

RULES FOR OBSERVING A DISCIPLINE HEARING

Discipline hearings are generally open to the public unless otherwise directed by the Discipline Committee. All Observers must comply with the following Rules.

General Rules

1. Observers must register with the College of Dental Hygienists of Saskatchewan (CDHS) prior to the hearing by emailing admin@cdhsk.ca. Only registered Observers may attend.
2. Observers must not address members of the Discipline Committee or any party to the proceedings and must conduct themselves in a respectful manner that does not disrupt the hearing.
3. Observers must not make or distribute audio recordings, video recordings, photographs, screenshots, screen recordings, or any other recording or capture of the proceedings.
4. Observers must comply with any publication bans, confidentiality orders, sealing orders, or other directions issued by the Discipline Committee.
5. The Discipline Committee may exclude Observers from portions of a hearing where necessary to protect the privacy, safety, confidentiality, or other interests of any person.
6. Observers arriving after a hearing has commenced, or who leave while the hearing is in session, will not be permitted to enter or re-enter until the next recess.
7. Failure to comply with these Rules may result in removal from the hearing and/or denial of attendance at current or future proceedings.

Additional Rules for In-Person Hearings

1. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be silenced and may not be used during the hearing.
2. Food and beverages are not permitted in the hearing room unless otherwise authorized.
3. Observers attend hearings at their own expense.

Additional Rules for Virtual Hearings

1. Observers must participate from a private location and must not permit any unregistered person to view or hear the proceedings.
2. Observers are responsible for ensuring they have access to, and know how to use, the required video conferencing platform. Technical support will not be provided during the hearing.
3. Observers must log in 10–15 minutes before the scheduled start time and display their first and last name followed by "Observer" as their screen name.
4. Observers will be placed in a virtual waiting room until admitted to the hearing and may be returned to the waiting room during recesses, deliberations, or portions of the hearing that are closed to the public.
5. Observers' microphones and cameras will remain disabled unless otherwise directed by the Discipline Committee.
6. Observers must not share hearing links, passwords, meeting credentials, or access information with any other person.