

Rule 605 DISCIPLINARY-RULE

605.1 Notes and definitions:

- (a) Reports of Misconduct include cautions and sendoff (yellows, reds) and any supplemental reports submitted by the game official(s).
 - (1) Players receive cautions and sendoffs. Players are shown cards.
 - (2) All other participants as defined by WSYSA Rule 214.4 (b) receive either warnings (caution/yellow card equivalent, or dismissals/ejections. (sendoff red card equivalent.) Participants (other than players) are not shown a card.
 - (3) The seasonal year shall be as defined in the WSYSA Bylaws.
- (b) Penalty points will be accumulated over the seasonal year. Yellow cards will be accumulated at one (1) point each, red cards at three (3) points each.
- (c) Any players, coaches or other team officials who are shown the red card/sent off the field of play for a violation of the Laws of the Game, will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled match. A more severe penalty may be applied by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (d) The referee must send a written report for any carded/cautioned/sent off/warned/ejected player(s), coach, or team officials to the WSYSA disciplinary system within forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the match.

605.2 Line of Jurisdiction

- (a) Each WSYSA Member Association shall deal with all reports of misconduct arising out of competitions conducted by that Member Association.
- (b) Each WSYSA District shall deal with all reports of misconduct arising out of competitions conducted by that District.
- (c) Each WSYSA sanctioned tournament shall adjudicate all reports of misconduct arising out of the competition conducted by that tournament.
- (d) Any actions against a player, coach or other team official, or team by Districts or Member Associations that may be cause for the player, coach or other team official, or team to sit out games shall not be considered unless WSYSA is notified of the District or Member Association disciplinary actions(s) fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the WSYSA sanctioned tournament. Any suspensions occurring after the fifteen (15) day window requires immediate notification of WSYSA. If so properly notified in writing, the Tournament Disciplinary Committee shall honor such disciplinary actions as handed down by the respective District or Member Association disciplinary committee.
- (e) A WSYSA Disciplinary Committee shall adjudicate all reports of misconduct arising out of competitions conducted by WSYSA.

- (f) The host District for the Inter-District League(s) (IDL) will administer any disciplinary problems within the League. However, the District Disciplinary Committee must adhere to the WSYSA Penalty Code established in the Governing Documents. Furthermore, any disciplinary action taken against a player, coach or other team official, team, administrator, parent or spectator must be reported to the WSYSA Disciplinary Committee within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the league season.
- (g) Disciplinary includes the satellite committees and WSYSA-administered Disciplinary Committees. Any decision made by a Disciplinary Committee shall be honored by succeeding Disciplinary Committees.

605.3 Sanctions

(a) Cautions/Yellow Cards

- (1) Players/coaches that accumulate three yellow cards/warnings during the league season will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled league match. The player/coach will sit out one additional match for each additional yellow card/warning received during the league or cup season
- (2) Yellow card/warning accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any player or coach receiving their third or subsequent yellow card/warning in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next match. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee.

(b) Ejections/Red Cards

- (1) Players/coaches receiving a red card/dismissal, will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled match.
- (2) Sanctions: The Disciplinary Committee may not impose a sanction that exceeds those provided herein (minimums) without notice and an opportunity for a hearing. A more severe sanction may be imposed for more serious offenses. The Disciplinary Committee may also forward any report of misconduct on to any appropriate committee, and shall forward any cases involving assault or abuse under USSF 531-9 or WSYSA Rule 214.4 to the WSYSA Appeals Committee.
 - (A) **SERIOUS FOUL PLAY**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: when a player, in a violent or dangerous manner intentionally holds, trips, pushes, charges or tackles an opponent from behind.
 - (B) **VIOLENT CONDUCT**
Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
Examples include but are not necessarily limited to: striking or attempting to strike another player, team official or spectator, or unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.

- (C) **SPITTING AT ANOTHER PERSON**
 - (i) Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches Spitting at another person
 - (ii) Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches Spitting on another person
- (D) **DENYING GOAL BY HANDLING THE BALL**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match
- (E) **DENYING GOAL BY OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match
- (F) **FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**
 - (i) Player: Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: not directed at another. Foul or abusive language said loud enough for the game official to hear, but not directed at a specific individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
 - (ii) Player: Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: directed at another. Word or actions directed at an individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
 - (iii) Player: Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches
Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of four (4) matches
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: directed at a referee. Word or actions directed at an individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs. Includes racial harassment, sexual harassment, ethnic slurs.
- (G) **SECOND CAUTION/WARNING**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match Receives a second caution in the same match, resulting in a red card ejection.

605.4 Point Violations

- (a) When a player/coach accumulates points as provide for in 605.4(b), (c), (d) or (e) below, the player or coach will be required to attend a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee to determine if the player or coach should be suspended for a term not to exceed the remainder of the current seasonal year and the subsequent seasonal year. The Disciplinary Committee has the option of suspending the player/coach, but allowing any suspended player/coach to participate under probation. Should the player/coach violate the probation, the Disciplinary Committee will notify the player/coach of the reinstatement of the balance of the original suspension. The player/coach may file a petition for reinstatement of their eligibility to compete on any team, or coach within WSYSA, accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00 for a player and \$250.00 for a coach.

- (b) Players/coaches that accumulate three red cards/ejections in a seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- (c) Players that accumulate seven (7) points from red and/or yellow card accumulation during the seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- (d) A coach of a team receiving fifteen (15) points accumulated from red and/or yellow cards during the seasonal year, will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- (e) The coach of a team that has four players who received red cards during the seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.