DISCIPLINARY CODE

13th February 2017

SECTION A - DEFINITIONS & GENERAL RULES

DC-A1 APPLICATION OF THE DISCIPLINARY CODE

The sanctions and other disciplinary measures detailed in this Disciplinary Code shall only be imposed on offenders found guilty of an offence after the case would have been processed as regulated by the ASA Statute.

DC-A2 DEFINITIONS

The definitions and interpretations given in this section apply to the whole Disciplinary Code.

i. In this code singular terms shall be deemed to include the plural, and masculine terms shall include the feminine.

ii. Club shall mean a club that is affiliated with the ASA

iii. An Athlete shall be any individual registered with the ASA. This definition holds both when the individual is participating in an event and also when he/she is not.

iv. For Water Polo, a team official shall mean that person whose name appears on a team line-up or match-card and who remains in the team officials' designated area throughout the match (WPCR 29 refers). Should a team official need to leave the designated area he should inform the referee and/or the Jury Table. Should this be the case, the person would still be considered a Team Official *(amended 13th February 2017).*

v. For Swimming, a team official shall mean that person who shall accompany any athlete.

Clarification: An individual shall be deemed a team official only during participation, that is, immediately before, during and immediately after the event in question, and while still within the precincts of the pool. At all other times and for the purpose of this Code, these persons shall be considered to be "club committee members".

vi. A club committee member shall mean that person who forms part of a club committee, sub-committee or some other club board.

vii. ASA Official shall mean any Council member, any member of the Executive Committee, any member of any one of the ASA's boards, ASA employees and volunteers including coaches and pool staff, referees, goal judges, judges, time-keepers, match inspectors, starters and all those charged with an official function or other role. ASA Official shall also include Disciplinary Commissioners, as well as those individuals nominated by the Council as delegates for ASA activities.

viii. Match Official shall include the referees, goal-judges and table officials nominated for a match.

ix. In any venue where an ASA event or competition is being held, the restricted area shall mean those areas reserved for the referees, goal judges, the match secretariat,

athletes and team officials. The restricted area also includes those sections on pool stands/terraces that are indicated to be Guest or VIP areas.

For Water Polo, athletes and team officials whose names do not feature on the match-card of any given match shall be prohibited from entering the restricted area.

For Swimming, the athletes and team officials that may enter the restricted for any particular event shall be determined by the Swimming Technical Committee.

x. A supporter is any individual who does not fall into the category of athlete, team official, club committee member or ASA official, as defined above, and who supports any given club, whether within the precincts of the pool or not.

xi. Identified Supporter means a supporter who is either identified by the person/s making a report and named in the same report, or a supporter who is identified by the committee of his/her club before a decision on the relative case is taken by the Disciplinary Commissioner. In this latter case, the identification and naming must be made in writing and presented to a member of the ASA Executive Committee.

Clarification: When an offence is committed by more than 1 supporter such that a number of the individuals are identified and the rest are not, action shall be taken against the identified supporter/s as specified in this Code (Identified Supporter), and, action shall also be taken against the supporters' club as specified in this Code (Supporter).

xii. In water polo, an event shall mean any given match.

xiii. In swimming, an event shall mean a single race.

xiv. When offences are committed by swimmers or Swimming Team Officials, a sanction involving match suspensions shall be interpreted as a suspension of the same number of swimming events.

xv. For Water Polo, competition shall mean any league, knock-out or other tournament, including any preliminary rounds, play-offs organised by or held under the auspices of the ASA.

For Swimming, competition shall mean league, meet or other tournament, including any heats or trials organised by or held under the auspices of the ASA.

xvi. Pool precincts shall include any area that leads to or immediately surrounds a venue where an ASA event or competition is held.

DC-A3 SUSPENSIONS

i. Effective Date of Suspensions

The date on which a suspension from all ASA activities shall come into effect shall be determined by the Disciplinary Commissioner, provided that such a suspension shall come into effect as soon as possible, while, at the same time, ensuring that the suspension is meaningful, and further provided that the commencement of the suspension shall not be earlier than the date on which the suspension is imposed.

When a suspension from all ASA activities is confirmed, reduced, increased or otherwise modified by the Board of Appeal, the date of commencement of the said suspension shall be in line with the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

A suspension from all ASA Activities until the end of the season shall be deemed to have been served immediately before the opening of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Suspensions of matches, events or competitions shall be effective immediately.

ii. Completion of Match Suspensions

Match suspensions shall be completed in the same competition in which the relative offence was committed, provided that the league and knock-out competitions for the same category shall be considered to be the same competition.

For the purpose of this article, each item in the list below represents a distinct competition such that a match suspension incurred during a match in connection with a competition in one item shall be completed in a competition in the same line. The actual competitions are defined in the Water Polo Competition Rules.

- National Water Polo Competitions;
- Super Cups;
- Winter Competitions (Seniors);
- Women's League and Knock Out Competitions;
- U/20 Competitions (winter and summer);
- U/17 Competitions (winter and summer);
- U/15 Competitions (winter and summer);
- U/13 Competitions (winter and summer);
- Any other competition, including tournaments, that may be organised such that every different one shall be considered to be a different competition;

The following provisions shall apply:

- match suspensions incurred in the Super Cups shall be converted into a fine at the rate of €75 per match suspension;
- match suspensions incurred in friendly matches (of any category or age-group) shall be converted into fines at the rate of €50 per match suspension

The following provisions shall apply in the case that a match suspension is not fully completed in the season in which it was imposed:

- match suspensions incurred in senior competitions (National competitions, Winter competitions and Women's competitions) shall be carried forward to the next season;
- match suspensions incurred in age-group competitions shall be converted into fines on the athletes' clubs at the rate of €50 per match suspension;
- match suspensions incurred in tournaments shall be converted into fines on the athletes' clubs at the rate of €75 per match suspension.

iii. Suspensions from all ASA activities

During the term of a suspension from all ASA activities, the suspended individual

