

Discipline Policy

- i) **CAUTIONS (Yellow Cards)**
- (a) A player receiving three (3) cautions during the current season shall be suspended for one (1) game following receipt of the 3rd yellow card.
 - (b) A player who receives another two (2) cautions during the same season shall be suspended for one (1) additional game following receipt of the 5th yellow card.
 - (c) A player who receives a further single caution during the same season shall be suspended for two (2) additional games following receipt of the 6th yellow card.
 - (d) A player who receives a further single caution during the same season shall be required to appear before a Discipline Committee, and if he/she is found guilty of the offenses for which that caution was issued, he/she shall be suspended for a minimum of four (4) additional games following receipt of the 7th yellow card.
- ii) **EJECTIONS (Red Cards) for actions against other players or team officials:**
- (a) For foul language:
 - First offense - minimum of one (1) game
 - Second offense - minimum of one (1) game.
 - (b) For abusive, threatening or insulting language and/or gestures:
 - First offense - minimum of two (2) games
 - Second offense - minimum of two (2) games.
 - (c) For violent conduct:
 - First offense - minimum of two (2) games.
 - Second offense - minimum of four (4) games.
 - (d) For serious foul play:
 - First offense - minimum of two (2) games.
 - Second offense - minimum of four (4) games.
 - (e) For spitting at another person:
 - First offense - minimum of two (2) games.
 - Second offense - minimum of four (4) games.
 - (f) For deliberate hand ball preventing a goal or goal scoring opportunity:
 - First offense - minimum of one (1) game.
 - Second offense - minimum of one (1) game.
 - (g) For denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal:
 - First offense - minimum of one (1) game.
 - Second offense - minimum of one (1) game..
 - (h) For two yellow cards received in the same game
 - minimum of (1) game.

(i) If, in the opinion of the Association, an action is considered to be severe, disciplinary hearing may be convened.

Note: for the purposes of these sanctions, foul language is defined as profanity not directed towards any individual, whereas abusive, threatening and/or insulting language is directed towards another individual

iii) **EJECTIONS (Red Cards)**

for actions against game officials:

- (a) Persistent criticism or disputing of decisions:
First offense - minimum of one (1) game.
Second offense - minimum of two (2) games.
Third offense - minimum of four (4) games.

- (b) Use of foul, abusive or insulting remarks:
First offense - minimum of two (2) games.
Second offense - minimum of four (4) games.
Third offense- minimum of eight (8) games.

- (c) Deliberate physical contact (i.e. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening:
First offense - minimum six (6) months suspension.
Second offense - minimum one (1) year suspension.

- (d) Striking, spitting, kicking or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct:
First offense - minimum three (3) years suspension.
Second offense - minimum ten (10) years suspension

(e) In the cases of Rule 9.4 (iii).(a) and (b), the sanctions may be applied automatically without the necessity of a disciplinary hearing.

(f) In the cases of Rule 9.4 (iii).(c) and (d), a disciplinary hearing must take place.

iv) **REPEATED EJECTIONS**

Upon being found guilty of any third ejection (Red Card) offense in one calendar year (365 day period), a mandatory minimum suspension of 30 days shall be imposed, in addition to any sentence imposed at the hearing.

v) It shall be the responsibility of team management to ensure that all sanctions/suspensions are served in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

vi) A player found guilty of playing prior to fully serving any suspension shall be ruled an ineligible player during the game in question and the game shall be awarded to the opposing team on the basis of using an ineligible player. The player and team management may also be subjected to further disciplinary measures.

9.5 Jurisdiction:

i) This Association shall have the power to deal with violations of the Laws of the Game, the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws of The Canadian Soccer Association, or misconduct by any of their clubs or Associations, or by any of their players, officials or members. In all cases, the party complained against shall have the right to appear and to offer a full answer or defence to any charges against him/her when the case is heard.

ii) Disposition of all cases dealt with under Rule 9.4. (iii) (c) and (d) must be reported to The Canadian Soccer Association.

iii) A Discipline Committee may, at its discretion, take action against any Club whose player, officials or spectators have been found guilty of misconduct and/or violence toward anyone present at a game and especially towards game officials.

iv) All suspensions resulting from an Association Disciplinary Hearing shall be from all soccer activities within the jurisdiction of the Association (play, coach, referee, manager, etc.) unless otherwise stipulated by the Discipline Committee.