

**OLD COLONY GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD BY-LAWS**

Revised: 2005/2006

1. All members of disciplinary board shall be active town board contacts.
2. The board shall be composed of five active members and two alternates. The members will be two league contacts from the North Division, two from the South Division and one alternate from each division. The president of the league will also sit on the board and act as chairperson.
3. Members to be nominated annually by the president or OCL board members, election to be voted by OCL board.
4. The terms of all members will run from the first board meeting of a season until the day prior to the first board meeting of the next season. The members shall conclude any and all matters before the completion of their one-year term.
5. The Disciplinary Board will be acting on behalf of the Old Colony League. As such, it will have the power to render judgment and allocate penalties it deems appropriate on any matters brought before it. There is no appeal process to the entire board; the Old Colony League Board agrees to abide by the decisions of the board in all matters that are within its duties. All decisions by Disciplinary Board are final.
6. All decisions of the Disciplinary board will remain in effect after a particular board's term has expired (e.g. suspensions, expulsions, warnings).
7. The board will meet at the request of the president upon receiving a complaint or hearing of an incident involving a player, coach, parent or anyone involved with the OCL that violates OCL rules or code of conduct. Complaints must be filed through a town representative or league officer. The disciplinary board will not review any game type decisions which are within the responsibilities of the game officials.
8. All complaints must be filed in writing, or if filed verbally, must be followed up by a written request outlining the complaint. No anonymous complaints will be acted upon. Investigations and hearings will only be acted upon if signed and/or acknowledged.
9. The Disciplinary Board will meet within five days of the receipt of a complaint, unless all necessary witnesses cannot attend. The president will notify all witnesses, complainants and the accused of the date and time of the Disciplinary Board hearing so that they can attend. The Disciplinary Board will make every reasonable, but fair effort to meet and resolve matters brought before it as soon as possible. The president will always discuss the matter with an individual town(s) contacts prior to meeting to see if a resolution can be worked out without a hearing.

10. If it is determined that the incident occurred and is in violation of OCL rules or code of conduct, then the disciplinary board shall authorize the appropriate action or penalties. These can include:
 - a. Verbal warning
 - b. Written warning
 - c. Suspension
 - d. Expulsion from league for individual
 - e. Expulsion from league for a town
11. The Disciplinary Board is not required to follow these levels of penalties in order. The Board can implement any penalty as they see fit for the violation.
12. The Disciplinary Board will abide by majority rule. The Disciplinary Board will notify the board through the president of all hearings and decisions. The president will notify the complainant, accused and town contacts affected by the decision. A written decision will be sent to all parties, via U.S. Mail, fax or e-mail.
13. If the offending member(s) refuse to abide by the Disciplinary Board decision, the offender(s) town shall forfeit all games that the offender(s) is involved in. This is to include playoffs. The Disciplinary Board will then recommend expulsion from the OCL of the town that the offender is involved with.
14. Each town and their league contact/board rep. agree to be responsible for enforcing the decisions of the Disciplinary Board. If the decision is not adhered to by town and their contact, the president will contact the town(s) youth basketball association responsible.