- Shall not be able to attend any Annual General Meeting;
- Shall not form part of the Council;
- Shall not be eligible to participate (be it as athlete or as team official) in any competitions organised by the ASA or under the auspices of the ASA;
- Shall be precluded from entering or approaching the pool or any other venue where an ASA event or competition is held. This prohibition shall not apply to athletes and coaches unless the Disciplinary Commissioner shall have decided otherwise;
- Shall not be eligible to form of a club committee or sub-committee;
- Shall not be eligible to act as club delegate.

iv. Effect of suspensions of clubs Council Members

When a club is suspended from all ASA Activities, the Council member (and his substitute) nominated by that club shall remain a Council member, yet shall lose his right to vote at Council meetings and Annual General Meetings as long as that club shall remain so suspended.

v. Suspensions from other national and international associations

The ASA recognises suspensions or other disciplinary measures imposed by :

- FINA, LEN & other associations and federations affiliated with it;
- Local associations and federations that are prepared to accept suspensions or other disciplinary measures imposed by the ASA.

vi. Should a valid appeal be lodged then the Adjudicating Board/person's decision is suspended until the case is decided upon by the Appeals Board or any other Adjudicating Boards. *(inserted 13th February 2017)*

vii. A valid reason must be given for the appellant to be excused from attending a disciplinary hearing *(inserted 13th February 2017)*

DC-A4 GENERAL RULES

i. Offences by unidentified athletes

When an offence is committed by an unidentified athlete, the applicable sanction shall be borne by the team captain, provided that such an incident shall not registered on the captain's conduct certificate.

ii. Fines

Individuals or clubs that are ordered to pay a fine shall be deemed to be suspended from all ASA activities, and shall remain so suspended, until such fine is paid.

iii. Damages

In addition to the sanction stipulated under this Code, every individual or club shall be obliged to remedy all damages sustained as a direct result of the incident for which said club or individual has been sanctioned. In case of damages caused by supporters

(identified or unidentified), the club shall be responsible for such damages. Individuals or clubs that are ordered to pay such damages shall be deemed to be suspended from all ASA activities, and shall remain so suspended, until such fine is paid.

iv. Unpaid fines and damages

Where an athlete, a team official or a club committee member fails to settle any fine or damages ordered by the Disciplinary Commissioner by the end of a season, such fine or damages shall automatically become the sole liability of the club to which such athlete, team official or committee member pertains, in such a way as though said club had been ordered to pay in the first place.

v. Minor Offences

Notwithstanding the contents of this Code, clubs and/or individuals committing an offence which under this code or by its nature is not grave, may be found guilty without suffering the stipulated sanction, provided such clubs and/or individuals shall not be repeat offenders. It shall be up to the sole discretion Disciplinary Commissioner whether or not to show such leniency, provided that in applying this discretion, the Disciplinary Commissioner shall be guided by sporting justice and previous decisions if these exist.

vi. Offences not mentioned in this Code

Where an incident is committed giving rise to an offence which is however not mentioned in this Code, a sanction may nevertheless be imposed. This sanction shall be based on previous decisions involving similar offences (if these exist) and shall be in line with the spirit of this code and grounded on the principles of equity and sporting justice.

vii. Offences in the Restricted Area

An offence committed in a Restricted Area shall incur double the sanction that would otherwise apply had it been committed elsewhere.

viii. Sanctions in U/17 Competitions

No fines shall be imposed on athletes who commit an offence in a competition in which only athletes who are 17 years old or younger in the year of competition are eligible to participate. In this case, the applicable sanctions shall be suspensions.

ix. Serious injuries

Should there ever arise any doubt about the gravity of the injuries sustained in any incident, the Disciplinary Commissioner shall determine the gravity or otherwise in accordance with the Criminal Code.

x. Deduction of points

On the extreme cases where Disciplinary Commissioner deems it fit to impose a deduction of points on a club, such a deduction shall be made from the points accumulated during the competition in which the offence took place.

Where the competition is a knock out, the club shall have the points deducted from the subsequent league competition immediately upon commencement of said competition.

xi. Red & Yellow Cards

Any individual shown a red card shall be liable to disciplinary action corresponding to the offence committed as stipulated in this Disciplinary Code.

xii. Appeals

Appeals from decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commissioner or by the Council, as the case may be, on the basis of this Code, shall be heard by the Board of Appeal in accordance with the Board of Appeal (Terms of Reference & Procedure).

xiii. Mistaken Identity

Should it be proven (through video evidence) that the wrong person has been reported, and through the same video evidence it is clear that another athlete is the culprit, then the ASA can file a report or take disciplinary action against such athlete. Should such a report be filed this will not have an effect on the outcome of the match in question. *(inserted 13th February 2017)*

DC-A5 REPEAT OFFENDERS

An individual (not a club) found guilty of more than one offence during the current season shall be deemed to be a repeat offender. The offences need not be the same or similar to each other. For the purpose of this rule, any number of offences committed by the same individual that are included in the same report, shall be considered to be one offence. Similarly, if one offence is reported by several persons then the offence shall be considered to be the same one offence.

For the second, third and any subsequent offence/s, the sanction shall be an additional fine of €100, provided that when the offence is committed in competitions in which only athletes aged 17 years old or younger are eligible to participate, the additional sanction shall not be a fine but a suspension of 1 match.

DC-A6 AMENDMENTS TO THIS CODE

This Code may be amended by the Council.

The Council's decision to amend this Code shall also incorporate the date when the amendments are to come into effect.

DC-A7 OFFENCE CATEGORIES AND CORRESPONDING SANCTIONS

Table A7 below shall be applied in order to determine sanctions based on the category of offence and the party committing the offence. Offence categories are detailed in subsequent sections of this Code.

