

## The Fair Play Panel

The establishment of the VFHL Fair Play Panel is to rule on compliance with the **Code of Conduct Agreement** signed by all players and coaches in the Premier Division of the Vancouver Field Hockey League. All of the existing disciplinary procedures in the VFHL remain in effect.

The Fair Play Panel is composed of five (5) individuals drawn from the VFHL players and officials. A quorum is any three (3) members. The quorum is empowered to act in the interests of ensuring fair play and safety consistent with the agreement. It may censure or suspend individuals or teams for violations of the agreement [so long as the suspension does not last beyond 30 April 2007] and it will determine the disposition of league or competition points in the event of dispute. There is no return (or relief) of fees in the events of a game cancellation caused by a suspension.

The intent of the VFHL is that the Fair Play Panel act swiftly and authoritatively (within a few days and at least 48 hours before the next game scheduled for the team). This is not a hearing but an urgent administrative action on the part of the Panel to rid the VFHL of unsafe and unfair play. The League will receive complaints only in writing from umpires, team captains or coaches. A complaint must be received by the VFHL within forty-eight (48) hours of the match or incident in question and sent only to the e-mail address: [vfhlfairplay@yahoo.ca](mailto:vfhlfairplay@yahoo.ca)

The league is not obliged to act on a complaint. The rulings of the Fair Play Panel may be appealed after 30 April 2007.

The rulings of the Fair Play Panel will be e-mailed to the team / club captain (official notice) and posted on the VFHL web site (unofficial notice).

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