

Canada Soccer has established minimum sanctions within the Canada Soccer Discipline Code (CSDC). The CSDC applies to every match and competition organized by SSA and its members and to breaches of the FIFA Laws of the Game, SSA & Canada Soccer By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and Ethics and policies and directives in force. It also applies to breaches of SSA and Canada Soccer By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and Ethics and policies that do not fall under the jurisdiction of any other body.

All SSA Member Organizations must ensure that any discipline sanctions set forth under their jurisdiction meet the minimum standards of Canada Soccer.

This article outlines sanctions that will be applied for judicial processes under the jurisdiction of SSA. All sanctions listed herein meet or exceed Canada Soccer standards. SSA strives to ensure all participants experience a safe, welcoming, and inclusive sport environment; judicial processes and sanctions delivered consistently, province wide, will support the achievement of this goal. In order to improve consistency province wide we encourage that all SSA Member Organizations use the sanctions for misconduct as described in the chart below as minimums.

As such, FC Regina has adopted Saskatchewan Soccer Association's Discipline Code as per Canada Soccer guidelines.

Application of Sanctions:

Under the sanction column, if it indicates both a sanction and fine, and other conditions, then all must be applied.

When the list below indicates a fine and a sanction separately the judicial body may apply either or both.

For information on SSA's Formal Complaints process please visit <https://sasksoccer.com/content/bylaws-and-policies#PandP>.

1. Breaching the Code of Conduct and Ethics and SSA Policy

Name/Description of Misconduct	Fine	Minimum Sanction
1.1 Offensive Behaviour & Fair Play – anyone who insults someone in any way, using offensive gestures or language, who violates the principles of fair play	\$250	1 st offense – 30 days 2 nd offense – 45 days 3 rd offense – 60 days
1.2 Discrimination/Harassment – Players or organizers	\$2500 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$0	All soccer related activity. Player - 1 st offense – 5 matches 2 nd offense – 1 year + fine 3 rd offense – 5 years + \$5000 fine Organizer - 45 days; removal from position of authority, where appropriate MO/Entity- Fine Spectator - 6-month ban from entering any Facility
1.3 Forgery and Falsification	\$250 \$500 \$1000	Province wide Player - 6 matches Organizer, match agent, or intermediary – 1 year Entity – Expulsion from a competition and/or a transfer ban
1.4 Corruption	\$10,000	All soccer related activity. Expulsion and ban from entering any facility
1.5 Unlawfully influencing match results (Match fixing)	\$10,000	All soccer related activity. Complete ban on taking part in any soccer related activity; match suspension
1.6 Doping	As defined in accordance with the CCES antidoping regulations	As defined in accordance with the CCES anti-doping regulations
1.7 Failure to respect decisions	Player/Organizer - \$250 Entity - \$500	All FCR Programming/Events Player or Organizer – 1 year
1.8 Spitting at another person	\$300	All soccer related activity. 1 st offense – 6 matches 2 nd offense – 1 year + fine 3 rd offense – 2 years + \$500 fine
1.9 Inappropriate actions on social media or other forms of public communication	\$300	Player – 6 matches Organizer/Organization – fine

1.10 Actions which bring or attempt to bring the game or organization into disrepute	\$300	Player – 6 matches Member/Organizer/Organization - fine
1.11 Willfully making false claims (without foundation) against an individual or organization	\$300	Player – 6 matches Member/Organizer/Organization - fine
1.12 Participating while under the influence	\$200	Player – 6 matches Coach/Team Personnel/Organizer – 6 months
1.13 Willfully damaging property	\$200 + repayment of damages	Player – 6 matches + repayment of damages Coach/Team Personnel/Organizer – 6 months
1.14 Failure to attend a discipline hearing without giving notice	\$500 + repayment of hearing costs	All soccer related activity. Immediate suspension from all soccer activity pending completion of judicial process
1.15 Violence or threats of violence occurring off the pitch	\$500	All soccer related activity. Player – 6 matches + fine Organizer – fine Spectator – facility ban – 1 year
1.16 Non-Specified Code of Conduct Violations 9 21 The Code of Conduct & Ethics is not intended to specifically outline every instance of misconduct. As such, misconduct not specifically listed in this Code which is not in line with the values of FCR or the principles of the Code, may still constitute a breach of the Code and be subject to sanctions.	The Judicial Body has broad discretion to determine the fine for any non-specified code of Conduct violations offense.	The Judicial Body has broad discretion to determine the sanctions for any non-specified Code of Conduct violations. The Judicial Body shall also have discretion to determine the jurisdiction the ruling applies to (i.e. local, province, all soccer activity etc.). (Remove and put training, league activity, tournaments, etc.)