In the table:

- The contents of the "Fine" columns stipulate the fines associated with the offence category.
- The contents of the columns "Min Match" and "Max Match" stipulate the minimum and maximum number of matches suspension associated with the offence category. Where the minimum and maximum values are equal, the number of games suspension that shall be imposed is not a variable.
- The contents of the columns "Min Susp" and "Max Susp" stipulate the minimum and maximum periods of suspension from all ASA activities associated with the offence category. Where the minimum and maximum values are equal, the period of suspension from all ASA activities that shall be imposed is not a variable. In these columns, "y" means "year/s", "m" means "month/s" and "w" means "week/s".

Table A7 – Offence Categories and Related Sanctions

Offence Category	Classification of Individual Committing the Offence (The Guilty Party)																
	Athlete in U/17 and lower Age-Groups				Athlete in all events except in U/17 and lower Age-Groups					Team Official					Club Committee Member or ASA Official		
	Min Match	Max Match	Min Susp	Max Susp	Fine	Min Match	Max Match	Min Susp	Max Susp	Fine	Min Match	Max Match	Min Susp	Max Susp	Fine	Min Susp	Max Susp
A	-	-	Life	Life	-	-	-	Life	Life	-	-	-	Life	Life	-	Life	Life
B	-	-	2y	4y	€240			1y	4y	€240			1y	4y	€500	3y	5y
C	6	6	-	-	€240	4	4	-	-	€240	-	-	2y	2y	€240	2y	2y
D	3	6	-	-	€200	2	2	-	-	€250	3	8	-	-	€300	1m	6m
E	1	4	-	-	€100	1	4	-	-	€240	4	8	-	-	€240	2m	5m
F	-	-	4m	24m	€240	-	-	3m	24m	€240	-	-	3m	24m	€350	1y	3y
G	4	4	-	-	€240	2	2	-	-	€240	-	-	3m	12m	€240	3m	12m
H	2	2	-	-	€70	1	1	-	-	€140	1	4	-	-	€190	1m	3m
I	2	2	-	-	€70	1	1	-	-	€120	1	4	-	-	€120	1w	4w
J	-	-	18m	30m	€250	-	-	1y	2y	€250	-	-	1y	2y	€400	1y	3y
K	2	3	-	-	€200	2	2	-	-	€300	-	-	6m	24m	€300	6m	24m
L	3	6	-	-	€150	2	6	-	-	€200	2	8	-	-	€350	2m	12m
M	2	2	-	-	€150	1	1	-	-	€300	-	-	6m	24m	€300	6m	24m
N	1	1	-	-	€70	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O	4	4	-	-	€120	1	3	-	-	€190	2	8	-	-	€240	4m	6m
P	1	4	-	-	€100	1	3	-	-	€240	3	8	-	-	€350	2m	12m
Q	1	1	-	-	€50	-	-	-	-	€100	1	1	-	-	€150	2w	2w
R	3	3	-	-	€120	2	2	-	-	€190	2	4	-	-	€240	1m	2m
S	1	4	-	-	€100	1	4	-	-	€150	2	8	-	-	€190	1m	6m
T	2	2	-	-	€100	-	-	-	-	€100	-	-	-	-	€100	-	-

In the case that the individual committing the offence cannot be readily classified into one of the classifications specified in Table A7, the Disciplinary Commissioner shall apply sanctions applicable under the A7 classification that, in his opinion, most closely resembles that of the guilty party at the point in time when the offence was committed *(inserted 13th February 2017)*.

SECTION B – OFFENCES

DC-B1 OFFENCES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS

Table B1 below shall be applied in order to determine the category of offences committed against individuals. The offence category is determined by the nature of the offence committed and the individual/s against whom the offence is committed. The applicable sanction shall be that indicated for the offence category in Table A7.

Table B1 – Categorisation of Offences Against Individuals

Reference	Cross Reference to previous Disciplinary Code	Offence	Category of individual against whom the offence was committed						
			ASA Officials excluding Match Officials	Match Officials	Athletes	Team Officials	Club Committee Members	Spectators	Other (In General)
DC-B1-01	B.1.i.a B.2.i.a	Inflicting serious injuries and/or attempting to inflict serious injuries.	**A**	**A**	**B**	**B**	**B**	**B**	**B**
DC-B1-02	B.1.ii.a.i B.1.iv.a.iii B.1.iv.a.iv Part of B.1.v.a B.2.ii.a.i B.2.iv.a.iii B.2.iv.a.iv	Using as a weapon any object that is potentially dangerous or may inflict injury. Using includes throwing or hitting. Objects include, but are not limited to, stones, glass bottles, non-empty plastic bottles and other hard or pointed items.	**B**	**B**	**C**	**C**	**C**	**C**	**C**
DC-B1-03	B.1.iii.a B.2.iii.a Part of B.2.iv.c	Unsuccessfully attempting to use any object that is potentially dangerous or may inflict injury. Using includes throwing or hitting. Objects include, but are not limited to, stones, glass bottles, non-empty plastic bottles and other hard or pointed items.	**F**	**F**	**G**	**G**	**G**	**G**	**G**
DC-B1-04	B.1.ii.c.i B.1.vi.a.ii B.2.ii.c.i B.2.vi.a.ii	Using any object that is not potentially dangerous. Using includes throwing or hitting. Objects include, but are not limited to, Water Polo caps, liquids and empty plastic bottles.	**D**	**D**	**E**	**E**	**E**	**E**	**E**
DC-B1-05	B.1.iii.c B.2.iii.c	Unsuccessfully attempting to use any object that is not potentially dangerous. Using includes throwing or hitting. Objects include, but are not limited to, Water Polo caps, liquids and empty plastic bottles.	**H**	**H**	**I**	**I**	**I**	**I**	**I**

