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Grievances and Adjudication Matters

When disputes occur between parties within New York State West Your Soccer Associations, it is expected that the issue will be settled at the lowest level possible.

There may be times where the dispute or grievance cannot be resolved “in-house” and the matter would be presented to NYSWYSA for review.

NYSWYSA Adjudication Committee would assess the matter and follow the below path, to resolve the matter fairly and quickly.

- Review and recommend solutions to move forward
- Mediation
- Adjudication Hearing

Appeals

When an appeal is brought forth to the NYSWYSA Adjudication Committee, it is the responsibility of the Committee Members to determine if the “Complainant” was provided “due process” by the “Defendant/Member Organization”. In all cases, the responsibility of the NYSWYSA Adjudication Committee is to review the “Member Organizations” By-Laws and Rules/Regulations to ensure that the “Member Organization” has followed their procedures when determining penalties for a “Complainant’.

NYSWYSA does not determine whether the “Complainant” is innocent or guilty of the charges indicated by the Defendant.

Risk Management

Overview

NYSW Zero Tolerance Policy

- Reviewed, Updated and Current
- Includes RAP Coverage for Parents/Spectators

Risk Management Policies

- Reviewed, Updated and Current

Risk Management Compliance – Club Admin

- Created Audits for Compliance of Coaches, Club Staff

NYSWYSA Risk Management Web Pages

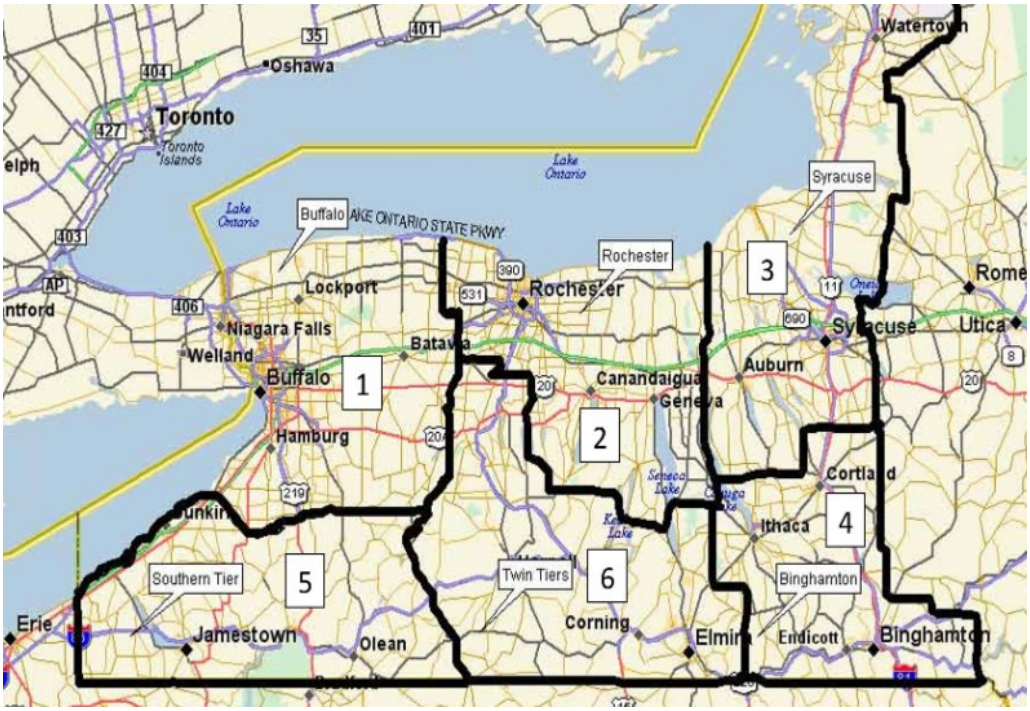
- Reviewed, Updated and Current

RAP Policy

- Introduced March 1, 2025
- Policy that deals with Referee abuse by Coaches, Bench Personnel and Players
    - Penalties have more serious consequences for repeat offenders
- NYSW Zero Tolerance Policy
    - Addresses Spectator and Parent Behavior
- Risk Management Team – establishing benchmarks and SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)
    - Providing feedback to US Soccer after first year

NYSWYSA Territory

The area is broken up into six districts (Binghamton, Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier, Syracuse and the Twin Tiers).



Adjudication/Grievance Statistics

In the 2025-2026 season, NYSWYSA saw a decline in “grievances” filed. RAP Policy in 2026, NYSWYSA had fewer cases than the year prior.

RAPS Reviewed/Penalties Assessed

- Total = 22 RAPS, with an additional 2 Zero Tolerance (Parent/Spectator)
    - 3 Tournaments
    - 19 League Games
- Statistics
    - Level I = 14 Instances
    - Level II = 1 Instances (1 Hearing was needed)
    - Closed = 7 (Closed due to No Cause)
- Breakdown
    - BU10-BU12 = 6 instances
    - BU13-BU19 = 11 instances
    - GU13-GU16 = 5 instances