2. Serious Infringements of the FIFA Laws of the Game (Sending Off Offenses): Misconduct Against Opponents or Persons Other than Match Officials or Organizers

Name/Description of Misconduct	Fine	Minimum Sanction(s)
2.1 Player: Serious foul play - including the use of excessive or brute force when challenging for the ball	As per competition regulations	1 st - 2 matches 2 nd - 5 matches 3 rd - 6 months
2.2 Player: Violent conduct - including elbowing, punching, kicking, running the goalkeeper, or other acts deemed violent (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	1 st - 3 matches 2 nd - 6 months 3 rd - 1 year
2.3 Player: Biting or spitting at an opponent or any other person (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	All soccer related activity 1 st - 6 matches 2 nd - 1 year 3 rd - 2 years
2.4 Player: Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal - scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their own penalty area)	As per competition regulations	1 match
2.5 Player: Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	As per competition regulations	1 match
2.6 Player: Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	1 st - 3 matches 2 nd - 6 matches 3 rd - 1 year
2.7 Player: Receiving a second caution (yellow card) in the same match	As per competition regulations	1 st – 1 match 3 rd – 2 matches 5 th – 3 matches
2.8 Team Personnel: Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player	As per competition regulations	1 match
2.9 Team Personnel: Deliberately leaving the technical area to: show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official; act in a provocative or inflammatory manner	As per competition regulations	1 st - 5 matches 2 nd - 6 months 3 rd - 1 year
2.10 Team Personnel: Enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence - 3 matches 2 nd Offence - 6 months 3 rd Offence - 1 year

2.11 Team Personnel: Deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence - 1 match 2 nd Offence - 5 matches 3 rd Offence - 6 months
2.12 Team Personnel: Entering the field of play to: confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time); and interfere with play, an opposing player or a match official	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence - 5 matches 2 nd Offence - 6 months 3 rd Offence - 1 year
2.13 Team Personnel: Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, spectator or any other person (e.g. ball boy/girl, security or competition official etc.) (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	All soccer related activity. 1 st Offence- 8 matches 2 nd Offence - 1 year 3 rd Offence - 2 years
2.14 Team Personnel: Receiving a second caution in the same match	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence – 1 match 3 rd Offence – 2 matches 5 th Offence – 3 matches
2.15 Team Personnel: Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence - 3 matches 2 nd Offence - 6 matches 3 rd Offence - 1 year
2.16 Using unauthorized electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as the result of using electronic or communication equipment	As per competition regulations	1 match
2.17 Violent conduct	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence - 5 matches 2 nd Offence - 6 months 3 rd Offence – 1 year
2.18 Spitting on the Indoor Turf		1st Offence – 1 game 2nd Offence - \$200 Fine 3rd Offence – 3 games + \$200 Fine

3. Misconduct against Match Officials and Organizers

FC Regina and its members are committed to eliminating abuse of match officials and organizers from the game at all levels.

Name/Description of Misconduct	Fine	Minimum Sanction(s)
3.1 Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures toward a match official or organizer.	\$300	1 st Offence- 6 matches + Respect in Sport participation 2 nd Offence - 12 matches + \$600 fine 3 rd Offence - 12 months + \$2500 fine + \$1000 bond