Table B1 – Categorisation of Offences Against Individuals			Category of individual against whom the offence was committed						
Reference	**Cross Reference to previous Disciplinary Code**	**Offence**	ASA Officials excluding Match Officials	Match Officials	Athletes	Team Officials	Club Committee Members	Spectators	Other (In General)
DC-B1-06	B.1.iv.a.ii B.2.iv.a.ii	Maliciously being the cause that another individual ends up in the water.	**J**	**J**	**K**	**K**	**K**	**K**	**K**
DC-B1-07	Part of B.1.v.a Part of B.2.iv.c	Unsuccessfully attempting to be the cause that another individual ends up in the water.	**L**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**M**	**M**	**M**
DC-B1-08	B.1.iv.a.i B.2.iv.a.i	Committing an act of brutality, including, but not limited to, kicking, hitting, punching, striking, elbowing, head butting (forwards or backwards). In this clause, the term "brutality" applies to incidents that take place during (in) a match as well as to incidents that do not. Playing in a violent manner (or violent play) does not fall within the scope of this clause if the incident took place during (in) a match.	**J**	**J**	**K**	**K**	**K**	**K**	**K**
DC-B1-09	Part of B.1.v.a Part of B.2.iv.c	Unsuccessful attempt to commit an act of brutality, including, but not limited to, kicking, hitting, punching, striking, elbowing, head butting (forwards or backwards). In this clause, the term "brutality" applies to incidents that take place during (in) a match as well as to incidents that do not.	**L**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**M**	**M**	**M**
DC-B1-10	Part of WP 21.14 (Brutality) B.2.v.a	Playing in a violent manner or be guilty of violent play	N/A		**M**	N/A			
DC-B1-11	Part of WP 21.13 (Misconduct)	Aggressive play or persistent foul play	N/A		**N**	N/A			
DC-B1-12	B.1.vi.a.i B.2.vi.a.1	Aggressive behaviour	**O**	**O**	-	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**
DC-B1-13	B.1.vi.a.iii B.2.vi.a.iii	Threatening an individual	**O**	**O**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**
DC-B1-14	B.1.vi.a.iv B.2.vi.a.iv	Slandering or libelling an individual	**O**	**O**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**
DC-B1-15	B.1.vi.a.v B.2.vi.a.v	Spitting in the direction of an individual (even if the individual is not hit)	**O**	**O**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**	**P**

Table B1 – Categorisation of Offences Against Individuals									
			Category of individual against whom the offence was committed						
Reference	**Cross Reference to previous Disciplinary Code**	**Offence**	ASA Officials excluding Match Officials	Match Officials	Athletes	Team Officials	Club Committee Members	Spectators	Other (In General)
DC-B1-16	B.1.vii.a.i Part of B.1.viii.a	Manifesting disapproval of any decision	**R**	**Q**	N/A				
DC-B1-17	B.1.vii.a.ii Part of B.1.viii.a B.2.vii.a.i Part of B.2.viii.a	Insulting an individual	**R**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**
DC-B1-18	B.1.vii.a.iii Part of B.1.viii.a B.2.vii.a.ii Part of B.2.viii.a	Passing remarks	**R**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**
DC-B1-19	B.1.vii.a.iv Part of B.1.viii.a B.2.vii.a.iii Part of B.2.viii.a	Using unacceptable language	**R**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**
DC-B1-20	Part of B.1.vii.a.v Part of B.1.viii.a B.2.vii.a.iv Part of B.2.viii.a	Making obscene or vulgar gestures	**R**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**
DC-B1-21	WP 21.13 (Misconduct)	Refusing obedience or showing disrespect	**P**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**	**Q**

DC-B2 ADDITIONAL OFFENCES

Table B2 below shall be applied in order to determine the category of offences detailed in the table. The offence category is determined by the nature of the offence committed. The applicable sanction shall be that indicated for the offence category in Table A7.

Table B2 – Categorisation of Additional Offences		
Reference	**Offence**	**Offence Category**
DC-B2-01	Swearing (Dagha)	**T**
DC-B2-02	Behaving in such a way such that is likely to bring the sport into disrepute	**S**
DC-B2-03	Behaving in such a way that is likely to give a bad example.	**S**
DC-B2-04	Voluntarily causing damage to any property or equipment owned or used by the ASA, or to any property of an ASA official or club	**R**
DC-B2-05	Remaining on the pool deck or competition area after being excluded in terms of rules that specify that a player must leave the competition area	**Q**
DC-B2-06	Remaining on the pool deck or competition area after being shown the red card	**Q**
DC-B2-07	Staying on the pool deck when not entitled	**Q**

DC-B3 INCITEMENT & PROVOCATION

It is an offence for an individual to incite or provoke others, be they supporters, athletes or team officials, whether by reason of his manner of play, or by insulting, passing remarks, gesticulating, or behaving or reacting in an animated manner, or by approaching athletes or officials from the opposing club or their supporters. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B3 below.

Table B3 – Incitement & Provocation			
Reference	**Description**	**Committed By**	**Sanction**
DC-B3-01	No or minimal reaction	Athlete (U/17)	3 match suspension
DC-B3-02	Strong reaction	Athlete (U/17)	5 match suspension
DC-B3-03	No or minimal reaction	Athlete	€150 fine
DC-B3-04	Strong reaction	Athlete	€300 fine and a 2 match suspension

Table B3 – Incitement & Provocation			
Reference	**Description**	**Committed By**	**Sanction**
DC-B3-05	No or minimal reaction	Team Official	€250 fine and a 2 match suspension
DC-B3-06	Strong reaction	Team Official	€500 fine and a 4 match suspension
DC-B3-07	No or minimal reaction	Committee Member or ASA Official	€400 fine and 1 month suspension from all ASA activities
DC-B3-08	Strong reaction	Committee Member or ASA Official	€800 fine and a 4 month suspension from all ASA activities
DC-B3-09	No or minimal reaction	Supporter/s	Club to be fined €250
DC-B3-10	Strong reaction	Supporter/s	Club to be fined €500
DC-B3-11	No or minimal reaction	Identified Supporter/s	Refer to Article DC-C2 – Offences Committed by Identified Supporters
DC-B3-12	Strong reaction	Identified Supporter/s	Refer to Article DC-C2 – Offences Committed by Identified Supporters

DC-B4 FIGHTING AND/OR DISORDER

In case of general fighting and/or disorder between athletes and/or team officials of different teams, regardless of whether those responsible may be identified or not, the respective clubs shall be sanctioned as stated in Table B4 below.

