

Procedure for Red Card Service

Minimum Red Card Suspensions Standards Suspension Table

OFFENSE	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
Second Caution	1 game
Foul or Abusive Language Directed at Someone other than a match official	1 game
Serious Foul Play - Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 game
Serious Foul Play – Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by committing a foul punishable by a free kick committed in a non-dangerous way (Example: Pulling a jersey)	1 game
Serious Foul Play – Other than above	2 games
Violent Conduct	3 games
Foul or abusive language directed at a match official	3 games
2 nd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (Other Category)	4 games & referred to AYSA Disciplinary Committee
3 rd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (Other Category)	5 games & referred to AYSA Disciplinary Committee
Pushing, Striking, or Spitting at a Match Official (A Match Official shall be defined as referee, assistant referee, referee assignor, referee administrator, tournament staff including volunteers, tournament director, or an AYSA Board Member)	3 games referred to AYSA Disciplinary Committee
Coaches and team administrators who are ejected from a match will be subjected to the minimum suspensions listed above, plus ONE (1) game	Minimum + 1 Game

- The AYSA Referee Send-Off Report will be the required form utilized for all Red Cards.
- Forfeitures, bye games or friendlies do not count towards fulfillment of suspension. The suspension must be served with the team the player is registered to. A suspension may not be served as a guest player with another team. However, guest players' red cards will be determined by the AYSA D&R Committee on an individual basis.
- The player must be present at the game to serve a suspension and the AYSA Suspension Fulfillment Form must be completed and signed by the referee.
Exception: The player does not have to be present for FWRL/Desert Premier games in which the team travels out of state. In-state games are not exempt.
- All Suspension Fulfillment forms must be turned into the AYSA within 48 hours of completion of the game in which the player was suspended. Failure to turn the form within the 48 hour timeframe may result in additional suspensions for the player/coach.

Far West/Desert Premier Region League: Suspension/s for red cards received in FWRL/DP will be served only in FWRL/DP games.

CSL/Port of Subs League: Suspension/s for red cards received in either CSL or POSL games will be served in the next game, whether it is League, Tournament or Cup competition.

League Play (other than CSL/POSL): Each league will have established procedures for their particular situation. The league's misconduct sanctions will mirror the AYSA Misconduct Policy. The league will use the AYSA Referee Send-Off Report and complete appropriate information prior to sending all reports to the AYSA D&R Committee. Coaches are responsible for the information and guidelines provided in the league procedures.

Tournaments: Each tournament will have procedures listed in their rules for dealing with players/coaches ejected from contests. The tournament red card sanctions will mirror the AYSA Red Card Suspension Standards. The tournament will use the AYSA Referee Send-Off Report and send all the misconduct reports issued during the tournament to the AYSA D&R Committee. For players/coaches who are ejected from their team's last game, the

tournament is required to send the player/coach pass, referee write-up and player/coach write-up to the AYSA Discipline Committee for disposition. The D&R Committee will record the penalty and notify the coach of record. Any tournament found to have not mirrored the AYSA Red Card Standards for game suspensions may be fined \$1,000 and could risk not having their tournament sanctioned by AYSA in the following years.

State Cup:

Procedures are listed below and printed in the Tournament Rules and Regulations. If the player/coach receives a red card during the last game of the Cup series, the suspension will carry over to the following year's State/Presidents Cup series (i.e., A red card is received during this year's Presidents Cup, but the team plays in State Cup the following year. The suspension will be served during the State Cup series.)

3.1 Player Ejections and Suspensions

- 3.1.1 Players ejected from a match are required to leave the team bench area immediately.
 - 3.1.1.1 It is suggested that an assistant coach/trainer escort the ejected player from the team bench area.
 - 3.1.1.2 If the player becomes unruly, it is the referee's responsibility to note the behavior on the match report and the Discipline Committee will be advised so that the appropriate punishment will be given.
- 3.1.2 The suspension will be served in the next game(s) to be played by the team.
 - 3.1.2.1 Forfeitures or bye games do not count towards fulfillment of suspension.
 - 3.1.2.2 Suspensions not completed during the current State Championships, Far West Regional, or National Tournament will be served the following year during State Cup or Presidents Cup.
- 3.1.3 Players serving a suspension must check-in with the team and inform the tournament staff that they will be serving a suspension in the upcoming game.