3.2 Failing to leave the field of play after dismissal, and/or delaying the restart of play due to negative reaction to referee sanctions, and/or refusing to comply with the directives of the match official.	\$300	6 matches
3.3 Entering the match official change room/personal space without invitation to engage in discussion in a threatening or unwarranted manner.	\$300	All soccer related activity. 1 st Offence - 6 matches + fine + Respect in Sport participation 2 nd Offence - 12 matches + \$600 fine 3 rd Offence- 12 months + \$2500 fine + \$1000 bond
3.4 Refusal to leave the match official change room/personal space in a timely manner after being dismissed or directed	\$300	All soccer related activity, province wide 1 st Offence – 6 matches + fine +Respect in Sport participation 2 nd Offence – 12 matches + \$600 fine 3 rd Offence – 12 months + \$2500 fine + \$1000 bond
3.5 Assault – attempted deliberate physical contact or deliberate physical contact or attempted violent conduct or violent conduct (e.g. striking, kicking, spitting, etc.) and/or verbal or physical threats toward a match official or organizer.	\$500	Immediate suspension from all soccer related activity, province wide, pending a hearing 1 st Offence – 1 year + fine + \$1000 bond Respect in Sport participation 2 nd Offence - 2 years + fine + \$1000 bond 3 rd Offence - Expulsion

4. Disorderliness at Matches and Competitions

Name/Description of Misconduct	Fine	Minimum Sanction(s)
4.1 Inciting hatred and violence during a match (player or organizer)	\$2500	All soccer related activity. Player – 12 Matches Organizer – 6 months all soccer related activities, removal of position of authority, where appropriate.
4.2 Inciting hatred and violence (player or organizer) using mass and/or social media or if it takes place on match day in or around stadium	\$10000	All soccer related activity. Player – 12 Matches Organizer – 6 months all soccer related activities, removal of position of authority, where appropriate.
4.3 Provoking the general public during a match (player or organizer)	\$1,000	Player - 2 matches Organizer – 45 days - all soccer related activities; removal from a position of authority, where appropriate.

5. Team Misconduct

Name/Description of Misconduct	Fine	Minimum Sanction(s)
5.1 Where a referee sanctions at least five (5) members of the same team during a match (caution or expulsion)	\$250 – Team/Club	As per competition regulations Team is removed from the league for remainder of season and must provide a performance bond of \$?? Before they can register for any future seasons.
5.2 Where several players or team personnel of the same team threaten or harass match officials or organizer.	\$1000 – Team/Club	Immediate suspension from all soccer activity pending a hearing. 1st Offence– 1 year + \$1000 bond + Respect in Sport participation 2nd Offence - 2 years + fine + \$1000 bond 3rd Offence - Expulsion
5.3 Where two (2) or more players surround a match official to protest a decision	\$250 – Team/Club	As per competition regulations \$250 – Team/Club
5.4 Un-played match and/or abandonment	\$2500	Team/Club – match shall either be forfeited or replayed as per competition regulations
5.5 Contributing to/participating in a brawl	As per competition regulations	Province wide 6 matches – for those found guilty of inciting or provoking the offence
5.6 Inappropriate conduct of a team official(s) resulting in the abandonment of a game.	As per competition regulations	1 st Offence – 2 matches 2 nd Offence – 6 matches 3 rd Offence – 1 season

6. Participation while Ineligible, Un-registered or Under Suspension

Name/Description of Misconduct	Fine	Minimum Sanction(s)
6.1 Player participation while ineligible, un-registered or under suspension		1 st Offence – 2 games 2 nd Offence – 6 games 3 rd Offence – 6 months
6.2 Team Personnel who acts in a manner that may be deemed to be coaching, managing or supporting the team while suspended		1 st Offence – 2 games 2 nd Offence – 6 games 3rd Offence – 6 months
6.3 Any individual under suspension who, while attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings disrepute to the game.		All soccer related activity. 1 st Offence – 6 months 2 nd Offence – 1 year 3 rd Offence – 2 years

6.4 Referee acting in a sanctioned game without being properly registered.		All soccer related activity. 1 st Offence – suspension until registration has been completed 2 nd Offence – review of membership status by Referee Committee 3 rd Offence – 12 months from all soccer activity
6.5 Any referee found to be officiating games for nonregistered organizations, teams, and entities.		All soccer related activity 1 st – immediate suspension until review of membership status by Referee Committee + \$150 fine 2 nd – 1 year, \$300 fine 3 rd year – 2 years from all soccer activity + \$500 fine

7. Caution Accumulations

Name/Description of Misconduct	Minimum Sanction(s)
7.1 Three cautions in the same competition during the same season.	1 match
7.2 Five cautions in the same competition during the same season.	1 match
7.3 Seven cautions in the same competition during the same season.	1 match for every subsequent caution