

## AWDF Policy and Procedures on Sanctions

AWDF policy. All AWDF member clubs will respect and honor sanctions that are affirmed (or upheld) by the AWDF. The AWDF and its member clubs will uphold a sanction only if:

- (1) The action being sanctioned is contrary to the objectives of AWDF and AWDF member clubs;
- (2) Any legal actions regarding the action being sanctioned have been concluded;
- (3) The sanction was imposed by the AWDF member club through an established process (e.g., Board of Inquiry hearing, proven violation of an existing policy, decision by a court of appropriate jurisdiction) and the AWDF Secretary has received a summary of that process, the organization's specific findings, and any other documentation needed by AWDF to review the sanction.

If at the end of its review the AWDF decides to uphold the sanction, the member clubs will also agree to honor it.

AWDF process. Requests from member clubs for the AWDF to uphold a sanction will be sent to the AWDF Secretary. The AWDF Secretary distributes it to the AWDF Executive Board. The Board conducts a preliminary review and decides to:

- Reject the sanction,
- Send the sanction request to the AWDF Board of Inquiry for further analysis, or
- Recommend it to the member clubs for a vote. The vote of the Executive Board must be at least 2/3ds for the sanction to advance. The vote of the General Board must be at least 2/3ds of all full member clubs to uphold it.
- The Executive Board has 30 days from when it receives complete documentation to decide about a sanction.

If the Executive Board recommends that a sanction be upheld, the Secretary calls for a vote of the member clubs within 10 days. The member clubs have 30 days to vote.

If the Executive Board sends the sanction request to the Board of Inquiry, the BOI has 60 days to investigate and recommend an action.

The BOI's recommendation is effective immediately, and the AWDF Secretary disseminates it to the member clubs within 10 days of when it is issued by the BOI.

The AWDF Executive Committee may impose penalties on member clubs not upholding an AWDF decision on honoring a member club's sanction. Penalties may include a monetary fine, suspension of membership for up to six (6) months, or expulsion from the Federation.