- 3.1.3.1 Players that are suspended may NOT sit with the team during games while serving the suspension.
- 3.1.3.2 Players must check-in with the referee at the field to confirm that the player will not be participating in the game.

3.2 **Coach Ejections and Suspensions**

- 3.2.1 Coaches ejected from a match are required to leave the vicinity of the field.
 - 3.2.1.1 The Coach will be given 3 minutes to leave the field area to the satisfaction of the referee.
 - 3.2.1.2 An ejected coach must cease his coaching duties immediately. No other information regarding match strategy may be disseminated to coaches, players or other individuals. Match strategy cannot be disseminated via phone, cell phone, messengers or any other means.
 - 3.2.1.3 Failure to adhere to this policy could result in further suspension.
- 3.2.2 Coaches and team administrators who are ejected from a match will be subjected to the minimum suspensions listed above plus ONE game.
 - 3.2.2.1 In addition to sanctions levied by the Tournament Committee coaches receiving ejections/suspensions with multiple teams may be reviewed by the AYSA Discipline Committee to determine if additional sanctions are necessary.
 - 3.2.2.2 Suspensions not completed during the current State Championships, Far West Regional, or National Tournament will be served the following year during State Cup or Presidents Cup.
- 3.2.3 Coaches facing a suspension of more than three (3) games shall be excluded from participating with any and all teams to which said coach is rostered for the entire period of the suspension. Coaches receiving ejections/suspensions with multiple teams will be reviewed by the AYSA Discipline Committee to determine if additional sanctions are necessary.
- 3.2.4 If an assistant coach, a coach not listed as the primary coach for that team, is ejected, the coach will serve the suspension with his primary team.
- 3.2.5 If an assistant coach is ejected and does not have a primary team, the assistant coach will serve the suspension with the team for which the suspension was received.
 - 3.2.5.1 **Note:** The primary coach of the team will be suspended for the same amount of time as the assistant coach with the same team.

- 3.3 **Directors of Coaching and Technical Directors**
- 3.3.1 Suspensions will be served for the remainder of the day in which the ejection occurred and the following day of competition, provided that director's club has teams playing the next competition day.
- 3.3.1.1 If the director's club does not have any games on the next competition day, the suspension will be served on the next competition day that the director's club has teams playing games.
- 3.3.1.2 During the suspension, the director may not assist in **any** of the games registered with the director's club.
- 3.3.2 If a director is ejected while on the side line for a game in which the director is not the head coach, the head coach of that team will also receive a one game suspension for to be served in the team's next game. The head coach will be allowed to remain in the game at which the director was ejected.
- 3.4 Any team whose coaches/players receive three (3) Red Cards and/or ejections throughout this competition shall be immediately placed on probationary status. Upon receipt of a fourth (4th) Red Card that team may be eliminated from this competition.
- 3.5 Coaches are responsible for enforcement of suspensions.
- 3.5.1 If a player or coach participates in a game in which they should have been suspended, the team will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and will forfeit the game and could be removed from the State Cup competition.
- 3.5.2 This incident will be forwarded to the AYSA Protest/ Appeals Committee for appropriate action, suspensions and penalties.
- 3.6 Players involved in fights will be suspended from State Cup competition immediately.
- 3.6.1 If entire teams or portions of teams are involved in a fight, a determination will be made as to the guilty team.
- 3.6.2 If it is found that one or both teams are at fault, the guilty team(s) may be removed from the State Cup competition.
Players/Coaches that leave the sideline or the team area and enter the field to join an altercation shall immediately be removed from the State Cup competition and shall not be allowed to participate further until the incident is reviewed by the Discipline Committee. Any suspension/removal shall carry over into the Regional and National competitions.

Regionals:

The US Youth Soccer region IV Tournament Committee has established procedures for dealing with player/coaches ejections. Coaches should be familiar with these procedures.

Rule 225 Team and Player Breaches of Rules

Section 3: A player who is sent-off from any championship game is prohibited from participating in the next immediately following championship game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than a one-game suspension.

Section 4: Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including cautions, ejections, and standard suspension. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction and authority of US Youth Soccer. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.

Nationals:

Procedures are consistent with the Championship Series. Refer to the procedures listed for Regionals in the previous section.