

Changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations
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Effective Immediately

- 5.3.1 Disciplinary procedures at tournaments are intended to be expeditious. Matters heard by a TDC involving tournament discipline shall be heard and the hearing conducted at or immediately after the tournament in which the event(s) involving the discipline took place. ~~Notices may be oral and the proceedings may be informal.~~ Refer to Sections 5.3.2 through 5.3.14 for procedures specific to tournament disciplinary proceedings.
- 5.3.6 A person charged with a violation under CDR 3 shall be entitled to (See CDR 6.1 and 6.2 following):
- (a) Receive written ~~or oral~~ notice of date, time and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose discipline.
- 5.3.11 A suspension or probation imposed by a TDC shall not exceed ninety (90) days nor may ~~an additional~~ a probation additional to a suspension exceed ninety (90) days.

VI. POST-HEARING PROCEDURES

A. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINE

When the disciplinary body imposes sanctions to be effective immediately, it is mandatory that such disciplinary body ~~furnish the person(s) against whom the sanctions were imposed with written notice of the sanction~~ shall immediately notify the disciplined party in writing of the sanction, stating its effective date. The disciplined party or parties and the complainant shall also be told if any are to be notified of the right to appeal ~~the ruling to the District Appellate Committee (providing the name and address of the Chairman) if the disciplinary body is a unit, district or tournament disciplinary committee. (Note: Other disciplinary bodies should check the CDR to properly advise the disciplined party or parties.)~~ and their right to request a stay of discipline pending the outcome of an appeal. The official Notice of Discipline and the official Notice of Appeal and Stay Rights will be sent by the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator when hearing documents are received from the hearing committee chairman. The 30-day period during which an appeal may be filed will start from the date on which the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator's official notices are mailed.

B. REPORT TO ACBL

It is mandatory that the disciplinary body send ~~a full typed report of the hearing~~ (See ~~Hearing Report Form~~ at www.acbl.org) and a copy of the letter sent to the ~~disciplined party or parties~~ to ACBL Headquarters at the same time: 1) a full typed report of the hearing; and 2) a copy of the written decision, if any, sent to the disciplined party of parties. The report must be sent within thirty (30) days from the conclusion of the presentation of evidence.

Note: The Hearing Report can be found at www.acbl.org – go to Rules and Regulations on the left column of the Home page, then scroll down to the form.

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