SPORT DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE OF CANADA (SDRCC) CENTRE DE RÈGLEMENT DES DIFFÉRENDS SPORTIFS DU CANADA (CRDSC)

NO: SDRCC 23-0667	
(ORDINARY TRIBUNAL)

ANONYMIZED (Claimant)

AND

HOCKEY CANADA (Respondent)

DECISION ON APPEAL APPLICATION

Before:

Matthew Wilson – Sole Arbitrator

Attendees at hearing:

For the Claimant: Susan Humphrey (Counsel)

Austen Erhardt (Articling Student)

For the Respondent: Adam Klevinas (Counsel)

Brent Craswell (Hockey Canada)

APPEAL DECISION

This case concerns an appeal by the Claimant of a disciplinary penalty imposed by Hockey Canada.

There was no objection to my jurisdiction to hear this matter.

The parties agreed that the Claimant's identity would remain anonymous.

Although the Claimant disputes certain factual allegations, he has acknowledged that his involvement in the circumstances giving rise to this appeal was inappropriate and such behaviour ought not to occur again.

Having considered the submissions of the parties, I have determined that the following shall be substituted as the penalty for the Claimant:

The Claimant shall serve a probationary period expiring on July 12, 2024. During the course of the probationary period, the Claimant shall be on a behavioural contract prepared by his hockey academy. He shall also prepare a paper and presentation for his classmates about the incident and the lessons he learned.

The Claimant shall complete the BC Play Safe Tool for Sport (or an alternative approved by BC or Hockey Canada) under the supervision of a parent within the term of his suspension and probation, and before being permitted to resume play.

The Claimant shall be suspended from all games until October 14, 2023 and will voluntarily sit out his game scheduled for October 15, 2023. He shall be permitted to participate in on-ice activities, other than games, effective September 22, 2023. For clarity, as of September 3, 2023, the Claimant shall be permitted to participate in off-ice activities under the supervision of school staff.

Signed in Whitby, this 31st day of August, 2023.

Matthew Wilson, Arbitrator