

**NZPA MISCONDUCT PENALTIES
(AS AT FEBRUARY 1996)**

- 1 Notification of withdrawal from tournament after the draw has been completed for an official tournament:**
Penalty: Entry fee forfeited.
- 2 Failure to notify of withdrawal from tournament (unless exceptional circumstances)**
Penalty: Entry fee forfeited.
Banned from corresponding event the following year.
- 3 Withdrawal from tournament early without reasonable excuse:**
Penalty: Forfeit all points earned for that tournament,
Banned from corresponding event the following year, and
Banned from next occurring NZPA 8-Ball and 9-Ball
Championship events.
All other players in section will be deemed to have won their match regardless of what the result was and will be accredited ranking points accordingly.
- 4(a) Unreasonably disputing referee's decision:**
Penalty: Referred to Committee by Tournament Controller or Official with a recommendation for at least a one tournament ban.
- 4(b) Publicly disputing referees decision and/or abuse, swearing, etc.**
Penalty: Referred to Committee by Tournament Controller or Official with a recommendation for a ban from the corresponding event the following year and a ban from the next 8-Ball and 9-Ball Championship event.
- 5 Abuse in public or private of any Official acting in official capacity at tournament:**
Penalty: Same as 4(b).
- 6 Striking any Official during tournament:**
Penalty: Referred to Committee with a recommendation for a minimum two year ban.
- 7 Bringing New Zealand and/or local Association into disrepute by actions of member(s) i.e. abusing venue manager/publicans, damaging property, fighting, swearing, etc:**
Penalty: Same as 6.
- 8 Suspected use of illegal substances will be reported to the Police.**

These penalties are only guidelines, but there would be no lesser punishment than what is stated. Penalties can be increased to suit the severity of the crime/action. Any player or official should cite the offender within seven days of the incident, in writing to the postal address for entries, otherwise the charge is not valid. The offender should then be advised when the case will be heard stating the time, place and incident, possible punishment and where the hearing is to take place so that he/she has the right of reply to charges or be represented to call witnesses, etc. Citing official may attend, but is not necessary. In the case of abuse, etc, the player must apologise in writing to referee/official and until that is received the offender cannot take his/her place in any tournament, after serving sentence.