Table B4 – Fighting and/or Disorder		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-B4-01	Fighting and/or Disorder	Fine between €400 and €1200. If it is established that athletes and/or team officials of one club were responsible for causing the general fighting and/or disorder, such club shall suffer an additional fine amounting to not less than double of what the other club has been fined.

In general, the area where the fighting or disorder started can be used to establish the team responsible for causing the incident. Usually, if the incident takes place on the side of the pool occupied by one particular team, the incident would have been caused by the other team. This is because it can be said that the latter "invaded" the former.

DC-B5 USE OF INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

It is an offence for a club, even if in good faith, to use an ineligible athlete in an ASA competition in breach of the Statute, the Competition Rules or any other regulation of the ASA. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B5 below.

Table B5 – Use of Ineligible Athletes

Reference	Discipline	Competition	Sanction
DC-B5-01	Swimming	Age Group Meetings	• The club fined €150, and • The Swimmer shall be disqualified.
DC-B5-02	Swimming	National Champion-ships	• The club fined €150, and • The Swimmer shall be disqualified and any medal won shall be returned.
DC-B5-03	Water Polo	Age Group	• The club fined €150, and • The result of the match shall be fixed as 5-0 against the club.
DC-B5-04	Water Polo	League Competitions	• The club fined €500, and • The result of the match shall be fixed as 5-0 against the club, and, • If in the opinion of the Disciplinary Commissioner, such athlete was intentionally used to favour a separate club, the club using such athlete shall have 5 points deducted in the current competition, and a further 5 points in the subsequent competition.
DC-B5-05	Water Polo	Knock-Out Competitions	• The club fined €500, and • The result of the match shall be fixed as 5-0 against the club, and, • if in the opinion of the Disciplinary Commissioner, such athlete was intentionally used to favour a separate club, the club shall not be eligible to participate in the subsequent Knock-Out competition.

DC-B6 DELAYED EVENTS

It is an offence where a match starts later than scheduled due to the late arrival at the venue of one or both of the teams, or because one or both teams were not in a position to start. The sanction is illustrated in Table B6 below.

Table B6 – Delayed Events		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-B6-01	Delayed Events	€50 fine

DC-B7 WALK-OVERS

It is an offence to grant a walk-over, or not turn up for a competition. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B7 below.

Table B7 – Walk-Overs			
Reference	**Discipline**	**Competition**	**Sanction**
DC-B7-01	Swimming	Age Group Meetings	• The entry fee shall be forfeited
DC-B7-02	Swimming	National Championships	• The entry fee shall be forfeited, and • The swimmer shall be fined €20 per event unless prior notice is given
DC-B7-03	Water Polo	Age Group	• The club fined €50, and • The result of the match shall be fixed as 5-0 against the club.
DC-B7-04	Water Polo	League Competitions	• The club fined €500, and • The result of the match shall be fixed as 5-0 against the club, and, • If in the opinion of the Disciplinary Commissioner, the walk-over was intended to favour a separate club, the club granting the walk-over shall have 5 points deducted in the current competition, and a further 5 points in the subsequent competition.
DC-B7-05	Water Polo	Knock-Out Competitions	• The club fined €500, and • The result of the match shall be fixed as 5-0 against the club, and, • if in the opinion of the Disciplinary Commissioner, such athlete was intentionally used to favour a separate club, the club shall not be eligible to participate in the subsequent Knock-Out competition.

DC-B8 ABSENT ATHLETES

It is an offence for a club not to field the best possible team for each event in which it is scheduled to participate. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B8 below.

Table B8 – Absent Athletes		
Reference	**Competition**	**Sanction**
DC-B8-01	Age Group Competitions	• €50 fine
DC-B8-03	Highest Division	• The club fined €500, and • The club is suspended from the competition till the end of the season, and, • The club is relegated.
DC-B8-02	Lower Divisions	• The club fined €250 and • The club is suspended from the competition till the end of the season, and, • The club starts the next season with a 4 point penalisation.

DC-B9 WALK-OVERS & ABSENT ATHLETES – DEFAULT BY ATHLETE/S

If a club is in breach of DC-B7 or DC-B8 due to the default of one or more of its athletes, the club shall refer the matter to the competent organs of the ASA, and, should it result that such athlete/s did not have a valid reason not to appear, a sanction against each of the athletes shall be applied. This is illustrated in Table B9 below.

Table B9 – Walk-Overs & Absent Athletes – Default by athlete/s		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-B9-01	Walk-Overs & Absent Athletes – Default by athlete/s	• €100 fine each, and/or • suspended from all ASA activities for a period of not more than 2 years.

DC-B10 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITIONS

It is an offence to withdraw from a competition once this has started. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B10 below.

Table B10 – Withdrawal from Competitions			
Reference	**Discipline**	**Competition**	**Sanction**
DC-B10-01	All	All	The club shall forfeit all fees paid in respect of the competition. Furthermore, the sanctions below apply.
DC-B10-02	Swimming	Age Group Meetings	Reprimand
DC-B10-03	Swimming	National Champion-ships	The swimmer shall be fined €20 per event unless prior notice is given
DC-B10-04	Water Polo	Age Group	€50 fine for each outstanding match
DC-B10-05	Water Polo	Highest Division	• €150 fine for each outstanding match, and • The club is relegated.
DC-B10-06	Water Polo	Lower Divisions	• €100 fine for each outstanding match, and • The club starts the next season with a 4 point penalisation.

DC-B11 ABANDONMENT OF MATCHES

Where the referees abandon a match due to misbehaviour of players, team officials or supporters, the Disciplinary Commissioner shall first determine whether the abandonment was caused by one of the clubs or by both clubs. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B11 below.

