

## **Hudson Basketball Association Disciplinary Procedures**

Any violation of the Hudson Basketball Sportsmanship Policy or Code of Conduct may result in a temporary or permanent banishment from any Hudson Basketball Association sponsored events.

Initial authority for disciplinary actions rests with the Board of Directors, subject to the accused party's right to appeal their case to a Review Committee and, ultimately, the full Board of Directors. The association will follow the guidelines indicated below in enforcing disciplinary action against any person who "has acted in a manner which brings disrepute upon the Hudson Basketball Association or upon the sport of basketball."

The due process guidelines provide for formal written notice of specific offenses and prescribed disciplinary action, the right of the accused to defend himself / herself with a reasonable time to prepare his / her defense, and a notice of how to appeal the decision.

Except for emergency actions, the association will provide written notice of violations as far in advance as reasonably possible. For each disciplinary action, a hearing will be held before the association's Review Committee or the association's Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the accused party will have a right to defend himself / herself. Notice is hereby given that the accused party will have the further right of appealing to the association's Review Committee. When time is of the essence in a decision, the association may engage in an emergency disciplinary action process.

The Hudson Basketball Association may hold emergency disciplinary hearings and / or make emergency disciplinary decisions on matters of eligibility (only when such matters must be decided immediately to assure fair play in competition).

A party may be disciplined for any violation of the association's Sportsmanship Policy, Code of Conduct, or Drug and Alcohol Policy. Examples of violations which might arise are fraud (falsifying records, using the association's name without obtaining official permission, etc.); improper conduct (profane language, fighting, severe unsportsmanlike conduct, drug or alcohol abuse during competition, etc.); and failure to compete (not showing up for a scheduled game or tournament). This list is not intended to be all-inclusive and it is the responsibility of each party to maintain compliance with the association's policies and codes of conduct.