	2
Player		x			1	2
Player			x		2	2
Player				x	1	2
Team official	x				2	2
Team official		x			2	2
Team official			x		3	2
Team official				x	2	2

B. Violation of Rule 8:6 (Violence) and misconduct during a Match

The following examples are given in Rule 8:6:

- o a ruthless or particularly dangerous action;
- o an intentional or malicious action, which is in no way proportionate to the game situation.

Violence also includes hitting, kicking and spitting.

ACTOREN	Player counterparty	Teamofficial counterparty	Matchofficial (referee/ timekeeper/ delegate)	Others	Number of matches unconditio nal exclusion	Number of matches conditional exclusion (probation 1 year)
Player	x					3
Player		x				4
Player			x			8
Player				x	x	4
Team official	x					6
Teamofficial		x				6
Team official			x			20
Teamofficial				x	x	6

C. Protesting during or after the game by player and/or a team official

If a player or a teamofficial is guilty of protesting against an imposed disqualification during or after a match, this is considered a violation of Law 8.10, to which the rule set out under A. above applies.

Article 2 Cessation of a match

If a match is abandoned by one or both teams and culpability is established:

- fine of € 2,500,-;
- payment of all damages and costs incurred by the opponent, the BENE-League Handball organization, and/or their contractual partners.

Article 3 Not playing a match

If a match is not played due to an error by the associations and culpability is established:

- fine of € 2,500,-;
- payment of all damages and costs incurred by the opponent, the BENE-League Handball organization, and/or their contractual partners.

Article 4 Late start of a match

In the event of a late arrival of an association at the playing location, as a result of which the match starts later, and culpability is established:

- fine of €500,-;
- payment of all damages and costs incurred by the opponent, the BENE-League Handball organization, and/or their contractual partners.

Article 5 Probation period in case of conditional sanction

In principle, a probationary period of one (1) year is attached to a conditional sanction.

Article 6 Final provision

These guidelines are effective as of September 1, 2022 and are valid until further notice.

Additional information

The management of the BENE-League has decided the following with regard to the administration costs by board decision of August 30, 2022:

- Administration costs
When dealing with a violation at the hearing of the Disciplinary Committee, the following administration costs are due:

ACTORS	Administrative costs
Associations	€ 250,--
Natural persons	€ 125,--

- When lodging an appeal, the following administrative costs are due:

ACTORS	Administrative costs
Associations and natural persons	€ 500,--

- If both the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee grant a request for an oral hearing and the person concerned is ultimately unsuccessful, the administration costs will be increased by € 125,--.
- A share of the administration costs of €75,-- will be imposed on the party to whom a settlement proposal has been submitted and subsequently accepted.
- This board decision is effective from 1 September 2022 and applies until further notice.