Table B11 – Abandonment of Matches			
Reference	**Cause**	**Competition**	**Sanction**
DC-B11-01	1 club	All	The other club will be declared the winner of the match and, if applicable, gets all points for the match. Furthermore, the sanctions below apply.
DC-B11-02	1 club	Age Group	• €250 fine, and • Sanctions for the particular offences committed.
DC-B11-03	1 club	Highest Division	• €1200 fine, and • Sanctions for the particular offences committed.
DC-B11-04	1 club	Lower Divisions	• €600 fine, and • Sanctions for the particular offences committed.

Table B11 – Abandonment of Matches			
Reference	**Cause**	**Competition**	**Sanction**
DC-B11-05	Both clubs	All	None of the teams will get any points for the match. If the match was a Knock-Out match then both teams will be removed from the competition. Furthermore, the sanctions below apply.
DC-B11-06	Both clubs	Age Group	• €250 fine each, and • Sanctions for the particular offences committed.
DC-B11-07	Both clubs	Highest Division	• €1200 fine each, and • Sanctions for the particular offences committed.
DC-B11-08	Both clubs	Lower Divisions	• €600 fine each, and • Sanctions for the particular offences committed.

DC-B12 WITHDRAWAL FROM A MATCH

It is an offence for a team to fail to complete a match, or after having made itself present prior to the match, to refuse to start as a sign of protest. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B12 below.

Table B12 – Withdrawal From a Match		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-B12-01	Withdrawal from a match	• Suspension of the team (not club) up to the end of the season, and, • For the subsequent competition shall be relegated to participate in a lower division. Where such a relegation is not possible, such club shall instead be fined between €500 and €1500, and shall commence the subsequent competition with a penalisation of 5 points.

DC-B13 FAILURE TO ORGANISE AN ASA ACTIVITY

It is an offence for a club to fail to abide by ASA instructions to organise an ASA activity scheduled to be held at the club's premises. The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B13 below.

Table B13 – Withdrawal From a Match		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-B13-01	Failure to hold ASA organised activities	• Fine between €500 and €2000, and • The club's secretary shall be suspended from all ASA activities for 1 year, and, • The club will be liable to reimburse to the ASA any expenses incurred to hold the event elsewhere.

DC-B14 SHORTCOMINGS DURING PRESENTATIONS

It is an offence for a team captain or his substitute to fail to come forward for any presentation of awards after having been called up by the ASA.
The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B14a below.

Table B14a – Shortcomings During Presentations (1)			
Reference	**Competition**	**Ranking**	**Sanction**
DC-B14-01	All	Any	Clubs and/or athletes shall lose their right to claim such medal / reward. The sanctions below shall also apply.
DC-B14-02	National Swimming Championships	Any	The swimmer shall be fined €20.
DC-B14-03	Premier League & Knock-Out	Winners	The club shall be fined €2400.
DC-B14-04	Premier League & Knock-Out	Runners-Up	The club shall be fined €1200.
DC-B14-05	All other senior Water Polo competitions	Winners	The club shall be fined €1400.
DC-B14-06	All other senior Water Polo competitions	Runners-Up	The club shall be fined €700.
DC-B14-07	Women and Age-Group competitions	Winners	The club shall be fined €480.
DC-B14-08	Women and	Runners-Up	The club shall be fined €240.

Table B14a – Shortcomings During Presentations (1)			
Reference	**Competition**	**Ranking**	**Sanction**
	Age-Group competitions		

It is also an offence for a team to wear or display any promotional clothing or material other than that pertaining to its sponsor during a presentation.

The applicable sanctions are detailed in Table B14b below.

Table B14b – Shortcomings During Presentations (2)			
Reference	**Competition**	**Ranking**	**Sanction**
DC-B14-11	All	Any	Clubs and/or athletes shall lose their right to claim such medal / reward. The sanctions below shall also apply.
DC-B14-12	National Swimming Championships	Any	The swimmer shall be fined €20.
DC-B14-13	Premier League & Knock-Out	Winners	The club shall be fined €2400.
DC-B14-14	Premier League & Knock-Out	Runners-Up	The club shall be fined €1200.
DC-B14-15	All other senior Water Polo competitions	Winners	The club shall be fined €1400.
DC-B14-16	All other senior Water Polo competitions	Runners-Up	The club shall be fined €700.
DC-B14-17	Women and Age-Group competitions	Winners	The club shall be fined €480.
DC-B14-18	Women and Age-Group competitions	Runners-Up	The club shall be fined €240.

SECTION C – OFFENCES BY SUPPORTERS

DC-C1 OFFENCES COMMITTED BY UNIDENTIFIED SUPPORTERS

A club is responsible for the behaviour of its supporters. If supporters commit an offence then disciplinary action will be taken against the club that they would have been supporting. An exception to this may be made if the supporters are identified. The offences and associated sanctions (on the club) are detailed in Table C1 below.

Table C1 – Offences Committed by Un-Identified Supporters

Reference	Offence	Sanction on Club
DC-C1-01	Mass violent invasion of the pool deck.	• €1500 fine, and • The team shall be suspended for the rest of the competition in which the offence took place, provided that if the competition is a league competition in which relegation and promotion is allowed, then the team shall be relegated, but if relegation is not allowed, the team shall start the following season's league with a deduction of between 1 and 4 points; and further provided that if the competition is a knock-out competition, the team shall be barred from participating in the following season's corresponding knock-out competition.
DC-C1-02	Kicking, hitting, punching, striking, elbowing, head butting (forwards or backwards) any other individual.	• A fine between €250 and €1000. • In addition to this fine, if the offence was committed in a league match, a maximum of 2 points may be deducted; if the offence was committed in a knock-out match, the team may be precluded from participating in the corresponding knock-out in the following season.
DC-C1-03	Intimidation, threatening, acting aggressively or violently or spitting at an ASA official, a club committee member a team official or an athlete (**Not serious**)	• €250 fine, and, • Either a severe warning or a deduction of maximum 2 points. If such a deduction of points is imposed, then the deduction shall be

