



WDBF Misconduct Penalties

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Misconduct Definitions and Penalties

The WDBF is expanding the trial carding system introduced for the World Championship in Los Angeles in 2018. Since that time, the system has been expanded and refined.

Purpose

To create strict guidelines for issuing warnings and misconduct penalties for sportsmanship conduct under a WDBF event. This guideline supplements the WDBF Code of Conduct and the WDBF Rules of Dodgeball.

Misconduct Warnings and Misconduct Penalties are to be applied only for behavioural and sportsmanship issues. Misconduct Warnings and Penalties do not apply to rule violations.

Misconduct Types

Misconduct has been separated into three types, escalating in severity. The examples of misconduct below are not exhaustive, and an official must apply the nearest Misconduct Penalty for any behaviours not listed below. Misconduct not clearly described below should be dealt with reasonably, with every effort given to minimize penalties if possible.

Fleeting or insignificant behaviour that contravenes the guideline below should not trigger a Misconduct Penalty, but may trigger a Misconduct Warning. Allowance should be made with the understanding that intense emotions and high-intensity play may occur during a match. Discretion should be used to differentiate between an emotionally intense moment, and an action that contravene the misconduct guideline.

Set Misconduct

Behaviours that trigger a Set Misconduct Penalty include:

1. Foul language directed at the other team or officials.
 - 1.1. Note, foul language on its own is acceptable as long as it is not directed at the other team or officials.
2. Pointing or calling outs.
3. Angrily questioning calls or arguing with an official.
 - 3.1. Note, captains and coaches may question/discuss a call during a timeout or stoppage in play.
4. Spiking and excessive crushing of balls.
5. Balls thrown clearly after a whistle to stop play.
6. Aggressive behaviour toward equipment (ie: kicking netting, aggressive spiking of balls, etc).
7. Repeated failure to follow instruction from an official.
8. Not going out on clear hits.

Match Misconduct

Behaviours that trigger a Match Misconduct Penalty include:

1. Physical intimidation of any participant
2. A malicious throw at an official or at any point not during play
3. Derogatory comments of any kind toward any participant (ie: comments that contravene the WDBF Code of Conduct, especially those of racist or sexist nature)
4. Intentionally damaging court equipment (ie: bringing down netting, removing or altering the tape/court dimensions, breaking chairs or tables, etc)
5. Intentional, aggressive crossing of the centre line or contact with the other team
6. Blatant cheating, such as staying pretending to walk off the court on a hit and staying on.
7. Receiving two or more Set Misconduct Penalties

Tournament Misconduct

Behaviours that trigger a Tournament Misconduct Penalty include:

1. Verbal threats of violence
2. Physical violence
3. Receiving two Match Misconduct Penalties

Warnings and Procedure

Any Misconduct Warning or Misconduct Penalty given must follow the procedures described below. Any warning or Misconduct Penalty given that does not follow all the procedures described below shall not be enforced, counted, or recorded against a participant.

Procedure for Giving Warnings and Penalties

Officials must follow this procedure when giving a Misconduct Warning or Misconduct Penalty:

1. If necessary, stop all play and the game clock with a clear whistle blast
2. If necessary, take any actions necessary to bring the court to safety and order
 - 2.1. For example, if a physical altercation has broken out or a participant has become overly aggressive the safety of all participants should be the priority and dealt with first.
3. Bring all officials together to inform and confirm that a Misconduct Warning or Penalty is being issued.
 - 3.1. At this time, officials should discuss and consult the Misconduct Guidelines to confirm a Misconduct Warning or Penalty should be issued.
4. Bring in captains and coaches from both teams, inform them of the specifics of the Misconduct Warning or Penalty.
5. Inform the participant that they have been issued an official Misconduct Warning or Penalty.
 - 5.1. If the participant is a player, then the applicable coach or captain should be present.
6. Record the Misconduct Warning or Penalty on the official match sheet, giving a brief description of the events leading to the Misconduct Warning or Penalty.

Warnings

One warning must be given for Set Misconduct at the officials' discretion. That warning applies to the entire team, and any further Set Misconduct may result directly in Set Misconduct Penalties.

Match and Tournament Misconduct may be given directly without warning.

Misconduct Penalties

Penalties for misconduct are escalating and designed to quickly and effectively stop any misconduct during a match.

In the penalties described below, a player is someone who plays within during a set and a participant is anyone on the team including coaches, ball retrievers, and anyone else that team may have with them on the court.

Set Misconduct

1. Set Misconduct Penalty results in a participant being ejected from the set.
 - 1.1. If the Set Misconduct Penalty is given to a participant during the completion of a set, that participant is ejected for the next set in addition to the set during which the misconduct occurred.
 - 1.2. The participant who received the Set Misconduct Penalty must leave the court area immediately, and may only return once the set has completed.
2. A team may not replace a player who has been given a Set Misconduct Penalty in the current set.
 - 2.1. If the Set Misconduct Penalty is given to a participant during the completion of a set, that team must field one fewer player for the next set.
 - 2.2. If the Set Misconduct Penalty is given to a participant who is not playing during a set, the officials have discretion on which player must serve the Set Misconduct Penalty for the next set.

Match Misconduct

3. A participant who receives a Match Misconduct Penalty also receives all Set Misconduct Penalties s.2 inclusive.
4. Match Misconduct Penalty results in a participant being ejected from the match.
 - 4.1. If the Match Misconduct Penalty is given to a participant during the completion of a match, that participant is ejected for the next match in addition to the match during which the misconduct occurred.
 - 4.2. The participant who received the Match Misconduct Penalty must leave the field of play completely for the duration of the match.

Tournament Misconduct

5. A participant who receives a Tournament Misconduct Penalty also receives all Set Misconduct Penalties s2. Inclusive.

6. Tournament Misconduct Penalty results in a participant being ejected from the tournament.
 - 6.1. The participant who received the Tournament Misconduct Penalty must leave the field of play immediately.
 - 6.2. The participant who received the Tournament Misconduct Penalty may not return to the field of play for the duration of the tournament, including any ceremonies conducted during the tournament.

Misconduct Warning and Penalty Duration

All Misconduct Warnings and Penalties only apply to a specific participant or team, unless otherwise noted. Thus, if a participant is a part of more than one team they may accrue separate Misconduct Warnings or Penalties per team.

Warnings

1. Misconduct Warnings apply only to the current match.
 - 1.1. At the start of every match, all teams have no warnings accrued.

Penalties

2. Set Misconduct Penalties apply within only round robin or playoffs.
 - 2.1. If a participant accrues a Set Misconduct Penalty during round robin, the Set Misconduct Penalty accrual is reset for playoffs (ie: a Set Misconduct Penalty during round robin does not count toward a Match Misconduct during playoffs).
3. Match and Tournament Misconduct Penalties apply for the duration of the tournament.