

SWBA GUIDELINES FOR CONTROLLING ROUGH PLAY

Rough play is defined as excessive contact with an opposing player. The SWBA has established the following guidelines for the control of rough play in our leagues. Please ensure that all players on your team are aware of these guidelines and that they adhere to them.

Reminder: In an effort to deter rough play and injuries, as per the **Captain's Duties and Responsibilities**, Captains are to advise the referee at the coin toss to call the game tightly.

It is optimal to address and promptly resolve rough play during the game. And it is good sportsmanship to self-correct improper behaviors that endanger the safety of others, whether or not a foul is called. If a player is thought to demonstrate rough play, the following steps should be followed:

1. When possible the offended player should politely mention her concerns to the offending player. The offended player should also advise her captain of the rough play as soon as possible.
2. If rough play continues the accusing team captain should politely discuss her concerns with the referee, even if that means using a team timeout to do so.
3. If rough play still continues the accusing team should record a video of the rough play behavior. After which the accusing team captain should initiate a discussion with the opposing team captain, the referee and all players involved. The recorded behavior should be reviewed and pertinent rules clarified. The clock should be stopped and neither team charged with a timeout.
4. If rough play still is not resolved by the end of the game, it is the **responsibility of the accusing team captain** to complete the **Rough Play Report*** and the **Referee Evaluation Form***, and submit both to the SWBA Board within 7 days of the game in question. A copy should be shared with the opposing team captain. All original documentation will be kept on file with the Board.
5. Upon receipt of a **Rough Play Report** the Board will immediately engage the **Safety Committee** to meet with and to observe the play of the offending player as soon as possible. The committee's objective is to share its observations with the player and her captain and make recommendations to change her behavior. The Committee will document its actions and results and submit them to the Board, the player and her captain. Upon receipt of the **Referee Evaluation** the Board will immediately share it with YMCA management.
6. If **three** Rough Play Reports are filed with the Board about the same player, the Board will issue a warning letter to that player. It may result in suspension from one or more games.
7. If a player is suspended and then returns to playing and the rough play continues, further action may be taken such as a longer suspension or expulsion from the league(s).

* Attached

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