		effective in the league competition in which the team is participating, or, in the case that the league completion for the season is complete, the points will be deducted in the following season's corresponding league competition. •
DC-C1-04	Intimidation, threatening, acting aggressively or violently or spitting at an ASA official, a club committee member a team official or an athlete (**Serious**)	• €1500 fine, and • The team <u>may</u> be suspended for the rest of the competition in which the offence took place, provided that if the competition is a league competition in which relegation and promotion is allowed, then the team shall also be relegated, but if relegation is not allowed, the team shall start the following season's league with a deduction of between 1 and 4 points; and further provided that if the competition is a knock-out competition, the team shall be barred from participating in the following season's corresponding knock-out competition.
DC-C1-05	Damaging any property or equipment owned or used by the ASA, or any property of an ASA Official or club.	• A fine between €120 and €350, and, • Either a severe warning or a deduction of maximum 2 points. If such a deduction of points is imposed, then the deduction shall be effective in the league competition in which the team is participating, or, in the case that the league completion for the season is complete, the points will be deducted in the following season's corresponding league competition.
DC-C1-06	Using as a weapon any object that is potentially dangerous or may inflict injury. Using includes throwing or hitting. Objects include, but are not limited to, stones, glass bottles, non-empty plastic bottles and other hard or pointed items.	• A fine between €250 and €600, and, • Either a severe warning or a deduction of 1 point. If such a deduction of points is imposed, then the deduction shall be effective in the league competition in which the team is participating, or, in the case that the league completion for the season is complete, the points will be

		deducted in the following season's corresponding league competition.
DC-C1-07	Using any object that is not potentially dangerous. Using includes throwing or hitting. Objects include, but are not limited to, Water Polo caps, liquids and empty plastic bottles.	• A fine between €120 and €350.
DC-C1-08	Fighting between themselves or with other clubs' supporters.	€250 fine for each of the clubs involved.
DC-C1-09	Using (including chanting) of vulgar or inflammatory language.	€120 fine.

DC-C2 OFFENCES COMMITTED BY IDENTIFIED SUPPORTERS

When any of the offences mentioned in DC-C1, are committed by an identified supporter, then he shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period that shall be at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commissioner provided that the Commissioner shall be in line with the spirit of this code and on the basis of equity and sporting justice and guided by the sanction for the particular offence in DC- C1, and previous decisions (precedents).

During the period that the identified supporter is suspended from all ASA activities, all the provisions listed in the definition of a suspension from all ASA activities shall apply. In particular, the identified supporter shall be banned from attending any Water Polo matches or Swimming Events organised by the ASA. If the identified supporter goes against this ban, then the provisions of DC- C1 may be applied as if the supporter was not identified.

If, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Commissioner, the offence committed is of a very grievous nature, then sanctions against the identified supporter's club may be taken in addition to the personal sanctions detailed in this sub-article. In this case the sanctions shall be as if the supporter was not identified.

SECTION D – OTHER VIOLATIONS

DC-D1 CORRUPTION

It is an offence for any athlete, team official, ASA official, match official, club committee member or supporter to engage, or to attempt to engage, in any act of corruption in return for a favour. Both the individual offering the favour and the individual accepting the favour shall be deemed to be offenders.

For the purposes of this article 'act of corruption' shall mean any act whereby one agrees, or even attempts to agree, with others with an aim at influencing the outcome of any event, match or competition made by or held under the auspices of the ASA in return for a favour, even if such favour is intended for third parties.

For the purposes of this article 'favour' shall include any manner of compensation, whether it be monetary remuneration, preference or other reward.

The sanctions in Table D1a below shall apply.

Table D1a – Corruption		
Reference	**Category of Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-D1-01	Offering the favour	• The club of the offender shall be suspended from all ASA activities until the end of the season following the one in which the offence is committed. And, • The individual suspended from all ASA activities for life.
DC-D1-02	Accepting the favour	• The individual suspended from all ASA activities for life.

It is also an offence for any athlete, team official, ASA official, match official, club committee member or identified supporter, who though aware of an act of corruption or of an attempt of an act of corruption, to fail to report the matter to the ASA.

It is also an offence for any athlete, team official, ASA official, match official, club committee member or supporter, to spread false rumours on corruption. For the purposes of this article a report made in terms the preceding sub-article shall not be deemed an offence, provided that if on investigation it is found that such report is frivolous or vexatious, then it shall be deemed a false rumour

The sanctions in respect to these offences are detailed in Table D1b below.

Table D1b – Corruption – Associated Offences		
Reference	**Category of Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-D1-03	Failing to report corruption as explained above	The individual shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period between 1 and 4 years.
DC-D1-04	Spreading false rumours on corruption as explained above	The individual shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period between 6 months and 3 years.

DC-D2 RACISM

It is an offence for any individual to commit acts of racism. These acts include, but are not limited to:

- passing derogatory racist remarks;
- making offensive racist gestures;
- acting or behaving in a manner that is racially abusive, insensitive or even incorrect.

The sanctions in Table D2 below shall apply.

Table D2 – Racism		
Reference	**Category of Individual**	**Sanction**
DC-D2-01	Athlete	• €200 fine, and • 1 match suspension
DC-D2-02	Team Official	• €300 fine, and • 2 match suspension
DC-D2-03	Club Committee Member or ASA Official	• €400 fine, and • Suspension from all ASA activities for 1 month
DC-D2-04	Identified Supporter	• Suspension from all ASA activities for 3 months
DC-D2-05	Unidentified Supporter	• The club that the supporters were supporting shall be fined €400.

If the act of racism committed by the individual results in incitement and/or provocation, additional sanctions as detailed in Article DC-B3 - Incitement & Provocation, shall be imposed.

DC-D3 DISCRIMINATION

It is an offence for an individual or club to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, race or creed in the preparation, organisation or holding of any event or competition made by or held under the auspices of the ASA, or to otherwise act or behave in a manner that is abusive, insensitive or even incorrect. The sanctions in Table D3 below shall apply.

