



United States Quad Rugby Association

Code of Conduct

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At the 2005 AGM, the USQRA passed the following code of conduct.

The USQRA serves as the sanctioning body for all play of quad rugby in the United States. It is the responsibility of the USQRA to exercise its jurisdiction over the conduct of quad rugby play in the United States and to ensure that the obligations of personal honor, eligibility and fair play are met. Accordingly, the USQRA adopts this conduct policy.

Members of Member Teams, engaged in Quad Rugby events, are to maintain proper conduct while they are attending the event (for brevity we will refer to "players," but as used in this policy, include coaches and support staff). The referees and tournament director have broad powers to sanction a player for misconduct during a game; however, the player must also not engage in misconduct that is detrimental to the sport of quad rugby.

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to fighting, physical intimidation, stealing and acts of sabotage. If society as a whole would not accept a player's conduct, the USQRA cannot accept it either.

If the USQRA receives a complaint of a player's misconduct, the Commissioner shall convene a panel which will include the Commissioner or his designate from the Executive Board and two RACs. The panel should be free from any inside information or personal bias in the matter.

The panel shall first notify the player's coach, team Representative and sponsor. If the team acts within ten days to discipline the player within the parameters of this policy, the panel shall mark the matter as closed. Otherwise, the panel shall conduct whatever investigation of the incident is possible and necessary. The accused player must be given the opportunity to be interviewed by the panel; however, the panel may not draw a negative inference from the player's refusal to be interviewed.

Once the panel has reviewed the available evidence, it must determine if the misconduct occurred and what sanction, if any, is to be imposed. The panel's decision shall take into account the severity of the misconduct, the relationship of the misconduct to the playing of the sport and whether this is a repeat offense. Sanctions that may be imposed are a suspension from postseason play, ranging from a game to a lifetime ban.

The player may appeal a sanction by notifying the USQRA President in writing within 15 days of a panel decision. The appeal may not review any evidence not made available to the panel. The Board may modify or vacate the panel's decision by a majority vote.