

# Rugby Indiana

## Match Citing Policy

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This policy supersedes all previous versions of the policy.

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- Rugby Indiana sanctioned matches will have Citing Commissioners or Officials trained to World Rugby Requirements assigned to matches. In the absence of a Citing Commissioner being available, a trained Community Judicial Officer or Judicial officer can serve in that role.
  - World Rugby Regulation 20 requires Citing Commissioners to attend and successfully complete a World Rugby Citing workshop, and stay current with their certification/training.
  - Community Judicial Officer or Judicial Officer requires training which includes attending and completing the their respective level of Judicial Officer training, and remaining current with their certification/training.
  
- “Team Citing:” Rugby Indiana uses World Rugby Regulation 17.10. for Team Citing. The process for Team Citing will be:
  - Submissions are for the purpose of reporting incidents not seen/reported by the referee that rise to the level of a Red Card.
  - Submission of Team Citing within 48 Hours of the match ending to the Executive Director.
    - The Team Citing must come from a team/club official (Head Coach of the team, Club President/Admin/Commissioner)
    - The Team Citing must identify the players involved, and provide complete video footage of the match (no clips just showing the incident).
    - Also eligible submissions for the Team Citing include: medical summary/report for player if injured, “Fouled” player statement
  - Upon receipt, and if by the deadline, the Executive Director will:
    - Pass along the “team citing” to the Citing Commissioner.
    - Confirm receipt to the team sending in the citing, and let them know the information has been provided to the Citing Commissioner.

- The Citing Commissioner Review Process will determine if there is a Citation (Red Card) , a Warning, or advise that the incident did not rise to the level of a Match Citation or Warning.
- Upon receiving the Citing Commissioner Report:
  - Citation – Rugby Indiana will begin the disciplinary hearing process right away upon receiving the Citation. The player is suspended until a disciplinary hearing has been held. *(Reg 17.3.k)*
  - Warning – goes on the player’s record.
  - Advise there was no incident, the issue is dismissed.

17.10.8 For Matches where, in accordance with Regulation 17.7.2 or 17.7.6, it is not reasonably practicable for a Citing Commissioner to be appointed, the following “team citing” procedures shall apply:

(a) Each team participating in a Match, or any of its authorized officials, or its Union, may cite:

(i) a Player(s) for an act(s) of alleged Foul Play committed during that Match provided that such act(s) have not been detected by the Match Officials;

(ii) a Player for more than one incident of alleged Foul Play in the same Match; and

(iii) more than one Player in any Match.

(b) Unions and Tournament Organisers shall put in place procedures for team citing which accord with the following:

(i) citings by teams or their Unions shall be in writing and sent by an authorised member of the Union or management of the team to the nominated officer of the Host Union or Tournament Organiser responsible for the Match in which the incident that is the subject of the citing complaint occurred;

(ii) such citing, to be effective, must be made as soon as practicable and in any event no later than 48 hours of the conclusion of the Match in which the Foul Play is alleged to have occurred (noting that Tournament Organisers may set shorter citing deadlines if practicable);

(iii) the responsibility for obtaining information and reports in relation to the citing shall rest with the Union or team management making the citing complaint. The Union or team management shall liaise with the Host Union or Tournament Organiser (or its/their nominated officer) to ensure that relevant information and reports are circulated to the appropriate parties in advance of the hearing;

(iv) the independent disciplinary body of the Union or Tournament Organiser having jurisdiction over the Match, shall consider the citing complaint and any other

evidence it deems appropriate including via audio and/or audio-visual means, oral (witness), film or photographic evidence. The Player cited shall have the right to be heard, to be represented and to produce evidence; and

(v) at any hearing of a citing complaint a representative of the citing team or Union shall ordinarily be in attendance, failing which the citing complaint may be dismissed. If an act(s) of Foul Play is found to have been committed the independent disciplinary body of the Union or Tournament Organiser having jurisdiction over the Match shall take the appropriate action and shall apply World Rugby's Sanctions for Foul Play set out in Appendix 1, by following the core sanctioning principles set out in Regulations 17.17 to 17.21.

17.10.9 Players who are the subject of a "team citing" shall not be provisionally suspended pending the hearing of the case.