

Major Infractions

Section 11c

11c.1 Rules Regarding Major Infractions

- 11c.1.1 As major disciplinary infractions are, by definition, serious breaches of the rules, it is anticipated that in all cases these infractions will be sent to EYBA Discipline.
- 11c.1.2 Any Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or Spectator ejected from a EYBA Sanctioned Event for a major infraction, as stated below, will not be allowed to play or attend any EYBA Sanctioned Event for the period specified and will be required to immediately leave the gymnasium. Notification will be sent to the individual concerned, informing them of the suspension and the date the suspended individual may return to EYBA activities. Additionally, notification will be sent to the affected Zone.

11c.2 Major Infractions

11c.3 Intentional Physical Contact with a Referee or an Official

- 11c.3.1 No Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator shall at any time, in the context of a dispute, lay a hand on, push, or strike an Minor Official or Referee.
- 11c.3.2 PENALTY: Anyone involved in physical abuse of a Referee or Minor Official will be suspended for a Minimum of one calendar year from the date of the offense.

11c.4 Intentional Physical Contact In A Dispute (other than Officials)

- 11c.4.1 No Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or Spectator shall at any time, in the context of a dispute, lay a hand on, push, or strike a Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator.
- 11c.4.2 PENALTY: This violation results in a Minimum FOUR (4) game suspension from EYBA play or sanctioned event. If warranted, this may be increased by EYBA Discipline. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.5 Player Abuse- Verbal

- 11c.5.1 No Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall use language that will, in any manner, refer to or reflect negatively upon any Referee, Officials, Players, Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adult, Parents and Spectators. For the purposes of this rule 'Verbal Abuse' may include, but not be limited to remarks that are humiliating, degrading, threatening, swearing, name calling, berating or hurtful comments regarding a player or the performance of a player
- 11c.5.2 PENALTY: Verbal abuse against any Referee, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent, Official or Spectator results in an automatic THREE (3) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.6 Player Abuse – Physical

- 11c.6.1 A Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall not physically abuse any Player for any reason whatsoever. For the purposes of this rule 'physical abuse' may include, but not be limited to, grabbing, striking, shoving, spanking, shaking, slapping, excessive exercise or denial of water as a means of punishment. It may also include Mental/Emotional Abuse such as placing unrealistic expectations on a child (winning every game, never making mistakes, etc.)
- 11c.6.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic FOUR (4) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.7 Intimidation

- 11c.7.1 No Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall at any time, and in the context of a dispute, make any threatening or offensive gesture, or in any way threaten, or appear to threaten, any Referee, Official, Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator. This activity need not be overt, such as yelling, bullying or obscene gestures. Glaring, occupying the personal space of another person or communicating a threat in any manner that causes anxiety to another person may also be considered intimidation.
- 11c.7.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.8 Verbal Abuse

- 11c.8.1 A Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall not verbally abuse any Referee, Official, Player, Coach or Spectator for any reason.
- 11c.8.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic THREE (3) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders

11c.9 Objectionable Demonstrations (Major)

- 11c.9.1 There shall under no circumstances be objectionable demonstrations such as making threatening, offensive or obscene gestures or use profane language at any time and in any manner. Anyone doing so shall be immediately ejected and required to leave the EYBA sanctioned event.
- 11c.9.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic THREE (3) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.10 Objectional Demonstration through Social Media

- 11c.10.1 Any Player(s), Coach(es), Manager(s), Responsible Adult(s), Parent(s) or Spectator(s) found in violation of infraction 7.37 (through email or any other social media), and or in violation of articles 6.1.2 / 6.3.7 under the EYBA Code of Conduct, will be subject to an automatic suspension.

11c.10.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play or sanctioned events, however this may be increased if warranted. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.11 Failure to Follow the Instructions of an Official

11c.11.1 No Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall at any time, before, during or after a game, fail to follow - without delay - the direct instructions of the Referee or Official.

11c.11.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play, which will be in addition to any other related imposed penalty. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.12 Unnecessary Rough Play

11c.12.1 Players shall not use unnecessarily rough play during the game against any other Player. Under no circumstances shall rough play be encouraged by a Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator or tolerated by a Coach, Manager, or Responsible Adult.

11c.12.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play, against the Player or Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or both. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.13 Fighting

11c.13.1 Any Player(s), Coach(es), Manager(s), Responsible Adult(s), Parent(s) or Spectator(s) fighting with, kicking, punching, striking or otherwise assaulting any other person before, during, or after a game will receive an automatic suspension.

11c.13.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic FOUR (4) game suspension from EYBA play, however this may be increased if warranted. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.14 Excessive Force / Aggression

11c.14.1 Any Player(s), Coach(es), Manager(s), Responsible Adult(s), Parent(s) or Spectator(s) found to be demonstrating excessive force, aggression and or a complete disregard for any other person while in violation of 7.40 will receive an automatic increased suspension.

11c.14.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic additional TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play, however this may be increased if warranted. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.15 Attempt to Injure

11c.15.1 Players are prohibited from intentionally attempting to injure any other Player. For the purpose of the Rule, "intent to injure" shall mean any physical force which a player knew or should have known could reasonably be expected to cause injury.

11c.15.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic FOUR (4) game suspension from EYBA play, however this shall be increased if warranted. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.16 Spitting

- 11c.16.1 Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults, Players, Parents and Spectators are prohibited from spitting on any other Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parents, Referee, Official or Spectator.
- 11c.16.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.17 Spectators on Court

- 11c.17.1 Spectators/Parents/Minor Official are prohibited from entering on the court floor at any time during the course of a game. Spectators/Parents/Minor Officials are not allowed on the floor once the game has started and cannot enter the court area until the game has concluded.
- 11c.17.2 PENALTY: This violation results in an automatic TWO (2) game suspension from EYBA play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.

11c.18 Spectator Disruption on the Court

- 11c.18.1 Any Spectators/Parents/Responsible Adult (Non-Active Participant) found entering the court of play and having a negative impact before/during/after a game.
- 11c.18.2 PENALTY: This violation may result in a One YEAR suspension from any EYBA sanctioned events.

11c.19 Disregarding a Suspension

- 11c.19.1 Any individual who, after receiving notice of a suspension participates in any EYBA activities, or any individual who allows or encourages anyone else to participate in any EYBA activities while under suspension, shall stand suspended for one YEAR from the date of the offense.

11c.20 Major Infraction Appeal Process

- 11c.20.1 EYBA has declared its total abhorrence of the conduct described in the Major Infractions section. EYBA Officials are instructed that no tolerance whatsoever is to be given to infractions under this section. The existing EYBA appeal process shall apply only in cases when the penalties imposed exceeds the Minimum penalties specified for major disciplinary infractions. Minimum specified penalties are not subject to appeal.