Table D3 – Discrimination

Reference	Category of Offender	Sanction
DC-D3-01	Athlete	• €200 fine, and • 1 match suspension
DC-D3-02	Team Official	• €300 fine, and • 2 match suspension
DC-D3-03	Club Committee Member or ASA Official	• €400 fine, and • Suspension from all ASA activities for 1 month
DC-D3-04	Identified Supporter	• Suspension from all ASA activities for 3 months
DC-D3-05	Unidentified Supporter	• The club that the supporters were supporting shall be fined €400.
DC-D3-06	Club	• €500 fine

DC-D4 USE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND PROCEDURES (DOPING)

It is an offence for any athlete to use any prohibited substance/s and/or procedures. For the purposes of this article "prohibited substance/s and/or procedures" shall be those that are listed as abusive from time to time and are thus prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA). The sanctions in Table D4a below shall apply.

Table D4a – Use of Prohibited Substances and Procedures (Doping)

Reference	Sanction
DC-D4-01	• The sanction imposed on him/her by the competent body • The Disciplinary Commissioner may impose an additional suspension from all ASA activities that will not exceed 3 years. If this suspension is imposed, the Disciplinary Commissioner will also decide whether this suspension will run concurrently or consecutively with the one imposed by the competent body.

It is also an offence for any athlete, team official, ASA official, match official, club committee member or identified supporter who distributes any prohibited substance, or allows or in

any way encourages an athlete to take any prohibited substance. The sanctions in Table D4b below shall apply.

Table D4b – Distribution, etc. of Prohibited Substances	
Reference	**Sanction**
DC-D4-02	• The sanction imposed on the individual by the competent body, and • The individual shall also be suspended from all ASA activities for a period of between 1 and 5 years. The Disciplinary Commissioner will also decide whether this suspension will run concurrently or consecutively with the one imposed by the competent body.

DC-D5 POACHING AND USE OF ANOTHER CLUB'S ATHLETES

For the purposes of this article "poach" shall mean the active encouragement, by whatever means, to leave one's current club in order to join another club, regardless of method of encouragement and of the nature or extent of promises or offers made, without the current club's prior consent in writing.

For the purposes of this article "use" shall include coaching of athletes while being registered with another club.

It is an offence for any athlete, team official, coach, club committee member or identified supporter, directly or indirectly, to poach or use any athlete while he/she shall be duly registered with another club in accordance with the statute of the ASA. In both cases, the offending party shall be considered to be the offending individual/s' club. The sanctions in Table D5 below shall apply.

Table D5 – Poaching and Use of Another Club's Athletes		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction on Club**
DC-D5-01	"Use" as defined in this article	Fine between €300 and €1000
DC-D5-02	"Poach" as defined in this article	Fine between €500 and €1200

DC-D6 FAILURE TO PAY TRANSFER FEES

Where a club has acquired the services of an athlete from another club against a transfer fee, be it agreed between the clubs or determined by the Player Transfer Tribunal, and the acquiring club has failed to pay such a fee or part thereof, such acquiring club shall be guilty of an offence. The sanctions in Table D6 below shall apply.

Table D6 – Failure to Pay Transfer Fees	
Reference	**Sanction**
DC-D6-01	• The transfer shall be deemed null and the athlete shall remain bound to the selling club, and • The acquiring club forfeits any part of the fee already paid to the selling club, and • The acquiring club shall nevertheless remain bound to pay the balance of the transfer fee, and • The acquiring club shall furthermore be prohibited from registering new athletes until such time as the entire fee is paid up.

DC-D7 FAILURE TO PAY ATHLETES

It is an offence for clubs not to pay athletes their dues as per contract. Upon a written report filed by the athlete and submitted to the ASA, the matter shall be immediately referred to the Disciplinary Commissioner who shall hear both parties. If there exists any valid reason the Disciplinary Commissioner may allow the club a period of not more than 2 months within which to pay the arrears due to the athlete. Should the club fail to pay within the period conceded to it, the sanctions in Table D7 below shall apply.

Table D7 – Failure to Pay Athletes	
Reference	**Sanction**
DC-D7-01	• The athlete's registration with the club shall be terminated and the athlete shall be deemed released for all intents and purposes, and • The club shall nevertheless remain bound to pay the athlete all dues owed to him / her as per contract, and • The club shall further be prohibited from registering new athletes until such time as the entire dues are paid up.

DC-D8 DOUBLE REGISTRATIONS

It is offence for an athlete who is already registered with a local club and whose registration form has been endorsed by the ASA, to register with another local club. Both the sanctions in Table D8 below shall apply *(amended 13th February 2017)*

Table D8 – Double Registrations	
Reference	**Sanction**
DC-D8-01	• The athlete shall be severely reprimanded, or • Suspended from all ASA activities for a period that will not exceed 6 months.
DC-D8-02	The club with whom the athlete shall have registered irregularly shall be fined between €100 and €500.

DC-D9 **NATIONAL ATHLETES**

Offences that relate to National Teams and/or selections are detailed in Table D9 below.

Table D9 – National Athletes		
Reference	**Offence**	**Sanction**
DC-D9-01	An athlete who refuses without valid reason to be summoned to form part of a national squad, or who having accepted, later refuses to form part of such a squad, by either failing to attend official events and/or competitions.	The athlete shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period between 1 and 6 months.
DC-D9-02	An athlete who without valid reasons fails to attend training sessions or preparatory events.	The athlete shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period between 1 week and 4 months.
DC-D9-03	An athlete who interferes with or objects to the national coach's decisions, plans, or systems of play, or challenges the coach's authority or otherwise undermines the unity or discipline within the squad.	The athlete shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period between 1 week and 4 months.
DC-D9-04	Club Committee Members who give false excuses in order to avoid an athlete from their club from being called up to form part of a national squad, or who urges others to commit any of the offences cited in this article.	The Club Committee Member shall be suspended from all ASA activities for a period between 2 weeks and 6 months.