



AYSA FINANCIAL BAD STANDING POLICY

Financial Bad Standing is a period where specific membership benefits are removed due to the member's refusal to meet financial obligations of the affiliated authority. Financial Bad Standing may exist along with Probation or Suspension and is in effect an indefinite suspension.

Financial Bad Standing is a situation where an individual owes a team, league/club, AYSA, USYS, or USSF a monetary amount, equipment or other financial obligations.

Financial Bad Standing is an administrative act and **NOW REQUIRES** a disciplinary hearing. It may be imposed by the appropriate authority (Club, League, District Commissioner, AYSA or Board of Directors) only after a proper hearing. Only the imposing authority or a higher jurisdiction may modify or remove the Financial Bad Standing.

This policy **NOW REQUIRES** that the appropriate **Club, League, District Commissioner, AYSA or Board of Directors** provide a hearing, to give the offending party an opportunity to appear and be able to speak on his/her own behalf. The affected **team** cannot place the offending party in bad standing. This must be done by the club or the appropriate level hearing the matter. This may be a good opportunity to convince the party to make arrangements to pay the debt without having to suspend them indefinitely.

The offending party can not be denied the right to register with another team, club or league until such time as the offending party has received their hearing. If it is determined the offending party is in fact at fault, the offending party will be placed on immediate suspension and will not be allowed to participate until such time as the party is removed from bad standing. In the case of an individual, please note this would mean the new team **would not** be allowed to let this person participate in any games until such time as the suspension is removed.

The hearing must be conducted no later than October 1st to resolve issues for the prior seasonal year. The affected party cannot go back beyond one seasonal year to place someone in financial bad standing and may not collect funds any further back than one seasonal year. We should also think about how this deadline impacts AYSA with ODP events that happen late in the summer. The purpose of the deadline was to get people to either conduct their hearing and make a determination regarding financial bad standing or let the person's obligation fall by the way side. Some clubs were trying to go back years to collect fees from players. This was typically a "scholarship player" who after years of playing with a club elected to change clubs.

The following documentation shall be required before a party is placed in bad standing:

- a) A statement that indicates the party in question was aware of the obligation and any terms associated with it.
- b) A history of attempts to collect the debt.
- c) A history of payments or agreements to pay the debt.
- d) Final written notice that gives at least seven days from receipt of notice to resolve the debt and that after that date, you will begin the process to place them in Financial Bad Standing. Such notice will require proof of delivery via Certified Mail, Fed Ex, UPS, or other means specified in the AYSA Manual of Operations for

Protest and Appeals.

1. The Hearing will be held under the conditions and rules as specified by the AYSA P & A Manual of Operations. This will include proper notification and if found at fault, the notification letter must also include language regarding appeals rights available through AYSA.

2. Please be aware that Financial Bad Standing is an indefinite period of suspension and

MUST BE REPORTED to the AYSA State Office.

3. If the debt is then paid, please notify AYSA so the offending party's name can be removed from the suspension list.