

What constitutes misconduct at each level of the new sanction system?

Misconduct by a team towards umpires, opponents, teammates and spectators will be classified in two categories:

Minor Misconduct (a yellow card) - actions contrary to good manners, moral principles, or expressing contempt. The result of such sanction is the misconduct will be reported to Softball Alberta. The offending individual will be allowed to continue to participate within the game.

- A second yellow card to an individual will result in immediate ejection without the second card being shown to the offending individual.

Major Misconduct (an ejection) – include defaming or insulting words or gestures, actual physical contact or aggressive or threatening behavior along with other behaviour that would have resulted in ejection in past years. A yellow card does not have to precede an ejection. If the misconduct is serious enough, the individual can be ejected without receiving a yellow card.

Examples of Misconduct and Category for possible sanctioning:

Minor Misconduct (Yellow Card)

- Use of audible foul language
- Disputing judgment or decision of an umpire
- Minor equipment abuse
- Frivolous complaints (first incident)
- Talking Back to an Umpire
- Displays of inappropriate aggressive behavior

Major Misconduct (Ejection)

- Receiving a second Yellow Card in a game
- Disparaging or insulting remarks and/or the use of foul language directed toward a player/coach/official/umpire/spectator
- Failing to carry out a lawful direction of an umpire
- Abusing an umpire or official
- Deliberately barging with force
- Displays of excessive aggressive behavior
- Frivolous complaints (second and further incidents)
- Major equipment abuse where there is potential to injure participants and/or spectators
- Fighting after being provoked
- Provoking a fight but no further involvement
- Physically attacking an umpire

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